



SPECIAL GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 13-006

9:30 a.m.

Monday, February 25, 2013

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor R. Powers – City Business

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 13-006 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton (PW13014) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**
 - (a) That Report PW13014 be submitted, including Appendix A, “Rapid Ready - Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton (January 2013)”, as the City of Hamilton’s submission to Metrolinx in accordance with the Contribution Agreement between the City and Metrolinx, with the understanding that the funding requirements for Hamilton’s public transportation program are as follows:
 - (i) 100% capital and any upset net operating levy impact for Light Rail Transit;
 - (ii) Growth funding for the overall public transportation program, as summarized on Pages 43 and 44 of Appendix A to Report PW03014 (refer to Investment Plan Tab), necessary to support a successful Light Rail Transit system.

- (b) That the Work Plan detailed in the Appendix A to Report PW03014 be used as the basis for future budget submissions.
- (c) That the correspondence requesting the reimbursement of the total funding allocated by the City of Hamilton to the transit initiative sent to John Howe, Vice President Investment Strategy & Project Evaluation Metrolinx from Don Hull, Director of Transportation on May 3, 2012, as directed by Council on October 26, 2011, Item 1 of General Issues Committee Report 11-030, be resubmitted with a request that Metrolinx provide a formal response.
- (d) That the Medical Officer of Health be directed to consult with Health Care Institutions to obtain their input on Hamilton Specific Health Impacts for purposes of supporting the City's Public Transportation Program as outlined in Report PW13014.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

1. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 3.1 Delegation Request from David Adames respecting Item 5.1, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton (PW13014) (City Wide)
- 3.2 Delegation Request from Sara Mayo respecting Item 5.1, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton (PW13014) (City Wide)

The agenda for the February 25, 2013 Special General Issues Committee meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 3)

- (i) Delegation Request from David Adames respecting Item 5.1, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton (PW13014) (City Wide) (Item 3.1)

The delegation request from David Adames, respecting Item 5.1, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton (PW13014) (City Wide), was approved and the rules of order were suspended in order to allow the opportunity for the presentation to be heard at today's meeting.

(ii) Delegation Request from Sara Mayo respecting Item 5.1, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton (PW13014) (City Wide) (Item 3.2)

The delegation request from Sara Mayo, respecting Item 5.1, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton (PW13014) (City Wide), was approved and the rules of order were suspended in order to allow the opportunity for the presentation to be heard at today's meeting.

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton (PW13014) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

Don Hull, Director of Transit provided an overview of the report with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record and is available for viewing on the City of Hamilton website.

Chris Murray, City Manager addressed the Committee and provided a high level overview of the Regional and Corporate Strategic Perspective.

Christine Newbold, Policy Planning Division, addressed the Committee respecting the Setting and Planning Context.

Dr. Neil Tran, Associate Medical Officer of Health, addressed the Committee respecting Transportation and Health.

Don Hull, Director of Transit, addressed the Committee respecting expanding Transportation Choices in Hamilton.

The staff presentation respecting Report PW13014, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton, was received.

Delegations:

(aa) David Adames

David Adames, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, presented his comments respecting Report PW13014, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton and provided Committee

members with a handout. A copy of the handout has been included in the official record.

The presentation from David Adames, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting Report PW13014, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton, was received.

(bb) Sara Mayo

Sara Mayo, Social Planning and Research Council presented her comments, respecting Report PW13014, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton and provided Committee members with a handout. A copy of the handout has been included in the official record.

The presentation from Sara Mayo, Social Planning and Research Council, respecting Report PW13014, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton, was received.

The following amendments were made to the motion:

- (i) That sub-section (a)(i) be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
 - (a)(i) 100% capital and any upset net operating levy impact for Light Rail Transit.
- (ii) That a sub-section (c) be added to read as follows:
 - (c) That the correspondence requesting the reimbursement of the total funding allocated by the City of Hamilton to the transit initiative sent to John Howe, Vice President Investment Strategy & Project Evaluation Metrolinx from Don Hall, Director of Transportation on May 3, 2012, as directed by Council on October 26, 2011 by Item 1 of General Issues Committee Report 11-030, be resubmitted with a request that Metrolinx provide a formal response.
- (iii) That a sub-section (d) be added to read as follows:
 - (d) That the Medical Officer of Health be directed to consult with Health Care Institutions to obtain their input on Hamilton Specific Health Impacts for purposes of supporting the City's Public Transportation Program as outlined in Report PW13014.

See Item 1 for the disposition of this matter.

**(ii) Public Bike Share Transit System Implementation Plan (PW13015)
(City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

Peter Topalovic, Project Manager – Transportation Design Management, addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record and is available for viewing on the City of Hamilton website.

The staff presentation respecting Report PW13015, Public Bike Share Transit System Implementation Plan, was received.

On a Motion Report PW13015 respecting Public Bike Share Transit System Implementation Plan was referred to staff for report back to the General Issues Committee with further information on similar systems in other municipalities, legal risks, and possible alternative uses for funding.

(e) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Outstanding Business List

The item respecting Rapid Transit Maintenance & Storage Facility was removed from the General Issues Committee Outstanding Business List.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 6)

There being no further business, the Special General Issues Committee meeting be adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Pasuta, Chair
Deputy Mayor

Andy Grozelle
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk