GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
MINUTES 14-002(h)
9:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 27, 2014
9:30 a.m.
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present:
Deputy Mayor S. Merulla
Mayor R. Bratina
Councillors B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall, J. Farr,
L. Ferguson, B. McT. Jackson, B. Johnson,
R. Morrow, J. Partridge, M. Pearson

Absent:
Councillor R. Pasuta, R. Powers – City Business
Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

(Partridge/Johnson)
That the agenda be approved as presented.  CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Johnson/Partridge)
That the following Minutes of the General Issues Committee be approved as presented:

3.1 January 23-24, 2014 (Board and Agencies)

3.2 January 27, 2014 (Corporate Overview)

3.3 January 29, 2014 (Departmental Overview – Public Works/ Corporate Services)
3.4 February 7, 2014 (Departmental Overview – Public Health/ Planning)

3.5 February 11, 2014 (Community and Emergency Services/City Manager/Corporate Financials))

3.6 February 13, 2014 (Budget Enhancements) CARRIED

4. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

4.1 2014 Transit Service Enhancement Plan (City Wide) (No Copy)

Don Hull, Director of Transit, provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the 2014 Transit Service Enhancement Plan and spoke to the following:

- Objectives of implementing Rapid Ready
- Proposed Service Enhancements
  - Route 44 Rymal
  - Route 43 Stone Church
  - Route 20 A-Line
- Routes, Destinations and Ridership Growth Trip Generators
- Route 44 Rymal Proposed Service Enhancements
- Route 43 Stone Church Proposed Service Enhancements
- Route 20 A-Line Proposed Service Enhancements
- Summary of Costs
- Funding Sources and Implementation
  - Potential Funding Sources ($2,640,000 operating)
  - Implementation Options
  - McMaster University Medical Centre routing change (report to follow)
- Recent Fare Increases
- Estimated Fare Increase Implications

(Farr/Morrow)
That the presentation respecting the “2014 Transit Service Enhancement Plan” be received. CARRIED

The Committee directed staff to report back on low performing routes for consideration of reducing existing service levels or eliminating the service entirely, and re-allocating the service hours toward service level enhancements.
HSR Bus Loop located at McMaster Children’s Hospital

(McHattie/Morrow)
Whereas Hamilton transit riders have been able to disembark at the McMaster Children’s Hospital (formerly McMaster University Medical Centre) for decades;

And Whereas removing the transit stop from the hospital entrance to Main Street would necessitate thousands of additional pedestrian road crossings at one of Hamilton’s busiest intersections;

And Whereas the City of Hamilton, Hamilton Health Sciences and McMaster University have celebrated a beneficial working relationship for years, a relationship that has never been more important than today.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That Council advise Hamilton Health Sciences and McMaster University that the HSR bus loop at McMaster Children’s Hospital be maintained.

CARRIED

The Committee requested that staff bring a report back respecting overtime expenses, including historical patterns and trends, costs and categories, using the information provided in a report presented in 2004 as a baseline

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Volunteer Committee 2014 Budget Requests

(a) 2014 Budget Requests – Volunteer Advisory Committees (FCS13093) (City Wide) (Item 5.1

(Collins/Jackson)
That the Volunteer Advisory Committee 2014 base budget submissions be approved as follows and forwarded to the 2014 budget process (General Issues Committee (GIC)):

(a) Advisory Committee on Immigrants & Refugees in the amount of $3,500;
(b) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Advisory Committee in the amount of $3,890;
(c) Aboriginal Advisory Committee in the amount of $3,500;
(d) Hamilton Mundialization Committee in the amount of $5,890;
(e) Hamilton Status of Women Committee in the amount of $3,500;

(f) Committee Against Racism in the amount of $3,890.

(b) **Hamilton Cycling Committee (PW13091) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.2(a))**

(Collins/Jackson)

(a) That the Hamilton Cycling Committee 2014 base budget submission, in the amount of nine thousand dollars ($9,000), as described in Appendix “A” to report PW13091, be approved;

(b) That in addition to the base funding, that a one-time budget allocation for 2014 of one thousand dollars ($1,000), funded by the Hamilton Cycling Committee reserve, be approved and forwarded to the 2014 budget process (GIC).

(c) **Keep Hamilton Clean & Green Committee (formerly Clean City Liaison Committee) (PW13090) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.2(b))**

(Collins/Jackson)

(a) That the Keep Hamilton Clean & Green Committee Volunteer Coordinating Committee 2014 base budget submission (Appendix “A” to Report PW13090), in the amount of $18,250, be approved;

(b) That in addition to the base funding, that a one-time budget allocation for 2014 of $10,550, funded by the Keep Hamilton Clean & Green Committee Volunteer Coordinating Committee Reserve, be approved and forwarded to the 2014 budget process (GIC).

(d) **Hamilton Veterans Committee (PED13203) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(a))**

(a) That the Hamilton Veterans Committee 2014 base budget submission in the amount of $20,000, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED13203, be approved;

(b) That in addition to the base funding, that a budget allocation of $5,000, funded by an increase to the tax levy, be approved.
(e) **Seniors Advisory Committee (FCS13094) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(b))**

(Collins/Jackson)
That the Seniors Advisory Committee’s (SAC) 2014 base budget submission in the amount of $1,500 be approved.

(f) **Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) (CS13052) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(c))**

(Collins/Jackson)
(i) That the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) 2014 base budget submission in the amount of $3,890, be approved;

(ii) That in addition to the base funding, that a one-time budget allocation for 2014 of $2,500, funded by the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Reserve, be approved.

(g) **Food & Shelter Advisory Committee (CS13048) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(d))**

(Collins/Jackson)
That the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee 2014 base budget submission in the amount of $500, be approved.

(h) **Tenant Advisory Committee (CS13049) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(e))**

(Collins/Jackson)
That the Tenant Advisory Committee’s 2014 base budget submission in the amount of $1000, be approved.

(i) **Arts Advisory Commission (AAC) (PED13200) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.4)**

(Collins/Jackson)
That the Arts Advisory Commission’s base budget submission in the amount of $9,000, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED13200, be approved.

(j) **Hamilton Historical Board (HHB) (PED13186) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.5)**

(Collins/Jackson)
(a) That the Hamilton Historical Board 2014 base budget submission in the amount of $14,340.00, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED13186, be approved;
(b) That in addition to the base funding, a one-time budget allocation for 2014 of $2370.00, funded by the Hamilton Historical Board reserve, be approved.

6. MOTIONS

None.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

8. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

(McHattie/Farr)
That there being no further business, the Committee adjourn at 12:00 Noon.
CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

Councillor S. Merulla
Deputy Mayor
General Issues Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk