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RECOMMENDATION:

(a) That the spreadsheet attached as Appendix ‘A’ to Report PED09127(c) titled “Hess Village Review – Status of Recommendations” dated September 11, 2009 be received.

(b) That Item ‘Z’ from the Economic Development and Planning Committee’s Outstanding Business List with respect to the Hess Village Review be removed.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Report PED09127(c) provides the final monthly update on the implementation measures of the Hess Village Review and recommends that the item be removed from the outstanding list of the Economic Development and Planning Committee. While the monthly updates will no longer be provided to Committee, staff will report separately if/when required for each of the issues contained on Appendix ‘A’ to Report PED09127(c).

BACKGROUND:

City Council at its meeting held February 11, 2009 directed staff to report back to the Committee of the Whole on matters related to Hess Village including:
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a) Regulation of Hours
b) Regulation of Capacity
c) Policing Strategies*
d) By-law defining the review of Hess Village Entertainment District with recommendations
e) Review of a possible interim control by-law for Hess Village
f) Review the potential of licensing/regulating bouncers

A multi-disciplinary team of staff was established to address the issues and develop recommendations that culminated in Report PED09127(c) approved by City Council at its meeting held May 27, 2009. Since that time staff has provided monthly updates to the Economic Development and Planning Committee in the form of a spreadsheet that lists each issue and tracks the progress. While Report PED09127(c) represents the final monthly update, staff will continue to report on separate issues to Committee and Council if/when required.

ANALYSIS/RATIONALE:

The issues listed in Appendix ‘A’ to Report PED09127(c) stem from an intensive review of issues arising from areas of inquiry identified in Council’s resolution of February 11, 2009, by City and Police and capture staff’s response to each of those issues as identified in Report PED09127(c) approved by City Council at its meeting held May 27, 2009.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:

There are no alternatives for consideration.

FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Financial: Financial implications will be/have been identified in separate reports brought forward on each of the issues contained on Appendix 'A' to Report PED09127(c).

Staffing: Staffing implications will be/have been identified in separate reports brought forward on each of the issues contained in Appendix ‘A’ to Report PED09127(c)

Legal: Legal implications will be/have been identified in separate reports brought forward on each of the issues contained in Appendix ‘A’ to Report PED09127(c).

POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:

Zoning By-law 05-200 contains regulations pertaining to outdoor commercial patios. The Downtown Hamilton Secondary Plan sets out the future land use and planned function of the area of Hess Village.

Other policies related to Hess Village and the creation of a pedestrian-oriented dining and entertainment area featuring outdoor patios include By-laws 80-179 and 80-183,
which establish the Hess Village Pedestrian Mall and grant to the Mall Authority the ability to allow encroachments on City property in the road allowance.

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION:**

The multi-disciplinary staff team established for the Hess Village Review comprised representation from: Downtown and Community Renewal; Zoning By-law Reform; Parking and By-law Services; Building Services; Public Works; Hamilton Police Services; Fire Prevention Bureau; Legal Services; and, Economic Development & Real Estate. Representatives from Public Health Services also attended two (2) meetings of the Review Team.

**CITY STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:**

By evaluating the “Triple Bottom Line”, (community, environment, and economic implications) we can make choices that create value across all three bottom lines, moving us closer to our vision for a sustainable community, and Provincial interests.

Community Well-Being is enhanced. ☑ Yes ☐ No
This multi-jurisdictional approach is designed to create a safer entertainment district while addressing behaviours experienced in the surrounding neighbourhoods.

Environmental Well-Being is enhanced. ☑ Yes ☐ No
The entertainment district creates a focal point that is easily accessible from various modes of transportation – foot, cycle or public transit.

Economic Well-Being is enhanced. ☑ Yes ☐ No
The initiatives will assist in retaining and attracting business, investment and tourists.

Does the option you are recommending create value across all three bottom lines? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Do the options you are recommending make Hamilton a City of choice for high performance public servants? ☑ Yes ☐ No
The approach taken to identify the initiatives recommended in this report was professionally stimulating resulting in Hamilton being a choice for employment for those interested in bettering the quality of life of its residents.

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Attachs. (1)