THE TASK FORCE ON CLEANLINESS AND SECURITY IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE PRESENTS REPORT 12-002 AND RESPECTUFLLY RECOMMENDS:

1. August 2012 Walkabout (no copy)(Item 5.1)

That staff be directed to investigate how other municipalities enforce littering, both in general and in specific to cigarette butts, and report back to the Task Force on Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core with options for increased enforcement in these areas.

2. 2013 Budget discussion (Added Item 5.5)

That a representative of the Hamilton Police Service be invited to attend an upcoming Task Force meeting to provide details on their 2013 work plan for the Downtown area.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

Vice-Chair Drewitt introduced the following change to the agenda;

(i) Added as Item 5.5 on the agenda a discussion Item respecting the 2013 budget.

The agenda was approved as amended.
(b) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) April 26, 2012 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the April 26, 2012 meeting were adopted as presented.

(c) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) August 2012 Walkabout (no copy) (Item 5.1)

Chair Farr outlined the work of staff to install ten rubber tree pits as test sites in James Street North. He outlined how this work would help and reduce the issues around crack concrete and litter around tree pits.

Committee members discussed the property standard concerns that were raised during the Walkabout. Chair Farr discussed some of the work done with the staff to reduce situations where businesses are encroaching on sidewalks and make sure they are done in a way that is respectful and adds to the vibrancy of the community. He discussed the positive feedback he has received respecting having produce sales encroaching on the sidewalk in terms of creating a dynamic, friendly and walkable community.

K. Drewitt asked about the Clean City Liaison Committees work done on cigarette litter. J. Hawker indicated that they are ordering more cigarette receptacles and could bring an update back to the Task Force.

K. Barnett, Community Liaison Co-ordinator, indicated the work that needs to be done in terms of education around cigarette butt littering. She also indicated there are other challenges to be faced such as not being able to place cigarette receptacles in parks because it would violate the non-smoking by-law in parks.

The update respecting the August 2012 Walkabout, was received.

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 1.

(ii) Walkable Streets (Item 5.2)

Megan Platts discussed the speed of streets in the Downtown core.

Chair Farr discussed the work done to expedite the conversion of one-way streets to two-ways in order to help slow down traffic.

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Mary Pocius raised concerns with the short timing for crossings on Walnut and Main Street.

That Committee Clerk was requested to invite traffic staff to attend and provide details on how traffic signals are timed and what intersections in the Downtown core are considered higher risk for pedestrians.

The Committee also requested that they be to notify the Committee when the Pedestrian Mobility Master Plan comes forward for approval.

The update respecting Walkable Streets was received.

(iii) Correspondence from Fredrick Loft respecting weeds and tall grasses (Item 5.3)

The Correspondence from Fredrick Loft respecting weeds and tall grasses was received.

(iv) Correspondence from Kyle Slote respecting maintenance issues on James Street North (Item 5.4)

The Correspondence from Fredrick Loft maintenance issues on James Street North was received.

(v) 2013 Budget discussion (Added Item 5.5)

Kathy Drewitt discussed the results of inaction on studies that have been presented to Committee. She outlined the need to consider increasing the police budget for the Action Team as they are less responsive during the summer months possible due to police vacations. She expressed concern that the pilot project for the mounted unit is coming to a close and they likely need further funding to get stables and continue.

Susan Braithwaite discussed the need to increase police presence in her BIA as there is an increase in panhandlers, and break and enters into vehicles.

The Committee members requested an update on the status of the alleyway management study.

The Item respecting the 2013 Budget, was received.
(e) OTHER BUSINESS / GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 6)

(i) Cyclers and Scooters on sidewalks (Added Item 6.1)

Kathy Drewitt discussed safety concerns with the increased number of cyclist and scooters on the sidewalk.

Chair Farr discussed that this issue could be discussed at the meeting when Police are in attendance.

(f) ADJOURNMENT

On a Motion, the meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.