

City Hall, Hamilton
Infrastructure, Development & Future Committee
10 November 2015
10:00am

Present: Councillor John Harvey, MBE, JP (Chair)
Mayor Charles Gosling, JP
Councillor Nicholas Swan
Councillor George Scott, JP

In Attendance: The Treasurer - Tanya Iris (Acting Secretary)
The Event Project Manager - Danilee Trott

Apologies: The Secretary - Ed Benevides, JP

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1. **Confirmation of Notice** - The Acting Secretary confirmed that the notices for the minutes and the agenda were posted and sent out in accordance with the new meeting guidelines.
 2. **Role of the Chairman** - Councillor Harvey acknowledged that he is Chair of the Committee.
 3. **Open Meeting** - Councillor Harvey called the meeting to order at 10:00am.
 4. **Apologies** - The Acting Secretary confirmed that Ed Benevides is out of the office today. Patrick Cooper is also out due to sickness.
 5. **Public Participation:** The Chairman welcomed Police Constable Arthur Dill and noted that during the election he had had a conversation with PC Dill to the realization he was the Constable in charge of Pembroke Parish. He also noted that he is a business owner and as a taxpayer and as a partner can speak to some of the social issues in the City. He thanked him for coming and gave him the floor to speak to how he can assist.

PC Dill stated that he works with the CAT team in the City and works with businesses and residents to help build a partnership with the Bermuda Police Service (BPS). His efforts are community based and he assists with anything from noise pollution, conflict resolution, bullying, youth in the City, patrols. He is endeavouring to be the point of contact for the City at the BPS. He is trying to bridge the gap between the community and the BPS. He stated that many tickets are given to offenders in the City. They are only a \$20 fine but failure to pay results in a warrant. He offered his cell number and email so he can be contacted directly with any issues that need immediate assistance. He continued that he and his team are looking into ways to deter certain behaviours such as loitering. Councillor J. Harvey added that during his first tenure with the CoH there were many issues in Queen Elizabeth Park. He asked whether there were still

issues there as he hasn't heard of any. PC Dill answered that if the CAT team has time, they patrol the hot spots of Hamilton when they know the students will be congregating after school. They try to create a police presence that can be a deterrent. They are aware of who the offenders are and are in consultations with their families and probation officers and football clubs to try to keep them out of Hamilton. He added there are about 6 or 7 known culprits that they are in tune with who go around like bullies. They try to keep an eye on their movements. J. Harvey asked if there was a serious drug problem in the City. PC Dill confirmed it is all over. He knows those who are dealers and users and has spoken to the narcotics department. Passed on information from various people in the community and business owners has led to arrests so he relies on and fosters those relationships. Councillor N. Swan asked about vagrants. How can the BPS help? PC Dill said he has assisted with moving people off property. He said that they have moved people away from 'No Loitering' areas and can put people before the courts for illegal activity. N. Swan said although many of them are harmless, people who don't know them are intimidated by them. Further conversation continued. Councillor J. Harvey asked if there is anything that the CoH can do to assist the efforts of the BPS. PC Dill said that any information coming to him will be shared with patrols and new watches coming on duty. The Mayor added that with reference to the foyer and the front portico, we can do internal tactics like a monitor on a loop, or repetitious music that can get tiresome and annoying for those loitering all day. D. Trott made mention of a "Welcome to the City" video that we can put on a loop. I. Hind enquired about the 'Mosquito' device. D. Trott confirmed it is out at the west portico but not in the front. J. Harvey enquired about Albuoys' Point. PC Dill was not aware of any concerns there but can inquire. G. Scott mentioned a group near Spinning Wheel that is a concern. J. Harvey mentioned the nearness of Christmas and can we send something to the businesses. PC Dill confirmed this is already done and that crime prevention advice is readily available to them.

6. Correspondence:

There is no correspondence.

7. Minutes of Previous Meeting dated 14 October 2015

Proposed: Councillor N. Swan

Seconded: Councillor G. Scott

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 14 October 2015

- (i) **Review of Road Markings on Union Street going down to Parsons Road** - I. Hind confirmed that the markings have been done.

9. Status Update:

- (i) **Seabright Outfall - Geophysical Study Report** - I. Hind mentioned that P. Cooper is out sick and this is his project. He did note that the marine geophysical part of the study has been completed. The Item is carried forward.
- (ii) **Sanitary Sewer Assessment** - I. Hind noted that the flow monitoring devices are on schedule to be installed.
- (iii) **Screen Replacement Project** - I. Hind confirmed that one screen has been replaced with the second one still to be done.
- (iv) **Street Resurfacing for 2016** - I. Hind confirmed that there is a plan in the Asset Management Plan and the list of prioritized list of roads has been forwarded to East End Asphalt and the CoH is waiting on estimated costs from them so they can be applied to the budget. Mayor Gosling asked if there is a public document that the public can look at that covers all the road works so they can see what road works are planned and if their road is in fact being addressed. I Hind confirmed that there is already a very comprehensive spreadsheet covering all streets like that that is graded using a one-to-five scale, five being the worst-case. It was suggested that the list be shared with the Infrastructure Committee. Once the Committee has reviewed it, it can be put in a format that can be shared with the public.

Action Item: I. Hind - Asset Management Road Works Spreadsheet to be shared with the Committee.

- (v) **City Hall Car Park Barrier System** - I. Hind noted that the tender closing was this month. He has advertised requesting local contractors and has also gone out to five overseas vendors. He noted that one of the CoH staff members has attended a parking conference and made some suitable contacts. In the meantime the CoH has completed the actual design they are looking for that will incur some changes to the car park layout. A local construction company will be identified to do the work and then the tender process for the barriers will identify who will do that work. I. Hind gave a brief description about the sequence of events for the car park closing and work to be done - moving of trees, walls built, lighting, etc. Councillor Harvey asked when the project will start. I. Hind noted that this is a 2016 budgeted item so the hope is to have the majority of work done in the first quarter of 2016. I. Hind is hoping to close the car park off, initially in stages to allow for parking, but at some point the entire car park will have to close to allow for tree removal and road resurfacing.
- (vi) **Cavendish Car Park - New Lighting and Remarketing of Bays** - I. Hind confirmed we have a crew starting there very soon. D. Monkman and P. Cooper have the specifics.

- (vii) **Par-la-Ville Car Park - Issues with Illegal Parking** - Councillor N. Swan asked if illegal parkers or those not displaying payment are being ticketed. I. Hind confirmed that the CoH traffic enforcement guys go through the lot and put stickers on offending vehicles to alert the traffic wardens of the violation. It is not 100% successful but it's all we can do. There is also an issue of people parking in the Commercial Parking Bays which are paid for upfront so we are getting those official complaints. Councillor J. Harvey asked about the public using cones. Why don't we give the Commercial vehicles cones for their bays? I. Hind noted that people simply move cones.
- (viii) **Review of Draft Al Fresco Dining Policy** - it was thought that this item has already been brought forward. To be carried forward for clarity.

Recommendations for Review:

There are no recommendations.

10. Any Other Business

- (i) Councillor Swan mentioned that he has tax-payers in the LOM building unhappy with the Devil's Isle. They are leaving trash out outside of collection hours and oil has been left out and spilled, leaving the sidewalk in a mess. I. Hind noted that the owner, Holger, is eager to make the situation right with his neighbours. T. Iris noted that she has seen emails from Kevin Gunther and she added that Ed is supposed to arrange a meeting with him upon his return.
- (ii) Mayor Gosling made mention of the challenges regarding the tablets and he would like a recommendation that the training be scheduled for the Board and staff.

Recommendation: That training for the tablets is scheduled for any Board members and Staff that want/need it.

Proposed: The Mayor

Seconded: Councillor G. Scott

- (iii) Mayor Gosling asked the Recording Secretary that all relevant documents for the meeting be sent with the reminder. He asked that the documents be original document PDFs so that notes and comments can be made. Electronic signature can be used.
- (iv) Councillor J. Harvey made mention of an issue concerning Ms. Marshall. He is looking for a meeting ASAP with her. I. Hind noted that he has apologized profusely to Ms. Marshall and took ownership of any problems with her project.

He added that he is waiting to hear back from her to schedule a meeting based on the options he has given her so he can address all of her problems.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.