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City Hall, Hamilton  
**Infrastructure, Development & Future Committee**  
19 October 2016  
10:00am

**Present:** Councillor John Harvey, MBE, JP (Chair)  
Rt. Wor. Charles R. Gosling, JP  
Councillor George Scott, JP  
Councillor Nicholas Swan  
Councillor Henry Ming  
Councillor RoseAnn Edwards

**Staff:** Secretary - Ed Benevides, JP  
City Engineer - Patrick Cooper  
Event Project Manager - Danilee Trott

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1. **Confirmation of Notice** - the 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 his role as Chair of the committee.
  3. **Open Meeting** - Councillor Harvey called the meeting to order at 10:00am.
  4. **Apologies** - The Secretary confirmed there were no apologies.

5. **Public Participation/Presentation:**

There is no public participation/presentation.

6. **Correspondence:**

- (i) **Letter from Mr. Krishna King of Bermuda Motors re: King Street Parking Lot** - Bermuda Motors is the agent for BMW cars that are being brought in for the America's Cup event in 2017.

Bermuda Motors is located on King Street and they would like for the CoH to lease to them the King Street car park for one (1) year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 so that they can park these BMW cars, possibly 50 cars in total. The Secretary said prior to receiving this letter he was approached by Bermuda Motors to discuss the potential proposal. Bermuda Motors met with the Secretary, Treasurer and the City Engineer to discuss various options. It was pointed out to them that Bull's Head is virtually empty on the top floor which they were willing to consider if that was the only option. Their preference is King Street and the CoH was going to work out the costs. In the interim, Bermuda Motors had communicated with Councillors Harvey and L. Scott. The King Street car park is full every day and the Treasurer indicated that the CoH is not making anywhere near what they should be making. The Mayor expressed his interest in what the payments would be on a Saturday when the neighbouring building is fully occupied. It was noted that there would be backlash from the church. King Street is a 6-day car park. The monies are recorded monthly so a staff member would have to physically go to the car park and check on a Saturday to ascertain if the persons parking are actually paying. There are 43 parking spaces in the King Street car park.

Councillor Swan joined the meeting at 10:10am.

Councillor Harvey queried if the Cavendish car park was used at its full capacity to which the Mayor said that the car park on a Saturday is not full. There was a consensus that the car park is fairly empty on a Saturday. Councillor Harvey suggested the space in the back of the Fire Station. The City Engineer said that operational area is possibly used for doing fire exercises, etc. The Secretary said that they may not be willing to pay what the CoH is looking for, a minimum of \$100K per year which is discounted from the full value that they would normally get if the CoH got 100% of 100%.

Councillor Ming suggested going with the proposal of either \$100K or \$150K per year but reduce the rate over at Bull's Head. The Secretary advised that the cost would be reduced, i.e. \$5 per day, 6 days a week, \$30 per space per week. The Mayor said that one thing that the committee should be deciding on is whether or not the CoH wants to take a car park that is available to the public and rent it out to an individual. He suggested leaving this matter to the expertise of the technical officers to negotiate the best deal for the CoH. The City Engineer said this decision of taking a public car park out of service in an area of Hamilton that is under-serviced for public car parking spaces is not a decision that should be taken lightly. He understands the benefit to the City but the CoH would have to understand the benefits to the constituents in the area.

The Secretary said the CoH is in a precarious situation with parking and are currently receiving no assistance from the Government. There will be pushback but that could be used as an opportunity to demonstrate to the motoring public that the CoH is being forced to taking these measures, because no-one is paying for parking and there is no means of enforcement, etc. Councillor Harvey suggested that the CoH offer Bull's Head car park for this venture. There was continued dialogue.

The City Engineer said that knowing that there is going to be some negative feedback, the Bull's Head car park would be a viable option and it is an under-utilised facility.

The Mayor said the church is not making any contribution at all; they are taking a resource out of the CoH, knowing full well that they should be paying to park. The CoH has to look at any and all opportunities in terms of creating positive income for the CoH. It would not be fair for the CoH to go the ratepayers to pay for this shortfall.

The Secretary said the rate at King Street is \$1.50 per hour for 10 hours, i.e. \$15.00 per space per day and Bull's Head's rate is \$5.00 per day. Further discussion continued.

The Mayor suggested leasing Bull's Head and giving Bermuda Motors five (5) spaces at King Street. The Event Project Manager commented on the top level of Bull's Head because that area is used for events and asked if Bermuda Motors could possibly use the third level. The Mayor said they would want an area that could be secured off. The top level is the only level that can be secured.

The City Engineer said they initially wanted to lease the property for three (3) years but he believed that leasing that property for that period was not in the best interest of the City, hence offered them a one (1) year lease.

Councillor Harvey recommended that the technical officers take this proposal under review and further study the request from Bermuda Motors to identify a parking area within the City and report back to the Board. The City Engineer proposed:

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approve for Bermuda Motors to rent the King Street car park for America's Cup during the months of May and June 2017 and to rent Bull's Head car park for the remainder of the year together with five (5) spaces at the King Street car park at the full market rate of \$15.00 per day. The negotiations to be carried out by the technical officers.

**Proposed:** Councillor N. Swan  
**Unanimous**

**Seconded:** Councillor G. Scott

## 7. Minutes of Previous Meeting dated 14 September 2016

The Mayor noted:

**Page 4 of 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph:** the word "RECOMMEDATION" should read: "RECOMMENDATION".

**Proposed:** Mayor, Charles Gosling

**Seconded:** Councillor H. Ming

The Minutes were accepted as read recognising that there are several typographical errors and if properly read can be easily identified and which will have no impact at all in terms of the recording of the meeting.

## 8. Matters arising from the Previous Meeting dated 14 September 2016

(i) **Positive PR re: the proposal from Ultimate Imaging - "Feel the Bump, have your breast checked"** - action item completed.

(ii) **Write to Dr. Michael Bradshaw re: continued danger towards pedestrian traffic on Ewing Street** - action item completed.

The Event Project Manager mentioned in a prior meeting that Front Street will be closed off for a 6-week period and will be pedestrian only during America's Cup. The Event Project Manager advised that there has been a significant amount of changes in that regard. The Event Project Manager and the City Engineer met and a complete layout of those changes has been done and the new drawings will be presented to the Council. One of the changes is that the closure will only be during the five (5) days of Tall Ships where the Harbour Night street area is blocked. The other part will be blocked between Burnaby and Parliament Streets so that the CoH does not lose parking in #1 car park for that entire time. It would be just certain nights where there will be street closures. There is going to be traffic flow through the area, it is not going to be closed down and pedestrianised for that period. This will an enhanced pedestrian area for the full six (6) weeks.

## 9. Status Update:

(i) **Events:**

- **City Arts Festival** - had to be postponed due to Hurricane Nicole. The new date is 19 November 2016.
- **Events Calendar** - the October calendar is being updated and should receive the amended calendar in a day or two.
- **Christmas in the City** - meetings have commenced and looking at some significant changes, e.g. adding vendor villages. Met with Bermuda Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) who would like to be involved with the process and the CoH is partnering with them to enhance the City's Christmas environment. The CoH is working with William Spriggs and Raymond Lambert of BEDC. The committee will be meeting later this week or early next week.

(ii) **Laffan Street Roundabout** - is in the final stages of being completed. The first layer of pavement has been done on the street. The road has been sealed off and the islands, roundabouts, conduits for the drainage and lighting are now being installed. It is anticipated by the next Infrastructure Committee meeting in November that this project will be completed. It was suggested to have a ribbon cutting exercise as a thank you to the neighbours.

## 10. Recommendations for Review:

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approve in principle the proposal from the Ascendant Group/Belco to install an Electric Vehicle Solar Carport and to sort out the appropriate location for the carport on Front Street. **(Approved in Corporation Board meeting dated 5 October 2016)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board agree to leave the current policy for 40' containers as is and institute a non-refundable administrative fee of \$250 for any application for a 40' container. **(Approved in Corporation Board meeting dated 5 October 2016)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board accept the bid from Keen Ltd. in the amount of \$108,905.30 for the retrofitting of some 340 LED fixtures to replace the existing ceiling mounted lights in Bull's Head multi-story car park. **(Approved in Corporation Board meeting dated 5 October 2016)**

## 11. Any Other Business:

(i) **Update on Resolutions** - all Resolutions that were the result of the recommendations from this committee have been approved by the Minister.

(ii) **Take Note** - the Tall Ships registration period has ended. The only ships that they are still working on are the naval ships. A request has come in for the Mayor because the invitation normally comes from the Mayor and the Premier. The number of Tall Ships was at 33 but now down to 21 because a great deal of them had not confirmed. Another follow-up will be held this week to confirm the numbers. A meeting is being held with the Harbour Master on Friday to finalise the berthing plan and once that is done, the registration would be closed off because there would be no additional space available.

(iii) **Disabled Parking Request, Bermuda Society for the Blind (BSFB)** - some things have changed from the proposal to the Property & Safety Committee. The Secretary was informed that the Bermuda Diabetes Association (BDA) is moving out so the BSFB is going to take that space back. The BSFB now only wants to expand their multi-purpose room which is on the corner of Dundonald Street and Cedar Avenue.

Councillor Edwards spoke to the request. BSFB has a garage where persons park in front of on a regular basis. They are requesting an additional disabled parking bay. Councillor Ming's understanding is that once BDA moves out of the building, BSFB will no longer require the additional disabled parking bay. The City Engineer said he has no issues with putting in the additional disabled parking space. Dialogue continued.

(iv) **Take Note** - the Secretary distributed copies of a memo for review suggesting the consolidation of two (2) committees, i.e. Property & Safety and Infrastructure. It was thought from the Staff, Legislative & Governance Committee that both committees should be fully versed of what is being proposed.

(v) **Take Note** - Princess docks have now put in for Mediterranean moorings on the outer seawall into the channel. Councillor G. Scott who sits on the Ports Board said this request is still under consideration. There is no issue with the west and the east but the south would pose to be an issue - may interfere with the ships coming in with cargo. The current installation impinges on the channel. At the moment it restricts the size of ship that can come into the harbour. If they are allowed to go south, might as well stop having a cruise ship terminal in the City of Hamilton.

The Mayor suggested that it would be good for Councillor G. Scott to go back to the Ports Board and advise that he has the full support of the Council. As this is a formal application with the Department of Planning, the CoH can officially object to the application.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board not support any further development of the Princess Marina that may have an impact to the docks for cruise ships and cargo ships.

**Proposed:** Mayor, Charles Gosling

**Seconded:** Councillor H. Ming

**Unanimous**

(vi) **Residential Parking Permit Policy Review** - a meeting was held and the technical officers will circulate a draft report of those findings.

(vii) **Pedestrianisation of Reid Street** - have this matter placed on the agenda of the next infrastructure Committee meeting for a full discussion. This would be an improvement scheme to enhance the pedestrian environment of Reid Street, from Burnaby to Queen Streets. There will be restrictions with parking and traffic but it will not be a complete prohibition of traffic.

Councillor Harvey suggested that a full discussion be had at the next Infrastructure Committee meeting. The Event Project Manager commented that the street plans would also be available for the next committee meeting.

## 12. Motion to Move to Restricted Session

**Proposed:** Councillor H. Ming

**Seconded:** Councillor G. Scott

The Public Session adjourned at 11:05am.