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MISSION: To provide effective operations of the city through collaboration of members, management and staff.

City Hall, Hamilton
Residents Advisory Committee
3 November 2016
4:00pm

Present: Councillor George Scott, JP (Chair)
Councillor RoseAnn Edwards
Sarah Thompson, Associate Member
Tracy Marshall, Associate Member

In Attendance: Ed Benevides, Secretary
Danilee Trott, Event Project Manager
Elbert "Apples" Richardson - Sanitation Superintendent

Apologies: Dr. Michael Bradshaw, Associate Member

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1. **Confirmation of Notice** - the Secretary confirmed that the notices of the meeting and the agenda were sent out according to the meeting guidelines.
 2. **Role of the Chairman** - Councillor George Scott will assume the role as the Chairman.
 3. **Open Meeting** - Councillor G. Scott opened the meeting at 4:00pm.
 4. **Apologies** - the Secretary confirmed apologies from Dr. Michael Bradshaw, Associate Member.

5. **Public Participation:**

There is no public participation/presentation.

6. **Correspondence:**

There is no correspondence.

7. **Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting dated 1 September 2016**

Proposed: Councillor R. Edwards

Seconded: Tracy Marshall, Associate Member

The Minutes were accepted as read.

8. Matters arising from the Minutes dated 1 September 2016

(i) **Forward the suggestion of Councillor Edwards and Ms. Tracy Marshall to join the sub-committee to review the Residential Parking Permit Policy** – the Secretary confirmed that this suggestion was put forward and the committee has already met. Recommendations will be forthcoming.

(ii) **Place the walkabout for the Residents Advisory Committee (RAC) on the agenda of the next full Council meeting scheduled for 8 September 2016 under Any Other Business (AOB) for Councillor Johnson to bring forward** – the committee has to put forward three (3) potential dates so that the other members of the Council can join in on the walkabout. The dates to choose from are as follows: November 17, 21 and 28 at 5:00pm. The walkabout is to do a meet and greet with the residents in the community. The flyer/informational magnet will not be ready in time for distribution during the walkabout. Ms. Thompson suggested doing the walkabout in the first instance and then in January do another one and hand out the information to the residents then. It was recommended that the RAC should do a walkabout every quarter so that residents are given the opportunity to voice their concerns. Once feedback is received from the Council members of a preferred date, then that information will be forwarded on to the RAC.

(iii) **Address the matter re: Ms. Cameron's trip and fall incident once the information has been received** – the Secretary said that to date he has not received any information regarding Ms. Cameron. Councillor Edwards said that Ms. Cameron has forwarded emails directly to the Secretary of which she has copies. This dates back to 2012/2014. The Secretary said if Ms. Cameron is filing a claim, he would need all of her information or she can take her information to the insurance company. He would have directed her to do that in 2012.

ACTION: Councillor Edwards to contact Ms. Cameron and have her forward the information to the Secretary so that the matter can be addressed and resolved.

(iv) **Speak with Ms. Cameron and advise her to contact the Secretary re: trip and fall incident** – this matter was discussed in previous Item 8(iii).

(v) **Speak to the resident on Elliott Street (Princess Street side) and advise him to contact the Sanitation Superintendent directly re: collection of bulk garbage** – this is an ongoing issue with Filter Queen and the residents in that area. Councillor Edwards queried whether letters could be written to these residents with regards to the bulk trash that is constantly being left out. The Secretary said the residents can be advised that this is tipping, it is against the law and they can be fined and prosecuted.

ACTION: The Secretary will write a letter to the residents who are tipping once he has received all of the necessary information from Councillor Edwards and/or the Sanitation Superintendent.

Ms. Thompson queried if the residents are getting more bins. The Secretary said an order is being put in for the bins in anticipation of the Government passing the Ordinance. If the Ordinance is passed, the CoH will initially give the bins to the residents.

The Ordinance has been with the ministry for five (5) months. The CoH is spending \$150K on new wheelie bins. There was continued dialogue.

The Secretary commented on an issue that was brought up by Mrs. Erica Smith regarding garbage, particularly after events. He advised her that the CoH does not collect residential garbage on the weekends. There is a pick-up after events and commercial pick-up on weekends. Residential garbage collection is from Monday through Saturday daytime. Commercial pick-up is in the evening only and bars and restaurants on Sundays.

9. Status Update:

(i) Events:

- **North Hamilton Events** - received an email from Mrs. Erica Smith advising that the North Hamilton events are being cancelled again and are being re-scheduled for Saturday 19 November 2016.
- **Arts Festival and Art after Dark** - both are on the same date - 19 November 2016 from 2:00pm - 8:00pm. The North Hamilton event will commence at the end of the Art Festival and will be from 7:00pm - 11:00pm.
- **Lighting of the Christmas Tree in front of City Hall** - Agape House informed the CoH that they no longer want to be the organiser of this particular event after 22 years. The Events team will move ahead with the event as the community looks forward to it.

Ms. Thompson asked about the Christmas tree on the corner of Court and Dundonald Streets and whether the CoH is going to have school children assist with the decorating. It was noted that all decorations for Christmas are done by the Parks Superintendent and his team. The Event Project Manager said it is a great idea but her concern is the timeframe. All of the trees have to be decorated by 25 November 2016 which is in three (3) weeks and most of her team is on vacation. She suggested that if one (1) school, i.e. Dellwood is contacted to see if there is any interest, that would reduce the amount of organisation needed. Ms. Thompson commented that in the following years maybe other schools can be contacted to be seen as being fair. Dialogue continued.

10. Recommendations for Review:

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the request for Mrs. Erica Smith to join the Residents Advisory Committee as an Associate Member.

Mrs. Smith has been working along with the Uptown Cultural Committee and has expressed an interest in joining the committee.

Proposed: Councillor R. Edwards
Unanimous

Seconded: Tracy Marshall, Associate Member

11. Any Other Business:

(i) **City Arts Festival** - Councillor Edwards commented on the artwork that was supposed to go on the bathroom walls near the Union. The Event Project Manager advised that it was listed as one of the venues for art. There was one (1) person that expressed an interest which was Bermemes. It was approved and the CoH was ready to move ahead. When the artists went around to the location to prep the site, they said that the walls were not appropriate for the art that they wanted to put there as it was not a smooth surface. The wall would have to be plastered. They were asked if they wanted to select another location in the City but they responded that they would submit their art piece the next time around. The Event Project Manager said that she did not look at the location but took the word of the artist.

Councillor Edwards asked if the option was still open to have something painted there. The Event Project Manager said that the timeframe had passed for any other artwork to be submitted. The event is 19 November 2016 and the artists had three (3) to four (4) months to do their art installations.

Ms. Thompson commended the artwork in the City and hopes to see more of it especially on walls. She happened to see Ms. Friday when she was putting her mural up near the Victoria Street bathrooms. Unfortunately the artwork has been vandalised twice. She queried if there was something that could be put over the artwork that could preserve it so that if someone defaced the artwork, it would not have to be done all over again. The Event Project Manager would have to check with someone down at the CoH's Work Depot. The Secretary said there is something that can be used, it is very expensive and is used more for permanent installations. It does not stop people from spray painting graffiti; it just makes it easier to clean off.

(ii) **Laffan Street Roundabout** - Ms. Thompson gave special thanks to all of the workers of the CoH for their efforts in bringing the roundabout to completion. It has been a long and arduous task. The Secretary advised that the last coat of asphalt (another 2 inches) should be done in the next couple of weeks depending on the weather and other projects.

(iii) **Art outside of the Taxi Stand on Church Street** - Councillor Edwards queried whether the wall on either side of the mural is going to be painted to which the Event Project Manager replied in the negative.

(iv) **Garbage Collection** - Councillor G. Scott commented on the garbage collection on Front Street at night. He also commented that there is now more activity on Court and Angle Streets and there are business owners that are complaining about garbage that may be left after an event. He asked what the CoH is doing for that area to ensure that all of the loose garbage is cleaned up off of the streets for the businesses the next day. The Sanitation Superintendent said that the garbage from Friday nights is collected on Saturday mornings. Garbage from only the bars and restaurants is collected Saturday nights. He has asked the storeowners to not put their garbage out on a Saturday night. For loose garbage, i.e. drink cups, etc. garbage cans are put out but the public does not use them as they should, they just throw their garbage on the street. A big mechanical sweeper does the entire City every Sunday morning. The issue is the garbage from Friday night.

The Secretary said that if there is a big event happening in the City, the CoH has a team to pick up garbage. The CoH does not bring in any manual sweeper crews to pick up garbage on Sundays whether it is on Front Street or Court Street.

Councillor G. Scott said sometimes the businesses have someone come in that sweeps and cleans up outside their establishments.

There was no further business to be discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.