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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**  
5 April 2018  
4:00pm

**Present:** Councillor Carlton Johnson (Chair)  
Councillor George Scott, JP  
Councillor RoseAnn Edwards  
Erica Smith, Associate Member  
Tracy Marshall, Associate Member

**In Attendance:** Ed Benevides, Secretary  
Thomas Lightbourne, Senior Events and Marketing Coordinator

**Apologies:** Danilee Trott, Event Project Manager  
Sarah Thompson, 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 Carlton Johnson assumed the role as the Chairman.
  3. **Open Meeting** - Councillor Carlton Johnson opened the meeting at 4:05pm.
  4. **Apologies** - the Secretary confirmed that he had received apologies from the Event Project Manager, Danilee Trott. The Senior Events and Marketing Coordinator, Thomas Lightbourne is in attendance in her stead.

**Note:** After the meeting, the Recording Secretary had received a message from Ms. Sarah Thompson, Associate Member that she would not be in attendance.

5. **Public Participation:**

There was no public participation.

6. **Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence.

**7. Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting dated 8 March 2018**

**Proposed:** Mrs. Erica Smith, Associate Member      **Seconded:** Councillor G. Scott

The Minutes were accepted as read.

**8. Matters arising from the Minutes dated 8 March 2018:**

**(i) Forward the full schedule of events to the Committee so that they will be fully apprised of all upcoming events:** Action item completed.

**(ii) Check into whether the Associate Members of the Committee will receive complimentary tickets to the Bermuda Fashion Festival (BFF) and report to the Committee at the next Infrastructure Committee meeting:** The Senior Events and Marketing Coordinator advised that each Associate Member could receive one (1) ticket and the Council Members would receive two (2). An email would be forthcoming for Members to RSVP and if not able to attend, to advise so that the ticket(s) could be sold.

**(iii) Place the suggestion of having tables, benches, etc. for different activities in the E.F. Gordon Park on the agenda of the next Infrastructure Committee meeting:** Action item completed.

**(iv) Check with the Planning Department regarding having a concession in the E.F. Gordon Park:** The Senior Events and Marketing Coordinator contacted the Planning Department. Ms. Victoria Pereira, the Senior Planning Officer deals with vending in the City, is out of the office and would not be returning until Wednesday 11 April 2018. This matter is deferred to the next Residents Advisory Committee meeting unless a response regarding the process is received sooner. Then an email would be sent out to the Members. Once the information is received and the Planning Department gives the okay for a concession to be in E.F. Gordon Park, then a Recommendation would come from the Infrastructure Committee for Board approval.

**(v) Discussion re: Election Protocols:** Mrs. Smith asked for an update. The Secretary advised that the current Council has not made any changes. As long as the Council remains as is, the status of the Associate Members remains the same unless they choose to resign. The Government has advised that there will be an election next year, and at that point the term as an Associate Member will cease subject to a new Council choosing the Associate Members. Mrs. Smith said this does not negate the fact that if the Council and Mayor resign, there would have to be an election. The Secretary said if the entire Council remains and only one (1) Member resigned, the Council Resolution would still be upheld. There has been no indication that any of the Members plan to step down. Elections are held the first week following the first Sunday in May.

**9. Status Update:**

**Events:**

- **City Food Festival:** 12 - 15 April 2018. It was noted that there would be two (2) events this year, Spring and Fall. There are four (4) events taking place in the first instance:

- (a) **12 April** - Chocolate and Wine Pairing at Gosling's Wine Cellar.
- (b) **13 April** - Elyx Vodka Experience at Marcus', Hamilton Princess Hotel. A tantalizing 5-course dinner paired with vodka cocktails.
- (c) **14 April** - Chef's Table at Pier 6, upper level. Local chefs showcasing their culinary skills.
- (d) **15 April** - Just Desserts at Pier 6, upper level. This event will feature a special guest, Your Cake Diva, seen on the popular Cake Wars programme and she will be doing a cake decorating demonstration. The patrons would also be able to decorate cakes and sample pastries and cakes from other local restaurants, bakeries, etc.

There are complimentary tickets offered for two (2) of the events, i.e. two (2) for the Chef's Table on 14 April and one (1) for Just Desserts on 15 April per Member. An email will be sent out to the Members to RSVP advising which events they would like to attend.

- **Movie Lounge:** Queen Elizabeth Park - May 4 or 5.
- **Bonfires and BBQ** - June 7

Councillor Edwards commented on the Bonfires and BBQ event that the persons had to be 18 years and older to attend. The Senior Events and Marketing Coordinator advised that the event was targeted for adults because there was alcohol and Crown & Anchor on the street. Councillor Edwards then commented on the type of dancers participating in the event to which the Senior Events and Marketing Coordinator advised that the dancers were all 18 years and older. There were salsa dancers, Olivia Hamilton, Working Title and others. Gombeyes were the only element of the event that would have catered to both young and old. They performed for 15 - 20 minutes and then left the venue. Councillor Edwards said she was confronted by some tourists who mentioned that there was exotic dancing during the event which could be seen while dining on the balcony of a restaurant and the dancing was of the type that should have been in the privacy of one's home. The Senior Events and Marketing Coordinator said the only restaurant balcony overlooking the event would be Flanagan's as it was directly across the street from the activities. Councillor Johnson said at some point, adults or guardians have to be mindful of what they are exposing their children to. It was stated that there was security that blocked children from gaining access to the designated area. Dialogue continued.

- **Art Installations:** The selection process was done. Masterworks will be doing artwork at City Hall Car Park, Alshante Foggo at Till's Hill, Katie Ewles at Par-la-Ville and the Prisons at Cavendish. All applicants both successful and unsuccessful had been notified. The timeline for completion is 2-3 months. Mrs. Smith queried if there would be any opportunity to paint the wall white at Till's Hill to which there was a negative response. The Secretary said the issue with painting the wall would be the maintenance involved. That is why the current artwork was done on boards. There had been discussions of possibly spraying the wall with gunite or having it tiled, etc. Councillor Edwards said power washing would be less expensive than having to use gunite. There was further discussion.

Mrs. Smith commented on possible financial support from entities outside of the CoH to address viable ways of having the wall at Till's Hill painted, etc. The artwork that is currently on the wall generally makes a difference to the entrance into Northeast Hamilton and Court Street, but it does not look the best that it can.

The Secretary suggested that if Mrs. Smith knew of any other entities that wished to offer financial support in the painting of the wall at Till's Hill, to send in a proposal in writing addressed to him.

Councillor Johnson said he had learned, when there is a paper trail regarding certain matters/issues, they must be addressed, i.e. received, read, heard and then acted upon.

**10. Recommendations for Review:**

There are no Recommendations for review.

**11. Any Other Business:**

(i) **Status re: Futures Committee:** Mrs. Smith commented on the status of the Futures Committee and that it has been stagnant for a period. The Secretary said that Committee started out of the Department of Planning and has not done anything for a while.

**ACTION:** Speak with the Mayor to ascertain if he has any information regarding the status of the Futures Committee as he has had more recent conversations with the Director of Planning.  
**(Secretary)**

Mrs. Smith raised the question because of some of the recommendations that were put forward by the residents, i.e. City beautification, planning issues, etc.

(ii) **Land Exchanges:** The Secretary commented on the land exchanges with the new process having to go through Government. One (1) went through in the last Session of the House and expecting the next two (2) to go through. This will impact very few of the residents, i.e. the land exchange in the Canal Road area. Also, the CoH is dealing with encroachments which will affect a number of residents.

(iii) **Sewerage Tax:** The Secretary said that since the new tax had been sent out, it had been discovered that a number of residences in the City were not compliant with the Sewerage Act as they were not connected to the sewerage system, therefore, in violation of the law. He would be drafting a letter to those residents that had made this matter known to the CoH so that a conversation could be had and a site visit done in an effort to resolve the situation. One (1) was brought to the attention of the CoH when trying to do some renovations and the Department of Planning advised that they were in contravention of the Act and were required to be connected to the City sewerage system. An offer was made to these residents to pay for the connection over a five (5) year period, the object was not to be punitive.

The Secretary then commented on a Resolution that was passed for any new businesses in Northeast Hamilton that had a sewerage connection that the CoH would waive the fee. There has not been any new development in years. There was a query on an average cost for the connection. The Secretary said it was dependent on the proximity of the residence to the system. Further dialogue ensued.

(iv) **Work done on the Sidewalk - Union Street from Dundonald to Victoria Streets:**

Councillor Johnson said that project was a great investment in beautifying that part of the City and was long overdue.

(v) **Town Hall Meeting** - Councillor Johnson commented on all of the matters discussed in this the meeting, i.e. election protocols, City sewerage, etc. and suggested that the Committee should organise a Town Hall meeting to further disseminate this information to the residents.

(vi) **Opening in the Sidewalk - corner of Victoria and Court Streets:** Councillor Edwards commented on the opening where she thought a tree was supposed to be placed. The Secretary said that a tree is going to be placed in that spot as the tree was taken out by mistake.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.