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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
7 December 2017
4:00pm

Present: Councillor Carlton Johnson (Chair)
Councillor RoseAnn Edwards
Sarah Thompson, Associate Member
Tracy Marshall, Associate Member
Erica Smith, Associate Member

In Attendance: Ed Benevides, Secretary
Steven DeSilva, Parks Superintendent
Tamara Bradshaw, Project & Rentals Coordinator

Apologies: Councillor George Scott, JP
Danilee Trott, Event Project Manager

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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 4:00pm.
 4. **Apologies** - the Secretary confirmed that he had received apologies from Councillor George Scott and the Event Project Manager, Danilee Trott.
 5. **Public Participation:**
 - (i) **Mr. Coy Ratteray:** Mr. Ratteray was welcomed to the meeting by Councillor Johnson.

Ms. Thompson joined the meeting.

Mr. Ratteray has been a resident of the City for over 25 years and has been dealing with the challenges in North-East Hamilton for that period and wants to see change. He submitted correspondence laying out his concerns: i.e. tree trimming, residential parking and sidewalks. His purpose for attending the meeting was to see some action taken.

He commented on some solutions to residential parking, e.g. work with the community, speak to the churches, e.g. Heritage Worship Centre and the Seventh Day Adventist Church, etc. in that regard. He then talked about the maintenance of sidewalks across the City, particularly the sidewalk across from the BIU Building which is in poor condition.

Councillor Johnson advised that Mr. Ratteray's concerns would be relayed to the General Council via Committees, and recommendations would be brought forward for approval.

The Secretary then commented on the Street Tree Policy which had been distributed to Committees about three (3) months ago and no feedback had been received. The issue with the sidewalks has been addressed in the Residents Advisory Committee and other Committees. The project for the Union Street sidewalk should start in the next week or so. Some street parking will be lost, and a pedestrian crossing will be placed on Victoria Street near Peoples Pharmacy.

Ms. Thompson suggested that better signage be put up and the residential parking be marked out with a distinct colour to differentiate from regular parking, loading bays, etc. Mrs. Smith suggested that residential parking be zoned or have the permit attached to a particular address. The Secretary advised that the current policy is that any person in the City that has a residential parking permit, can park in any residential parking space anywhere within the City. Mrs. Smith further commented on the CoH providing information to the public on a regular basis regarding residential parking. Extensive discussion continued.

Discussion commenced on the correspondence received from Ms. Lisa Jackson regarding residential parking on Laffan Street and the ongoing issue of consistent parking of non-residential persons using the street parking to attend events at St. Theresa's Church. It was suggested that the paying residents be issued a parking number or a license plate number on the actual spot as is seen in some parking places around the City. It was also suggested that a stern letter be written from the CoH to the churches in the first instance regarding their parishioners and their parking in the residential parking spaces. Dialogue continued in this regard.

Councillor Johnson thanked Mr. Ratteray for sharing his concerns and he left the meeting at 4:25pm.

(ii) **Mr. Juan Smith:** Mr. Smith commented that previously he had assigned parking at 14 Laffan Street which does not currently exist and queried what could be done to ensure that this property has parking attached to it. The Secretary said previously that parking space was residential and is now commercial. The CoH does not provide parking for commercial vehicles. Councillor Johnson requested that Mr. Smith put his concerns in writing addressed to the City Secretary.

Mr. Smith then commented on connections to the City sewer and the Ordinance that states that the City wants all properties to connect to the sewer system. He does architectural work for different properties and some of his clients are not connected. When he consults with mechanical engineers, they say it is not a real need. The Secretary advised that some of the properties in the City are grandfathered and have been around before the sewer system and they may have pits. There was an Ordinance that was raised some time ago requiring all properties to be connected. He advised Mr. Smith that if he requires connection to the sewer system, the CoH has a form that he can complete.

ACTION: The Secretary to research the Ordinance with reference to the sewer system to ascertain if there is a Grandfather Clause.

There was continued discussion.

Mr. Smith left the meeting.

6. **Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence.

7. **Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting dated 9 November 2017**

Proposed: Councillor R. Edwards

Seconded: Tracy Marshall, Associate Member

The Minutes were accepted as read.

8. **Matters arising from the Minutes dated 9 November 2017:**

There were no matters arising.

9. **Status Update:**

(i) **Events:**

- **Dr. E.F. Gordon Tree Decorating Event:** 8 December (participating schools are Mount St. Agnes (MSA) and Dellwood Middle School), ten (10) students from each school. The event commences at 9am. Information regarding the event has been forwarded to the media and the CoH will be covering it internally with photos, videos, etc.
- **Late Night Shopping:** 15 and 22 December with the closing down of a portion of Reid Street between Burnaby and Queen Streets with entertainment.
- **New Year's Eve Event:** 31 December under the mega tent. The event will encompass all of No. 1 Car Park on Front Street and the adjacent part of the street between Burnaby and Queen Streets. Other attractions include:
 - Kids' Zone
 - Movie night for the Kids 7:00pm - 9:00pm
 - Local Entertainment - Olivia Hamilton and Working Title
 - International R&B Recording Artist - Keri Hilson
- **Art Installation, Till's Hill:** The artwork has been completed. There has been some difficulty with the installation due to the shortage of staff in the Works Depot to physically install.
- **ITU Triathlon:** April 2018

10. Recommendations for Review:

There are no Recommendations for review.

11. Any Other Business:

- (i) **Revision of the Residential Magnets:** Since the magnets were just produced and distributed recently, it has been suggested that a revision take place in May/June 2018 after the election.
- (ii) **Update: Calendar of Events, January - March 2018:** Currently the meetings calendar is done on a monthly basis for the Council. It was requested to have the Calendar of Events on a monthly basis as well so that the Committee would be aware of any events that are taking place within the City.
- (iii) **Update: Report on planter distribution throughout the City of Hamilton:** Ms. Thompson submitted her suggested locations for the additional planters to the Secretary who in turn passed the information on to the Parks Superintendent.

The Parks Superintendent advised that her suggested five (5) locations were added to the master copy:

- Two (2) go around the north/south piece adjacent to MSA. The sidewalk there is very narrow making it kind of impossible.
- Three (3) on the Elliott Street side (east/west). This could easily have four (4) planters instead of the three (3) suggested.

Ms. Thompson commented on doing something on the outskirts of the CoH property on Washington Street to lighten that area up a bit. The Parks Superintendent advised that the area is currently being used for storage. Ms. Thompson suggested that instead of putting the planters on the sidewalk right next to MSA, could possibly put some on the section that goes up by Bulls Head or on the other side that goes towards the locksmiths.

The Parks Superintendent advised that there is a plan in place and Ms. Thompson's suggestions have been included in that plan. Ms. Thompson was thanked for her efforts.

- (iv) **Northern side of AC Brewer:** Councillor Edwards asked if a planter or something could be placed there because the sidewalk is quite wide and there is a blank wall going down from the pedestrian crossing by the Youth Centre going towards 4-Star Pizza.

ACTION: The Parks Superintendent will pass on the additional suggested locations to the City Engineer in the Engineering Department's Friday morning meeting.

- (v) **KBB Clean-up Date -** Ms. Marshall reminded that the KBB clean-up will take place on Saturday 9 December 2017 from 9am - 11am. The Committee will meet at the corner of Dundonald and Court Streets.

(vi) **Infrastructure Matter:** Mrs. Smith commented on the lighting on Union Street, the area is very dark. There is very little light from Victoria and Union Streets to Dundonald and Union Streets on the clinic side.

Mrs. Smith asked whether there is a plan for improved lighting throughout the City and the timelines for each street. The Secretary said there is no new plan for lighting but most of the cobra head street lights are being replaced with copper tops.

The Secretary noted that there are four (4) sections in the City which are out and he will further check into that matter. A report from Belco is provided every week.

Councillor Edwards reported that there are no lights outside the Union as well as on Court Street by Sun Sing.

ACTION: The Secretary will check the report from Belco to ascertain which areas are out. He will also have the CoH's electricians check into the outages reported.

There was continued dialogue regarding CCTV cameras. It was noted that the CoH is focusing on putting cameras in the car parks with the barrier systems and hoping to, in the future, have cameras that go further out, e.g. Till's Hill, etc.

Councillor Johnson commented that there are no CCTV cameras east of Court Street and north of Victoria Street.

Councillor Johnson wished the Committee a Prosperous Christmas and a Happy New Year and the next Committee meeting will be held on the 16 January 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58pm.