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

City Hall, Hamilton
Infrastructure, Development & Future Committee
10 February 2016
10:00am

Present: Councillor John Harvey, MBE, JP (Chair)
Rt. Wor. Charles R. Gosling, JP
Councillor Nicholas Swan

In Attendance: The Secretary - Ed Benevides, JP
The Event Project Manager - Danilee Trott

Apologies: Councillor George Scott, JP
The City Engineer - Patrick Cooper

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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 that he is Chair of the committee.
 3. **Open Meeting** - Councillor Harvey called the meeting to order at 10:00am.
 4. **Apologies** - The Secretary confirmed apologies for Councillor G. Scott. The City Engineer is on vacation and the Senior Engineer is out sick so there is no engineering technical officer present. The Event Project Manager will be late attending the meeting.
 5. **Public Participation:** the Secretary confirmed that there was no public participation.
 6. **Correspondence:**
 - (i) **Hamilton's Pop-Up Café Bar - John Tomlinson** - it was suggested to address later in the meeting.
 - (ii) **Letter from Bermuda Realty Company Limited re: Request for Residential Parking on Parliament Street.**

ACTION: The Secretary will scan the document and forward to the members for discussion at the next Infrastructure Committee meeting scheduled for 9 March 2016.

7. Minutes of Previous Meeting dated 13 January 2016

Proposed: Councillor N. Swan

Seconded: Councillor J. Harvey

The Minutes were accepted as read.

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 13 January 2016

(i) **Proposal from Mr. Mohammed Hamza/Sted Cross Management Limited on the agenda of the next General Council meeting** - the proposal was brought before the Council in meeting of 3 February 2016 and it was recommended that the Secretary write to Mr. Hamza indicating such - action item completed.

(ii) **NDA from Mr. Mohammed Hamza re: presentation to the Infrastructure Committee 13 January 2016** - an NDA has not been received from Mr. Hamza.

(iii) **Copy of Geophysical and Hydrographic Investigation Report for the Seabright Outfall to be distributed to all Council members** - deferred to the next Infrastructure Committee meeting scheduled for 9 March 2016.

(iv) **"No Right Turn" sign to be placed where Brae Road comes on to Laffan Street** - deferred to the next Infrastructure Committee meeting scheduled for 9 March 2016.

(v) **Letter to Dr. Warner explaining the differences in the cost for a personalized space as opposed to paying for a public space** - the Secretary advised that the letter will be sent out this week.

(vi) **Letter to Gibbons advising that (i) the container has to be on a chassis for safety reasons; (ii) they would have to restore the damage done to the sidewalk; and (iii) have the container placed in another loading zone and not at the top of Washington Lane** - the letter is outstanding - action item not completed.

9. Status Update:

(i) **New information re: 40' container application fee - Presentations were to be submitted by end of January 2016** - a great deal of information has been received and is in the process of being compiled to have ready for a discussion of when to have the public meeting. Councillor Harvey suggested scheduling a meeting after 20 February 2016 up until the first week in May 2016 (March or April). This special Infrastructure Committee meeting will probably be held in Pier 6 to accommodate the presenters and the public. The Mayor commented on a container truck going down Victoria Street turning onto Cedar Avenue. Whilst this action is not illegal, the CoH will be making some recommendations as part of the policy changes regarding re-routing, etc.

Bermuda Forwarders also has two (2) unlawful double 20' containers. Currently they are not allowed on the dock and cannot pick up two 20's.

ACTION: The Secretary to write to Mr. Kemp of Bermuda Forwarders (registered letter) with regards to the practice of their container trucks travelling from the docks via Court Street, turning on to Victoria Street and then on to Cedar Avenue.

Victoria Street is one of the narrowest streets in the City of Hamilton and the route has been set out. While it is not in law, the vehicle should go down Dundonald Street. The aforementioned letter will be kept on file in the event of any accidents that might occur.

There was continued dialogue.

(ii) **Report from the Event Project Manager re: Meetings held with the Christmas Boat Parade Organising Committee** - the Chamber of Commerce queried if the CoH was taking this event on. The Secretary advised that the CoH is taking steps to look at the process, get a report and look at the sponsors to see if they would still be interested in continuing sponsoring the event. Organising the event is not the issue it would be the funding involved. The Mayor said the CoH will have to speak to all the various parties that are involved in the major plan. The first Friday in December every single year the National Trust has a walk around in St. George and is a very popular event. The thought is that the Boat Parade could be held on the following night, the first Saturday in December. The Chamber of Commerce could be brought in with their Harbour Nights expertise, close down Front Street for that Saturday having the vendors open late afternoon running through to the beginning of the Boat Parade. After that could possibly have a concert at #1 Car park, Barr's Bar, etc. Then maybe WedCo could have an event in the west end the following night or the Thursday night before the St. George walkabout, having three (3) evening events where the BTA and the hotels, airlines, etc. could create a heritage, cultural Christmas package to bring people into the Island. The Boat Parade has to be every other year because a lot of them are working boats and just do not have the ability to do this type of event every year. On the alternate years an event could be held on Court Street with the same vendors that would have stalls on Front Street and at the end of that have a concert, fireworks, etc.

The Mayor further commented on a telephone call that he received from Mr. Richard Winchell who talked about the low positive response (75%) that they are getting from the black community and young people in terms of international business. Maybe there is an interest with international businesses in doing an outreach programme and tie that in with events showcasing North Hamilton and the City. Further dialogue continued.

ACTION: The Secretary to invite Ian Coles and Steve Thompson to the next Infrastructure Committee meeting.

(iii) **Post-Mortem re: New Year's Eve Event in North Hamilton** - the Mayor said that a letter has to be forwarded to the Minister of Works. There is a bill for the overall costs of \$5K for the event. The Minister was very open to the prospect if they were to pay half and the CoH pay half.

ACTION: The Secretary to place on the agenda of the next Finance Committee to approve for the CoH to pay 50% of the cost of the New Year's event.

There was positive feedback within the community regarding the event. There were some strange comments from Mr. Gladwyn Simmons, i.e. large parts of the black community are not necessarily interested in Court Street because of the whole safety aspect, etc., and would much rather have an event elsewhere. There was continued discussion.

The Event Project Manager commented that there was nothing in place for the children to participate in. She further commented that when the CoH does put on an event in the City on New Year's Eve it has a large family component. The event was misrepresented in the way the event was marketed and it was poorly organised. There was recognition at the meeting for this event to continue but it has to be planned well in advance. The Event Project Manager said that the CoH started meeting with the organisers in August 2015, asking for applications, etc., setting up meetings until it was thought that the event was not going to take place. Then started receiving letters from the Government to make the event happen. Discussion continued.

The Secretary spoke about the Premier's promise to provide free security for the event. If the CoH takes this event on even on alternate years, the CoH will have to foot the bill for security. The Mayor suggested bringing entities together, e.g. Chamber of Commerce, BTA, etc. to ascertain their interest of participation in the event. It would be a shared project. Councillor Swan queried whether people want to see events being held on Court Street or would they prefer to have the events hosted on Front Street where the venue would be better. The Event Project Manager said there is a large community that does want to see events held on Court Street and to see the area revitalised. There is also a huge community (stakeholders included) that when an event is planned and barricades are put up, they remove them and say that people cannot park in front of their businesses. The issue is that everybody has to seriously buy-in to the events that are planned. For example, for late night shopping, there is buy-in initially, agreements are signed by businesses and restaurants, all aspects of the event are organised and every year at least two (2) nights they pull up the barricades, etc. She is of the opinion that Friday nights do not work in Christmas but maybe a one-off event could work. It has to be a joint venture, the Minister and the Government has to be on board from the initial stages of organising the event. Dialogue continued.

The Mayor commented on a side conversation held with Mr. Cleveland Simmons of wanting to do a "Battle of the Bands".

The Event Project Manager commented on another organisation "Soul Food Promotions" - Lynwood Richardson (Brother Richie) who actually came in and met with the Events team and expressed his interest in doing some things in North Hamilton as well. The follow-up to the two (2) meetings held was for him to submit a proposal to see if an event could be done possibly using funds from the Events partnership budget. The proposal turned out to be a full personal funding project. She asked him to submit another proposal indicating what was discussed in the meetings. At present waiting for that proposal. Gina Spence has been the most successful at doing events on Court Street and they are always well attended.

The Secretary said there is an attempt to have Harbour Nights on Court Street simultaneously with Front Street. It is proposed to run a train between Front Street and Court Street. The Mayor then commented on the CoH sponsoring and having control of one (1) huge event in North Hamilton a year. There was continued lengthy discussion. It was suggested to have another meeting off-line to discuss further all of the ideas put forward.

The Event Project Manager commented on the Go Cart races and a Skate Park at the top of Bull's Head. Another project is a City Olympics for two (2) days. She further commented on the City doing a big New Year's Eve event with some sponsorship involved and alternate between the two (2) neighbourhoods. She met with BTA and pitched Christmas in the City and also did a presentation in New York. They are relatively on board as far as support if the CoH organises it. Dialogue continued.

(iv) **Al Fresco Rates Review** - the City Engineer and the Senior Engineer are not Present at the meeting - matter deferred to the next Infrastructure Committee meeting.

(v) **Laffan Street Roundabout** - the work is continuing, the sidewalk has been completed on the curve and have started to put landscaping in as they prepare to open up the triangle to start working on the actual roundabout. The bank has been cut into on 22 Laffan Street. The intent is to have a sidewalk from the pig station all the way through to the pool.

(vi) **City Hall Car Park Barrier System** - the Board has approved the system and everything is on order. There were some holdups with some of the planning pieces and were not looking at anything for at least six (6) weeks. The tendering process has not started yet. Looking at no sooner than March 2017 before there is a confirmation on who is doing the plan, etc.

10. Recommendations for Review:

There are no recommendations.

11. Any Other Business

(i) **Meeting with the Chamber of Commerce** - the Secretary commented that in the meeting with the Chamber al fresco dining during Harbour Nights was mentioned. The CoH would have to barricade off the street as well as for certain al fresco areas to exist and to dismantle at the end of the evening. The Chamber is not looking for any approval as yet, just throwing the idea out there for consideration. The Event Project Manager said the Chamber has been trying to do this for the last three (3) years. Last year all of the restaurants attended a meeting and agreed to participate. The issue is that no-one actually does it. The CoH would do it just like a private event and that the street could be barricaded off. The Chamber would have to deal with the extra security in order to police the liquor licensing law, i.e. one (1) police officer or security officer for every 50 people to have that area licensed. The Government needs to get the liquor license revamped because it is so antiquated and prohibitive.

12. Motion to Move to a Restricted Session

Proposed: The Mayor, Charles Gosling

Seconded: Councillor N. Swan

The meeting was adjourned.