

**CORPORATION OF HAMILTON**  
**INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**  
**PUBLIC SESSION**

Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 10:00 am  
Online Remote

Present: Councillor John Harvey, MBE, JP, Chairman  
Rt. Wor. Charles R. Gosling, JP  
Councillor Henry Ming  
Councillor RoseAnn Edwards  
Councillor Jenefer Brimmer  
Michael Branco, JP - Associate Member

Apologies: Councillor George Scott, JP  
Councillor Nicholas Swan

Staff: CEO/City Secretary - Dwayne A. Caines, JP  
CFO/Acting City Secretary – Tanya Iris  
COO/City Engineer - Patrick Cooper  
Director of Marketing & Communications – Jessica Astwood  
Public Relations Manager - Helen Zoellner

Apologies: Assistant City Engineer - Charles Waters

In Attendance: Venue & Rentals Co-ordinator - Lorna Hayward

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**1. Confirmation of Notice**

The CEO/City Secretary confirmed that the appropriate notices of the meeting were duly given according to the Meeting Guide.

**2. Role of the Chairman**

Councillor John Harvey confirmed his role as the Chairman.

**3. Open Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 10.00 am.

**4. Apologies**

The CEO/City Secretary confirmed that no apologies had been received.

**5. Public Participation/Presentation**

There was no public participation/presentation.

**6. Correspondence**

The Chairman referred to the letter from the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club dated 11 January 2022, referring the Newport to Bermuda Race to be held in Bermuda in June 2022. The RBYC made request for the COH to provide suitable and adequate facilities and services for the yachtsmen.

The COO/City Engineer said that the RBYC typically make the request for facilities which the COH would provide free of charge. The City enjoyed a good relationship with the RBYC for the Race. The RBYC would usually arrange for the security and limit access to Point Pleasant during the weekend of set up, as well as a trophe presented to one of the winners on behalf of the Mayor and Council.

The Chairman said that the Infrastructure Committee agree that the COH would support the event in any way, to ensure that the Race would be a success. The Mayor recommended that the RBYC and the Chamber of Commerce should take advantage of the significant increase in the number of participants and expect a greater economic boost in 2022 over previous Race years. Businesses and restaurants in the City should be encouraged to take every opportunity to promote their trade.

**7. Minutes of the Previous Infrastructure Committee Meeting dated 12 January 2022 (Public Session)**

**Proposed:** Councillor J. Brimmer

**Seconded:** Mayor, Charles Gosling

The Minutes were accepted as read.

**8. Matters Arising from the Previous Infrastructure Committee Meeting dated 12 January 2022 (Public Session)**

**8.1 NPC Worldwide Caribbean Grand Prix Bermuda**

Discussed at a Special Board Meeting held on 27 January 2022. A letter of denial of his request for sponsorship would be written to Mr. Dion Smith, Managing Director of Smith Technologies, as it relates to the NPC Worldwide Caribbean Grand Prix Bermuda Pro Qualifer competition to be held outside of the City.

**Discuss the proposal by Mr. Dion Smith, Managing Director, Smith Technologies, for sponsorship by the COH for the NPC Worldwide Caribbean Grand Prix, to be held in Bermuda on 26 March 2022, at a venue outside of the City, and the sponsorship of Tours of the City. Inform Mr. Smith of the COH's decision.** Due to the time restriction for a decision on the request for sponsorship, following the presentation by Mr. Smith at the last Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 12 January 2022, the Mayor had contacted the Committee via email. The decision to deny sponsorship of the initiative had been the result of voting; three (3) opposed, two (2) in favour and one (1) recused. The reason for the denial had been that the event would take place outside of the City. The Mayor had suggested that the COH could offer the services of the Town Crier for the tours of the City. Action item completed.

## **8.2 Bronze Bust of Mr. Clarence Hill - Sport Bermuda Magazine**

Arrange a face-to-face meeting with Sport Bermuda Magazine to discuss the request in detail and offer recommendations, as it relates to the proposed bronze bust of Mr. Clarence Hill and its safest location. **(CEO/City Secretary)** The CEO/City Secretary said that it had been difficult to meet with Mr. Jennings of Sport Bermuda Magazine via zoom as he was legally blind. A meeting would be required with a proxy representative, Mr. Patrick Bean, to be arranged. Action item had not been completed.

## **8.3 Island Trading**

**Obtain a Legal Opinion to assist in the resolution of the parking and unloading of containers at the warehouse entrance of island Trading on the Reid Street extension, as it related to any exposure for the COH.** Held over to Restricted Session. Action item completed.

## **8.4 Traffic Issues Review and Design Report**

Carry out community consultation on the proposals as it related to the change of use for the six (6) parking bays on Laffan Street and the six (6) parking bays on Washington Street. On hold. **(City Engineer)** Action item had not been completed.

## **8.5 Angle Street Speed Bump**

Following the community survey, carry out the installation of the speed bumps on Angle Street by the end of 2021. **(COO/City Engineer)** The COO/City Engineer said that a draft Speed Bump Policy would be tabled at the next Infrastructure Committee meeting. Action item had not been completed.

As there were no regulations in Bermuda for creating speed bumps, the COH would write a Speed Bumps Policy. **(COO/City Engineer)**

## **8.6 Request for Crossing Lights at Dellwood Middle School**

Make an assessment of the need for a crossing light at the crossing near the Tools & Equipment Unlimited Ltd property once the school would be open and students were using the crossing, as it related to the request for a crossing light at Dellwood Middle School. Also assess the dangers at the crossing near the Salvation Army property. **(COO/City Engineer)** The COO/City Engineer said that an assessment of the area had still not been possible. As the School had not yet opened, usage of the crossing by the students could not be assessed. Action item had not been completed.

## **8.7 Reinstallation of Plaques**

**Arrange an on site meeting with the Mayor and Councillor Edwards at the junction of City Hall Car Park on Church Street and Wesley Street, together with a mock up of proposed locations for each plaque.** The COO/City Engineer said that a site meeting took place with the Mayor, Councillor Edwards, Councillor Swan and the CEO/City Secretary, to discuss the locations for the two plaques. It had been decided to reinstall the "Storm in a teacup" plaque on Chevron House on Wesley Street. Action item completed.

## **8.8 Calculation of Stamp Duty**

**Write to the Tax Commission for a directive to ensure accuracy for the calculation of Stamp Duty on multiple-year leases which include an annual CPI amount.** The CFO/Acting City Secretary said that she had reached out to several companies to ascertain how they would calculate the CPI amount. Discussion ensued. It seemed likely that many companies would not include the CPI amount as it could not be accurately calculated. Stamp Duty on the original amount, or, include an amount for CPI as a service charge expense, would be required upon new or renewal leases. The COH would adhere to the Government's current calculation of Stamp Duty including CPI. Action item completed.

*Councillor Edwards joined the meeting at 10.20 am.*

## **8.9 Request for Access to Doctors Offices on Victoria Street**

**Discuss with Mr. Dallas the possibility of removing the hoarding on the property and replace with sidewalk, as it relates to access to the medical centres on Victoria Street opposite City Hall car park.** The COO/City Engineer said that he had met on site with Mr. S. Dallas and Mr. K. Dallas. The area behind the hoarding was one (1) storey down from street level. A walkway could be built and supported down to the lower level. Mr. Dallas would be willing to provide a proposal on how he wished the COH to proceed. Action item completed.

### **ACTION:**

Await a proposal from Mr. Dallas on how he would wish the COH to proceed, as it relates to building a walkway behind the hoarding, supported down to the lower level, at his property on Victoria Street. **(COO/City Engineer)**

## **8.10 Car Washing**

**Arrange a meeting with Councillor Brimmer and Councillor Edwards to discuss potential areas to permit car washing in the City, as this had been put on hold.** The CEO/City Secretary said that a meeting with the Councillors had taken place. Further options would be considered to support car washing in the streets of the City. As no updates had been received, it was decided that the COH cannot give permission for individuals to wash cars in the streets. Councillor Brimmer had carried out research of other jurisdictions. It had been found that car washing took place in purpose built facilities. The CEO/City Secretary said that the COH would not be in a position to provide such facilities. Action item completed.

## **8.11 Sidewalk Washing**

Meet with the Restaurant Division of the Chamber of Commerce, to discuss the disposal of wet-waste at all restaurants in the City. **(CEO/City Secretary)** The COO/City Engineer said that the purpose of the meeting would be to advise best practices to prevent damage or staining to the sidewalk and would encompass the whole City. Action item had not been completed.

**Publish advice from time to time, as it relates to the appropriate use of oils and disposal of wet-waste from restaurants, in order to assist the COH in keeping the streets in Hamilton to a standard of cleanliness, together with a power washing schedule.** Action item completed.

**8.12 Official Naming of Dudley Eve Park Event**

Schedule a date for the official naming of Dudley Eve Park event with full PR, after installation of the stair structure and park signage. **(COO/City Engineer)** Action item had not been completed.

**8.13 Request to Address Taxis Parking in Handicapped Bays**

Further to the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 12 January 2022, the Recommendation to the Board Meeting held on 9 February 2022, would discuss the COH's position in light of the reviewed Disabled Parking Permit Policy. The COH's position must be congruent with the Disabled Parking Permit Policy.

**Forwarded from the Board Meeting held on 9 February 2022. Further to the Board Meeting held on 9 February 2022, the Resolution had been tabled. The Disabled Parking Permit Policy would be reviewed by the Infrastructure Committee and forwarded to the Staff, Legislative & Governance Committee, before the final amended Policy would be presented to the Board for Resolution.** Action item completed.

**Discuss with the lawyers the issue relating to Traffic Wardens ticketing taxis whilst parked in handicapped parking bays and being in possession of disabled parking permit, with a view to adding the item to the Judicial Review, as it related to the stand-down of the Parking Enforcement Officers by the Government.** This action would not be required. Action item completed.

**Respond to the Bermuda Taxi Owner's Association email dated 29 December 2021, to inform them of the COH's position as it related to avoidance of being ticketed, a disabled person hiring a taxi and in possession of a disabled parking permit, must give the permit to the taxi driver to display and the taxi meter would be kept running during a waiting time and the parking fee would be paid to the current time limit.** The CEO/City Secretary said that the Infrastructure Committee had moved on a premise that was not correct. He had contacted the Bermuda Taxi Owner's Association and it would appear that the COH had made suggestions to avoid ticketing by the Traffic Wardens. Those suggestions were were not stated in the Disabled Parking Permit Policy. The BTOA had restated their query. The taxi driver in question had been given a handicapped permit, by Age Concern, to display when hired. The Venue & Rentals Co-ordinator stated that Age Concern had not purchased a Disabled Parking Permit from the COH for display in any vehicle. It was clear that Age Concern had not used a COH permit and therefore, the Traffic Wardens would be entitled to ticket the taxi. Tickets issued by Traffic Wardens would be a matter for the Bermuda Police Service. Action item completed.

**Provide a map indicating all handicapped parking bays in the City.** Action item completed.

The Venue & Rentals Co-ordinator said that some corporate care facilities with their own vehicles, had purchased permits, however, this would need to be added to the Policy. The CEO/City Secretary said that Age Concern, although not a care facility, could be considered for permits to be handed out and returned for the use of seniors. The Mayor said that perhaps Age Concern would advise their clients to apply for their own permits. Age Concern should be informed that a permit must be purchased from COH in order to prevent illegal parking in handicapped parking bays. Councillor Brimmer suggested that Age Concern be asked to identify a few taxis which they frequently use, which had been adapted with handicapped facilities.

Mr. Branco suggested that there may be an opportunity to digitise the permits with QR codes linked to vehicle license numbers in order to trace miss-use and which could be used by multiple vehicles. The Mayor supported the idea and suggested two (2) types of permits; a registered charity linked to a vehicle, also, QR Codes which would identified the licence holder when scanned. Other options should be explored.

*Councillor G. Scott joined he meeting at 10.36 am.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve that, to avoid being ticketed, a disabled person hiring a taxi and in possession of a disabled parking permit, must give the permit to the taxi driver to display and the taxi meter would be kept running during a waiting time and the parking fee would be paid to the current time limit.

**Tabled**

**ACTION:**

Contact Age Concern to request evidence that they had an official COH Disabled Parking Permit. **(CEO/City Secretary)**

**ACTION:**

Amend the Disabled Parking Permit Policy to include a clause permitting corporate care facilities with vehicles for the transportation of clients, to purchase permits. Present to the Staff, Legislative & Governance Committee for approval. **(CEO/City Secretary)**

**ACTION:**

Arrange a meeting with the CEO/City Secretary, followed by a meeting with the Venue & Rentals Co-ordinator, to discuss options for digitising the Disabled Parking Permits and present to the Infrastructure Committee. **(Michael Branco)**

**8.14 Recognition of Services to Bermuda and the COH**

Prior to the next Infrastructure Committee Meeting to be held on 9 February 2022, the Members would confer and hold in-depth discussions on the suggestion for two (2) persons to be recognised for services to Bermuda and the Corporation of Hamilton, Samuel David Robinson and Sir John Swan, and bring their views to the meeting. **(Councillor Harvey)** Councillor Harvey said that a meeting had been arranged and postponed. The meeting would be rescheduled in order for the Committee Members to make their comments. Action item had not been completed.

The Mayor said that both of the names put forward should be considered separately. He supported the recognition for Samuel David Robinson and/or the Robinson family. Recognition of Sir John Swan should be given on the National stage and suggested that perhaps an award of "Keys to the City" could be considered.

**8.15 Request to Rent Cycle Bays - Scooter Mart Ltd**

**Respond to Mr. Nick Thomson of Scooter Mart Ltd to deny the request to rent areas on the waterfront for the "PINK" vehicle rentals product, pending the COH's decision whether to support the concept by an RFP tender process, at which time he may submit tender documents.** Action item completed.

**8.16 Bull's Head Go-Karting Proposal**

Meet to discuss the lease, the cost comparison, liability insurance and other details, with Mr. Spriggs, as it relates to the Go-Kart activity at Bull's Head car park and report at the next Infrastructure Committee Meeting. **(COO/City Engineer)** Action item had not been completed.

**9. Resolutions Approved by the Minister**

That the Board approve the tourism concept and design of the Bermuda Marquee Sign to be installed at No.1 car park, adjacent to the Bermuda Tourism Authority premises and parallel to the harbour edge.

That the Board approve to issue a new 5-year Lease for VMB Detailing with cost of living increase to rent.

**10. Recommendations for Review**

**10.1 Buskers - Reduced Rental Rates and Waiver of Permit Fees**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve the Busker Permit Fee of \$30.00 per year to be waived again for the year 2022 to encourage more busking in the City.

**Proposed:** Councillor J. Brimmer

**Seconded:** Councillor H. Ming

**Unanimous**

**10.2 Venue Rental Rate Reduction**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve the venue rate reduction for all City Venue Rental rates, as set out in the attached document, for 2022 to encourage more bookings and activity in the City.

**Proposed:** Councillor J. Brimmer

**Seconded:** Councillor R. Edwards

**Unanimous**

### **10.3 Bid Recommendation - Dudley Eve Park Stairs**

The COO/City Engineer said that the Bid Recommendation had been to build the stairs only. Lighting and other work at the Park would be considered separately. He noted that there would be a storage cupboard beneath the stairs. In the interest of transparency and in accordance with the Financial Instructions, the tender had been below the \$50,000 limit, therefore the Infrastructure Committee could approve the Bid for the contractor to be advised immediately, without the need for Board approval.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Infrastructure Committee approve the contract for the Dudley Eve Park Stairs be awarded to Huntley Construction Services at a cost of \$39,500.00.

**Proposed:** Councillor J. Brimmer

**Seconded:** Councillor R. Edwards

**Unanimous**

## **11. Status Updates**

### **11.1 Marketing & Communication**

The Director of Marketing & Communications said that there was a great deal of activity and planning for events in 2022.

- 17 February 2022 at 12.00 pm - official opening of the Victoria Street bathrooms - the Mayor would participate and the Councillors were invited to attend.

- end of February - the full schedule of events for 2022 would be released.

- 11/12 March 2022 - Scavenger Hunt - City-wide.

#### **Reinstallation of Plaques**

Councillor Edwards apologised that she had not been present in the meeting for the discussion about the location of the reinstallation of the plaque at Item 8.7. She had previously sent an email inquiring of the outcome of the site meeting but had not yet received a reply. She commended the Marketing Team for their coverage of Black History Month. She said that the COH could have taken the opportunity to mark the reinstallation of the plaque, which was of significance to the community, during the month. The Chairman said that a decision had been taken earlier in the meeting which had included Councillor Edward's preference for reinstallation on Wesley Street.

The Mayor supported the COH teams. He said that there had been many Council meetings where the matter had been discussed and site meetings had been postponed, which had contributed to the delay. He said that Black History Month should be extended outside of the short month of February and that the relevance of the plaque reinstallation would not be lost at another time.



The CEO/City Secretary also supported the COH teams. He noted that Councillor Edwards had not been present during the discussion of the earlier Agenda item where a decision had been made in her absence, with reference to her previous intention. Upon joining the meeting, Councillor Edwards would hereby raise the matter for discussion and hold the civil servants responsible for the delay, which had been unfair. Councillor Edwards apologised for any offense caused. She awaited a response to her email. The CEO/City Secretary said that to raise the subject outside of the Agenda item had been indicative of the challenges faced in the Committees.

The CEO/City Secretary said that, in order to move forward with an issue such as this, would require a commitment to the Agenda Item at which time all comments should be aired and considered together. Action items for any site meetings should take place as arranged. He said that if discussions take place at Committee level, it was imperative that the responses and actions remain in train and represent the wishes of the Committee and its decisions.

The Chairman said that there had been many discussions on this matter. Any deviation from the discipline outlined by the CEO/City Secretary was unacceptable. The CEO/City Secretary said that Council Members continue to contact COH staff independently with their suggestions. Respectfully, directives given by individuals outside of Committee meetings created confusion and delays, which interfered with the process.

Councillor Edwards said that she had been unsure of the outcome of the site meeting as there appeared to be misinformation. She hoped that the matter would soon be resolved.

#### **11.2 Take Note: Project Charters 2021**

The COO/City Engineer said that there was much preparatory work taking place in the Engineering Department.

- A new garbage truck would be delivered - there was now a fleet of three (3) vehicles purchased within the last four (4) years. PR would be done for the new truck. The old vehicles would be retired - one (1) used for parts, two (2) may be sold or to Government for parts. It was difficult to order electric trucks which would comply with the current vehicle size limits.

- The first electric van had been purchased - there was now three (3) electric vehicles. Initially, a further two (2) electric vehicles had been ordered which would replace old gas vehicles. Further orders would be placed this year.

- The COO/City Engineer had been providing data as requested by the Department of Planning, for the 5-year review of the City of Hamilton Plan 2015.

- Street furniture had been ordered for Washington Lane and Court Street.

- New Boardroom tables for the Mayor's Parlour had been delivered, together with the audio visual system. The new chairs would be expected by the March Board Meeting.

- Master planning for Fort Hamilton was underway. The survey had been completed and the architects would commence work.

- Contractor work had recommenced at Point Pleasant Park - the foundations for the triangle plaque and bench seat (to be topped with the sculpture "Against the Tide"), was underway. Completion of the project was expected before the summer season.

- Preparation of Leases for: Bulli Social, Stevedoring Services Ltd, Island Trading, alfresco leases and Even Keel renewal.
- Rentals renovations: Hodge Podge and Bermudiana Building at Barr's Bay Park.
- Five (5) proposals for IT network services were under consideration.
- Pier-6 renovation was proceeding - delivery of the new roof materials was awaited.
- Fortnightly meetings were taking place for the design and planning for the update of the sewage treatment station on Front Street. Submission of plans to the Planning Department would be expected in a few months time.

## **12. Government's Water and Wastewater Plan - Update**

The COO/City Engineer had noted that the Government had submitted plans for wastewater works in St. David's.

## **13. Any Other Business**

### **13.1 Power Points for Electric Vehicles**

To be held over to the next meeting.

### **13.2 Even Keel Massage Therapy - Lease Renewal**

The Chairman referred to the request from Even Keel Massage Therapy to renew the Lease on the property at West Building, 7 Dundonald Street, for a further five (5) years. The current Lease would expire on 31 May 2022. The premises is commonly known as Cross Fit Gym. There were no future plans for the building. The current tenant was of good standing.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Infrastructure Committee take note of and had no objection to the renewal of the Lease for five (5) years, from 1 June 2022, for Even Keel Massage Therapy at West Building, 7 Dundonald Street (Cross Fit Gym).

**Proposed:** Councillor J. Brimmer

**Seconded:** Councillor H. Ming

**Motion Passed**

### **13.3 Mr. Dale Butler - Property at Rear**

The CEO/City Secretary said that three (3) months ago, Mr. Butler had requested that the COH build a retaining wall at the boundary of his property to the rear, as soft pockets had appeared in the rock. Following a decision by the Infrastructure Committee, the CEO/City Secretary and the COO/City Engineer had made a site visit to explain to Mr. Butler that the COH could not justify the work at this time. Mr. Butler had accepted the explanation by a handshake. A letter from Mr. Butler had been received five (5) days later, stating that the explanation was not acceptable to his family and he wished to change his stance. The CEO/City Secretary informed Mr. Butler that the COH's position had not changed. Mr. Butler said he would consider a PATI request to have sight of written communications of reasons for denying his request for a retaining wall to be erected.

The COO/City Engineer said that an independent structural engineer had been engaged to assess the integrity of the rock wall in regard to soft pockets which had appeared and whether a retaining wall would be needed. The structural engineer had indicated that a retaining wall would not be needed as the rock wall was safe and stable. A copy of the structural engineer's report had been given to Mr. Butler. The Mayor recommended that a letter be written to Mr. Butler to state that his request for a retaining wall was not necessary based on the independent report, and the COH's position remained. The Mayor noted that a Mr. Butler had use of a portion of land at the rear of the property, which was owned by the COH. Mr. Butler would be welcome to engage a structural engineer to assess the integrity of the wall at his own expense. The COO/City Engineer noted that a very small amount of sand would fall from the rock wall onto the land owned by the COH at the rear of Mr. Butler's property, which would not affect the integrity and safety of the rock wall.

Councillor Edwards asked how the COH maintain the property at the rock wall. The COO/City Engineer said that the grass was cut monthly and inspected by the Superintendent.

Councillor Ming reiterated previous comments that questioning the integrity of another engineer, in particular regarding safety, would be inappropriate.

**ACTION:**

Write to Mr. Butler and enclose the independent structural engineer's report, that, in accordance with the survey, the COH's does not deem it necessary to build a retaining wall. **(CEO/City Secretary)**

**13.4 Lack of Bike and Cycle Parking**

Forwarded from the Residents Advisory Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2022, to address the lack of bike and cycle parking in the City, in particular, at the concrete park on the corner of Court Street and Dundonald Street, and North Street. **(CFO/City Secretary)** Discuss at next meeting. Action item had not been completed.

**13.5 Request for Temporary Alfresco Dining Upgrade - Hog Penny**

The COO/City Engineer outlined the request from the Island Restaurant Group in respect of Hog Penny Restaurant. The current alfresco dining would be reconfigured for the wooden deck to be terraced on a concrete foundation. The Island Restaurant Group would install permanent poles in the road to support the structure, which could easily be reinstated. This would significantly reduce its profile and it would be graded with the slope. The COO/City Engineer said that the new structure would be more pleasing to the eye and would assist a restaurant which had struggled. It would be a step towards a more permanent outside eating area and provide ambiance to the street. A new lease was requested.

The Mayor supported the proposed alfresco dining area which would be a major improvement on the current structure. He advised a change in the name given to the structure to one more appealing and in alignment with the vision of the City. A guarantee from the Island Restaurant Group should be sought to cover the construction costs of reinstatement of the road in the event that the structure was removed. Councillor Ming concurred with the Mayor. Councillor Brimmer noted that there was no cover for the structure although umbrellas were currently used.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approved the construction of a terraced wooden deck with concrete foundations by Island Restaurant Group, as it relates to the reconfiguration of the alfresco dining area at Hog Penny. A new Lease would be required. A letter of guarantee would be requested of the Island Restaurant Group, to cover the construction costs to reinstate the road in the event that the structure was removed.

**Proposed:** Councillor H. Ming

**Seconded:** Councillor J. Brimmer

**Unanimous**

**13.6 Property Purchase - Mr. Hendrickson**

Councillor Brimmer asked for a update on Mr. Hendrickson's request to purchase property behind his business on Union Street and whether the COH would have a use for the land. The COO/City Engineer said that Mr. Hendrickson had made the request on several occasions and the COH had responded in writing to each request. The Infrastructure Committee had not approved the sale of land to Mr. Hendrickson. Future requests would be considered by the Infrastructure Committee. The land was approximately a 50' wide strip of land from Court Street to Union Street. The land was being reserved as one of several road allowances, should COH wish to install a road. There were plans to build on the block to North Street which would require road access in the future.

The Mayor referred to the development suggestions for Hamilton, in particular, the area of Till's Hill to North Street. There would, therefore, be no desire to sell the land which would become an access way to accommodate that development in the future.

**13.7 Washington Lane Renovation**

Councillor Brimmer referred to the uneven new tiling on Washington Lane. The COO/City Engineer said that corrections to the tiles would be carried out by the contractor in due course. The contractor had not yet been paid for the project.

**13.8 Parking Sign on North Street**

Councillor Edwards referred to parking sign in North Street which had been knocked down and been reinstated. The reinstated sign had now been knocked down. She asked whether the sale of the Arnolds Warehouse property would affect parking in the area. COO/City Engineer said that conveyancing for the Arnolds Warehouse property was underway. Councillor Ming and Ms. Marshall of the Residents Advisory Committee had provided options for parking on North Street, to which he had responded with his comments. The issue had been considered over many years and the same conclusion had been reached, that there was no space available for car parking bays. He said that as North Street was a major thoroughfare and bus route into the City, the COH could not allow for intensification of a sub-standard condition.

*Mr. Branco left the meeting at 12.00pm.*

**ACTION:**

Give a copy of the letter sent to Ms. Tracy Marshall, to Councillor Brimmer, as it relates to parking on North Street where there was no available space for car parking bays.  
**(COO/City Engineer)**

**14. Motion to Move to Restricted Session**

**Proposed:** Councillor J. Brimmer

**Seconded:** Councillor H. Ming