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CORPORATION OF HAMILTON
RESIDENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 12, 2023, 4:00 pm
4th Floor, Works Depot

Present: Councillor George Scott, JP
Councillor Henry Ming
Councillor RoseAnn Edwards
Sarah Thompson - Associate Member
PC Christopher Douglas - City Constable

Apologies: Councillor Jenefer Brimmer, Chair
Rt. Wor. Charles R. Gosling, JP
Donte Hunt (BEDC) - Associate Member

Staff: CEO/City Secretary - Dwayne A. Caines, JP
COO/City Engineer - Patrick Cooper
Public Relations Manager – Zoe Mulholland

Apologies: Director of Marketing & Communications – Jessica Astwood

In Attendance: Operations Manager - Allan Somner
Ms. Seanika Williams

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 Henry Ming confirmed his role as Chairman in Councillor Jenefer Brimmer's absence. Councillor Brimmer attended her late mother's funeral today.

3. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4.00 pm.

4. Apologies

The CEO/City Secretary confirmed that apologies had been received from Councillor J. Brimmer and the Director of Marketing and Communications Jessica Astwood.

5. Public Participation/Presentation

The Chairman welcomed Ms. Seanika Williams and invited her to participate.

Ms. Williams brought an update on general activities in North Hamilton as it related to sanitation.

Ms. Williams noted that Sweeper activity was not always consistent with the agreed timings and she had reported recent activity at between 3.00 am and 3.30 am, at which time the noise level was not acceptable. The Operations Manager said that periodically the Sweeper would operate at a time when there were less cars parked in the streets, in order to prevent backup of debris which would cause blockages to the drains and sewer system. He said that he had emailed Ms. Williams to inform her of the earlier timings schedule, which Ms. Williams had not received. The CEO/City Secretary said that the COH strive to minimise impact to the residents in North Hamilton.

Ms. Williams also noted that the streets were not swept regularly, in particular, Angle Street. The Operations Manager said that he had not been aware that this was happening and that he would look into the matter. He requested that Ms. Williams email him with specific concerns.

The COO/City Engineer said that the COH was moving away from manual sweeping to mechanical sweeping for the most part, as a larger area could be covered in less time. A smaller mechanical sweeper would sweep in smaller areas and manual sweepers would be used for even smaller areas where a mechanical sweeper could not reach. The mechanical sweepers vacuum and sweep.

Ms. Williams raised the issue of COH planters not being maintained and the tree grates being used in North Hamilton were different to the ones being used elsewhere in the City. The Chairman said that the grates undergo different treatment. Ms. Williams also noted that trees were uprooting on the sidewalks. The CEO/City Secretary said that there was work to be done and this was prioritised. He noted that uprooting trees was a significant expense. He addressed the comment that North Hamilton was being treated differently than the rest of the City and said that the COH had put considerable time and money into North Hamilton over the last five (5) years. He emphasised that there was no difference in the attention given to North Hamilton and the rest of the City.

The COO/City Engineer said that an annual survey of the condition of sidewalks in the City was undertaken and sites needing repair were graded between one (1) to five (5), five (5) being the most urgent. The worst sites would be repaired first. The Chairman noted that tripping hazards were repaired very quickly once identified.

The Chairman said that Ms. Williams would send an email the COH with the specifics of the two (2) issues and these would be dealt with promptly.

Ms. Williams asked for clarity on the plastic bollards which had been crushed and recently removed at the junction adjacent to E&B Trading. The COO/City Engineer said that the plastic bollard's would be replaced to guide the traffic into the correct lanes and prevent traffic driving the wrong way.

The COO/City Engineer said that a light survey was carried out every two (2) weeks and any broken lights were fixed. There were lights which were BELCo underground issues which could take time before they would be fixed.

The CEO/City Engineer asked Ms. Williams if she would consider an appointment as an Associate Member of the Residents Advisory Committee.

Ms. Williams left the meeting at 4.30 pm.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7. Minutes of the Previous Residents Advisory Committee Meeting dated 8 December 2022

Proposed: Councillor R. Edwards

Seconded: Councillor H. Ming

The Minutes were accepted as read.

8. Matters Arising from the Previous Residents Advisory Committee dated 8 December 2022

8.1 Mr. Mansfield Armstrong

Arrange a meeting with Mr. Mansfield Armstrong, as it relates to a Residential Parking bay sticker until such time as his landlord settled the outstanding rates. The CEO/City Secretary said that there was now a new owner of the building and Mr. Armstrong had qualified for a Residential Parking Permit which had been delivered to him by Councillor Edwards. Action item completed.

8.2 Meeting of Street Vendors in North Hamilton

Reschedule a meeting with the North Hamilton Vendors in order to explain the role of the COH in support of the businesses. **(CEO/City Secretary)** The CEO/City Secretary said that he had written to the Vendors to arrange a meeting. A response was awaited. Action item had not been completed.

8.3 Residential Development - BEDC Update

Ascertain how the Uptown Development Authority would rollout the document and its contents to the public and how the public could obtain a copy, as it related to the BEDC Approved Residential Schemes Guidelines. **(Donte Hunt)** Action item had not been completed.

8.4 Late Night Shopping Request

Respond to Ms. Nadine Clarke-Dillas's request for late night shopping in North Hamilton from 19-24 December, as the request had been made too late and there had been no proof of consultation with the effected businesses. The CEO/City Secretary said that he had contacted Ms. Clarke-Dillas to inform her that the request was denied. Action item completed.

Councillor Edwards said that the event had been held in the park. The CEO/City Secretary said that permission had not been given. The COH could not support the event as there would not be enough time to inform the residents and businesses in the area for them to make preparations. It was clear that Ms. Clarke-Dillas had not represented the business community in this instance.

ACTION:

Contact Ms. Nadine Clarke-Dillas to inform her that the COH acted in good faith assuming that she represented the business community, as it related to the denial of her request for late night shopping on 19-24 December 2022, and reiterate that she cannot use COH property without permission. That there was an application process and a fee for holding events. **(CEO/City Secretary)**

9. Resolutions Approved by the Minister

There were no Resolutions approved by the Minister.

10. Recommendations for Review

There were no Recommendations for review.

11. Status Update

11.1 Marketing & Communications

- Artwork for the calendar of events for 2023 was underway.
- It would be a quiet Q1.
- Bermuda Marquee Sign installation and PR. The COO/City Engineer said that the design including additional paving and lighting at the plinth had gone back to the Planning Department for approval. The project would be delayed until approximately May as the contractor fell through and it would go out to RFP tender again.

11.2 Take Note: Project Charters 2022

- Traffic intersections would be completed. Design work was ongoing at:
 - Reid Street/Spurling's Hill
 - Front Street/Burnaby Hill
 - Pedestrian crossing at No.1 bathrooms
 - Church Street/Queen Street including two (2) pedestrian crossings at City Hall
 - Church Street/Burnaby/Cedar Avenue.
- Front Street Pump Station:
 - Pipework replacement was out to tender
 - Microscreening and disinfecting project.

- Paving commences:
 - Brunswick Street - local businesses have been informed. One (1) residential parking bay permit holder had been relocated.
 - Washington Street between Victoria Street/Dundonald Street
 - Front Street northern lane, between supermarket and eastern boundary
 - Court Street eastern lane between Church Street/Reid Street, after ducting for street lighting had been installed.
- Fort Hamilton design project.
- Bermudiana Road sewer replacement.
- Bull's Head car park steel painting and fixing subsidence.
- Various property maintenance.
- Sidewalk works - list of works would be available for next meeting.

ACTION:

Produce a list of Sidewalk repairs for the next Residents Advisory Committee Meeting to be held on 9 February 2023. **(COO/City Engineer)**

11.3 Other Works

After the discussions, the CEO/City Secretary suggested that a walkabout be arranged on Tuesday, 17 January 2023, meeting at Dudley Eve Park at 2.00 pm.

ACTION:

Schedule a walkabout of North Hamilton on Tuesday, 17 January 2023, meeting at Dudley Eve Park at 2.00 pm. **(Recording Secretary)**

11.3.1 Sidewalks

Councillor Edwards referred to:

- Street cleaning of stains left by trash trucks on Angle Street. The COO/City Engineer said that the street sweepers will clear dust, debris and leaf litter. It will not clean stains on the road. Whilst there were no trees on Angle Street, leaf litter will blow in.
- Elliott Street Extension there was a garbage left on the street. A sidewalk was needed on the northern side of Princess Street from Court Street. The COO/City Engineer said that was due to a delay by BELCo in the undergrounding the overhead power lines.
- Angle Street at Media House, there was no proper ending to the sidewalk. The COO/City Engineer said that the sidewalk was private property.

11.3.2 Street Lighting

Ms. Thomson referred to:

- Cedar Avenue the lights were out and at night it was pitch black. The Operations Manager said that the underground pipework had been laid and BELCo would run the lines in February 2023.

- Cedar Avenue towards St. Theresa's on the left sidewalk were loose pavers. On the right sidewalk a tree had been removed leaving the pavers uneven.

ACTION:

Arrange a meeting with the COO/City Engineer with a view to requesting BELCo to expedite the undergrounding of power cables affecting street lighting.
(CEO/City Secretary)

11.3.3 Loading Zones

The City Constable referred to suggestions from the Extra Duty Police Officers relating to possible changes to loading zones and 15-minute parking. The COO/City Engineer said that the suggestions would be passed to the Superintendent for his comments.

11.3.4 Fort Hamilton Parking

The Chairman asked whether the gated car park at Fort Hamilton would be locked. The COO/City Engineer said that the car park is used for day parking by commuters into the City and had CCTV cameras. The car park was hard to manage as it was not on the COH list of paid car parks and it was not within the City. Consideration would be given to this as the refurbishment of Fort Hamilton was currently under review.

12. Utility Works Update

There was no update.

13. Residential Development - BEDC Update

The COO/City Engineer said that the Department of Planning and other agencies, would publish the 2023 City Plan, the Land Use Planning Document, by which development proposal would be assessed. The 2023 City Plan would run in conjunction with the North East Hamilton Plan already published. There was a move away from ridged parameters towards needs-based cases, in order to achieve the best gains for the area. He said that there would be a period of dialogue and it was imperative that the COH review the Plan. There would be potential for the two (2) Plans to amalgamate when the next City Plan would be published in five (5) years time.

14. Budget Wish List

Items for the Budget Wish List in preparation for the 2024 Budget Review meeting to be held in October 2023.

15. Any Other Business

15.1 Public Participation

Ms. Thompson noted that the public participation from the public gallery and had not been on the Agenda.

15.2 Dispute at 9 Ewing Street

The City Constable referred to an ongoing dispute over access at 9 Ewing Street. No criminal offences had been reported. The Planning Department would be asked to provide the plans of the properties involved in order to resolve the issue. The COO/City Engineer said that the Deeds of the properties involved would indicate whether there was easement for access.

16. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 9 February 2023.

17. Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.