

**MINUTES
TASK FORCE ON CLEANLINESS AND SECURITY
IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE**

**Wednesday, February 1, 2006
1:30 p.m.
Committee Room 219, 2nd Floor
Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton**

Present: Councillor B. Bratina (Chair), M. Pocius, K. Drewitt and A. Ingram

Regrets: Councillor Ferguson – illness
H. Kirkpatrick – absent

Also Present: H. Milsome, Co-ordinator of Business Improvement Areas
M. Fortunato, Tourism Development Officer
W. Oakes, Manager, Road Operations & Maintenance
P. Homerski, Communications Officer
K. Weatherhill, Staff Sergeant, Hamilton Police Service
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, Office of the City Clerk

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION:

(a) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 1)

There were none declared.

(b) CHANGES TO AGENDA (Item 2)

The Clerk noted the following changes, which were approved:

- (i) Added Item 4.4 respecting Highway Signage (Maria Fortunato)
- (ii) Added Item 4.5 respecting the new Modular Waste and Recycling Unit (Wray Oakes)

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)

(Drewitt/Ingram)

The October 20, 2005, Task Force on Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core meeting minutes were approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) “Who Does What” Flyer (Item 4.1)

H. Milsome provided a sample copy of flyers that are circulated to the Business Improvement Areas (BIA) in other Canadian municipalities. The “Who Does What” flyer illustrates the contact information for various services in the City (e.g. Public Works, with phone number for litter on sidewalks, Canada Post for damaged mailboxes, etc.).

Downtown Renewal staff would like to work with the Committee’s Communications Officer to develop a draft flyer for use by Hamilton BIAs. Staff will bring the draft flyer forward to the next meeting for the Task Force’s review.

(e) Downtown Lighting Initiative (Item 4.2)

The Committee inquired about the replacements of street lights in the downtown core. Staff advised that the lighting was replaced on an annual basis.

(f) Security Project (Item 4.3)

Committee was asking about the security in the downtown core and training for those working in the core. Police Services informed the Committee that training and analysis will be available for business owners and their employees, and well as training on crime prevention through environmental design.

Police services will put forth a call for interest to the all BIAs throughout the entire Central Station Division.

(g) Highway Signage (Item 4.4)

Item 4.4 – Highway Signage was referred to the Downtown West Harbourfront Committee.

(h) Modular Waste and Recycling Unit (Item 4.5)

For the Task Force’s information, W. Oakes provided a printout of what the new modular waste and recycling units will look like.

(i) Downtown Ambassador Program Information Update (Item 5.1)

(Pocius/Drewitt)

The Information Update was received.

CARRIED

(j) Reinstatement of the Gore to Shore Shuttle Services, Replacement of Downtown Tree Lighting and Educational/Promotional Anti-littering Campaign (Report 05-002) (Ward 2) (Item 5.2)

A copy of Report 05-002 was provided to the Task Force for information.

(k) 2006 Construction Projects in the Downtown Core (Item 5.3)

A list of 2006 construction projects in the downtown core was provided to the Task Force for their information. Wray Oakes was asked if he could obtain construction dates from staff and forward to Task Force, as well as inquiring as to whether or not the parking lot at James and Catherine could be phased in during 2006.

(l) Convention Alerts

The Task Force raised concerns respecting the amount of litter and panhandlers in the area of the Convention Centre, Art Gallery, Copps Coliseum and in the general downtown area when there are conventions and shows in Hamilton. It was suggested that Tourism communicate via Convention Alerts to the appropriate departments so staff is aware that additional attention will be needed in these areas during these times.

(m) Adjournment (Item 6)

(Ingram/Drewitt)

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor B. Bratina
Chair

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
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