



Clerks Department

TO: Budget and Corporate Services Committee

SUBJECT: Review of the Waterfront Access and Protection Advisory Committee

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Ward(s) Affected: 1 2 3 4 5 6 All

Date to Committee: July 10, 2012

Date to Council: July 16, 2012

Recommendation: Sunset the Burlington Waterfront Access and Protection Advisory Committee as of December 31, 2012.

Purpose:

- Address goal or action in strategic plan
 - Establish new or revised policy or service standard
 - Respond to legislation
 - Respond to staff direction
 - Address other area of responsibility
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Reference to Strategic Plan:

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Background:

The Burlington Waterfront Access and Protection Advisory Committee was established in 2010 with a review / sunset date set for spring of 2012. All members were appointed for a two year term which expired in May of 2012, however the current membership has indicated a willingness to sit until the end of December.

Discussion:

During its two year mandate, the Burlington Waterfront Access and Protection Advisory Committee has focussed on several issues including Beachway/Spencer Smith Park, access to water via unopened road allowances and most notably, redevelopment of the Old Lakeshore Road Precinct. The Committee's "Interim Report to Burlington Council" dated April 23, 2012 summarizes the initiatives and recommendations that have been put forth by the Committee during its term. With the issue of the Old Lakeshore Road redevelopment now being addressed through the Official Plan process, the current work plan of the Committee is substantially complete.

The existing Terms of Reference for the Waterfront Access and Protection Advisory Committee is attached as Appendix A. In reviewing both the current and proposed Terms of Reference for the Committee, there is potential for significant duplication with other organizations and initiatives in the community including the following:

Conservation Halton;
 Halton Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee (EEAC);
 Halton Waterfront Parks Advisory Committee;
 Halton Region Inter-Municipal Advisory Committee on Sustainability (IMACS);
 The Beachway/Spencer Smith Park Master Plan Subcommittee;
 LaSalle Park Marina Association;
 Burlington Green;
 Burlington Sustainable Development Committee;
 Hamilton Harbour Commission;
 Bay Area Restoration Council;
 Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan Stakeholders;
 Steering Committee for the Cootes to Escarpment Conservation and Land Management Strategy;
 Waterfront Regeneration Trust; and
 the newly formed Greater Bay Area Joint Committee.

The City currently has representation on a number of the aforementioned groups and committees that address waterfront related issues.

In reviewing the mandate of the Waterfront Access and Protection and Advisory Committee within the context of the City's new strategic plan, "Burlington, Our Future", linkages can be drawn with the plan's commitment to "Ensure a welcoming, active and accessible waterfront". The stated milestones in the strategic plan relating to the waterfront however are to complete the Beachway Master Plan, budget for the implementation of the Beachway Master Plan and complete the pier. These are initiatives largely beyond the scope of the committee and are being addressed by the City and Region through other avenues.

Strategy/Process

With the terms for the current members expiring in 2012, concluding the committee in December of 2012 will allow the membership to wrap-up any outstanding business throughout its Fall meeting schedule. At that point, Council will simply not advertise nor appoint replacements to the Committee in January of 2013.

Options Considered

Beyond concluding the committee, consideration may be given to the following options going forward:

1. Collapse the mandate of the Waterfront Committee into another existing City committee charged with a similar mandate, such as the Sustainable

Development Committee. To that end, if deemed appropriate, a waterfront subcommittee could then be formed and report in to the parent committee.

2. Re-focus the Waterfront Committee's mandate to remove any areas for overlap or duplication with other organizations. This would prove difficult given the number of similar type organizations already in existence.
3. Encourage the formation of an independent community or citizen's group focussed on waterfront issues. This group would function outside of the city's citizen committee structure and would not be subject to conditions typically required by the city for the operation of its citizen committees.

Financial Matters:

The Waterfront Access and Protection Advisory Committee has an annual budget of \$5000 that has largely gone unused since inception. The Clerks Department will determine if there are any unfunded requirements by other citizen committees and propose any adjustments accordingly as a part of the annual budgeting exercise.

Total Financial Impact

N/A

Source of Funding

N/A

Other Resource Impacts

The Waterfront Access and Protection Advisory Committee has two Council representatives plus the mayor who sits ex-officio. In addition to a regional staff liaison, regular attendance at the meetings include a clerk, the Manager of Policy Planning and the General Manger of Community Services. Other staff are brought in as required.

Given the Committee Clerks' current workload, the Waterfront Committee is clerked by a manager within the Clerks Department. The impact to both the Clerks Department's objectives and its staffing resources were discussed in detail within Report CL-13-11 entitled Review of Citizen Committees dated August 5, 2011.

Environmental Matters:

N/A

Communication Matters:

In preparing this report, the Clerks Department spoke to Community Services and staff at the Region of Halton. With the conclusion of the committee, the Clerk's office will notify the membership of Council's decision and apprise the Region and other external organizations accordingly.

Conclusion:

With the terms of the entire membership expiring in 2012, staff recommends that the Committee be sunset on December 31 allowing sufficient time for the Committee to conclude any outstanding business and to provide input to the Official Plan Review as it pertains to the Old Lakeshore Road Precinct.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Bivol
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Appendices:

A. Burlington Waterfront Access and Protection Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
B.

Notifications:
 (after Council decision)

Name	Mailing or E-mail Address

Approvals:

*required

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	To be completed by the Clerks Department						
Committee Disposition & Comments							
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Council Disposition & Comments							
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