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THE FOLLOWING MATTERS WERE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BY CITY COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 26, 2008:

1. **Employer Commuter Pass Program (PW08133) (8.1)**
   
   (b) That the General Manager, Public Works be authorized and directed to expand the Employer Commuter Pass Program for City of Hamilton employees to include 50% reimbursement of Burlington Transit and GO Transit passes for eligible employees who live outside of the City of Hamilton;

3. **2009 Transit Operating Budget**
   
   (a) That Council receive the 2009 Transit Division Operating Budget and refer it to City-wide budget deliberations that represents a 0.5% or $213,140 year-over-year increase and an overall 7.5% or $3,125,470 increase inclusive of funding for the transfer of HSR Pension to OMERS as detailed in the Financial section of this report, service level enhancements and an aggressive expenditure mitigation plan as follows:

   (i) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to implement a Transit fare increase effective January 1, 2009, as described in Table 1 of this report and inclusive of increases across all fare types, such that an increase of 5% in the average HSR fare, or $0.10 per trip across major fare types, is achieved;

   (ii) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to direct DARTS to implement a $0.10 increase in the price of its ticket fare, effective January 1, 2009;

   (b) That Council direct staff to include consideration of the following Transit service enhancements in the 2010 budget submission, taking into consideration the outcome of the HSR operational review, as follows:

   - Harmonization of DARTS fare structure with HSR fare structure;
   - Additional annual DARTS service hours to address latent demand;
   - Additional HSR Route 5C West Hamilton trips to Meadowlands;
   - Increase in the Taxi Scrip Program coupon purchase cap and subsidy;
   - Extension of Waterfront Shuttle to provide increased route coverage;
   - Fare-optional transit service on Smog days;
   - Expansion of transit service to special events programs;
• Additional HSR service coverage to Dundas;
• Expansion of B Line service duration;
• Extension of Route #2 Barton east of Grays Road;
• Realignment of HSR Routes 11 Parkdale and Route 43 Stone Church.”