PRESENT:
Deputy Mayor J. Farr (Chair)
Mayor R. Bratina
Councillors C. Collins, S. Duvall, L. Ferguson, B. Johnson,
S. Merulla, B. Morelli, J. Partridge, M. Pearson, R. Powers,
T. Whitehead

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:
Councillors B. Clark, B. McHattie – City Business
Councillors T. Jackson, R. Pasuta – Vacation

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **Hamilton Police Services Board Report PSB 13-048(a) respecting Potential Relocation of Concession Street Community Policing Centre (CPC) (Item 5.1)**

   (Powers/Partridge)
   That Hamilton Police Services Board Report PSB13-048(a) respecting “Potential Relocation of Concession Street Community Policing Centre (CPC)” be received.  
   CARRIED

2. **Hamilton Police Service Monthly Reports (PSB 13-070 and PSB 13-079) (Item 5.2)**

   (Powers/Partridge)
   That Hamilton Police Service Month Reports PSB13-070 and PSB13-079 be received.  
   CARRIED
3. Hamilton Police Service Awards (PSB 13-069) (Item 5.3)

(Powers/Partridge)
That Report PSB13-069 respecting “Hamilton Police Service Awards” be received.  CARRIED

4. Amended Municipality Contribution Agreement with the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (FCS12093(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(Powers/Partridge)
That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign and execute the Amended and Restated Municipality Contribution Agreement (MCA) between the City of Hamilton (the “Municipality”) and the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) as outlined in Appendix “A” to Report FCS12093(a).  CARRIED

5. Request from John McGreal to Place King George Public School on the City’s Register of Significant Buildings (Item 4.3)

(Bratina/Johnson)
That King George Public School be added to the City’s Register of Significant Buildings in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act.  CARRIED

6. Emergency Management Program and Response (CS13037) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Pearson/Ferguson)
That Report CS13037 respecting “Emergency Management Program and Response” be received.  CARRIED

7. Analysis of Provincial Upload Savings (Outstanding Business List Item) (FCS13060) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Pearson/Johnson)
That Report FCS13060 respecting “Analysis of Provincial Upload Savings” be received.  CARRIED

8. 2014 Tax Budget Preliminary Outlook (FCS13062) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

(Johnson/Collins)
That Report FCS13062 respecting “2014 Tax Budget Preliminary Outlook” be received.  CARRIED
9. Metrolinx Investment Strategy Update (FCS13002(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Ferguson/Johnson)
That Report FCS13002(a) respecting “Metrolinx Investment Strategy Update” be received. CARRIED

10. Chedoke Estate – 1 Balfour Drive, Hamilton (PED13153) (Ward 8) (Item 8.3)

(Whitehead/Merulla)
(a) That staff be directed to access $16,000 from the Balfour Estate Trust - Chedoke Reserve #120010 to cover maintenance costs of the Chedoke Estate incurred in 2013;

(b) That an enhancement, in the amount of $20,000 to the Tourism and Culture Division’s base budget, be referred to the 2014 operating budget process for the maintenance of the Chedoke Estate;

(c) That staff be directed to work with the Ontario Heritage Trust on a future use of the property and buildings, including a revenue source for property maintenance costs, and report back to the General Issues Committee. CARRIED

11. Tactical Urbanism Hamilton Partnership (CM13015/PW13068) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(Partridge/Powers)
(a) That the City of Hamilton contribute $15,000 to assist Tactical Urbanism Hamilton with the development of outreach, engagement and communication resources;

(b) That staff be directed to develop an agreement, prior to the release of funds, between the City and the Hamilton/Burlington Society of Architects to establish a collaborative partnership in support of Tactical Urbanism Hamilton, such agreement to be brought back to the General Issues Committee for approval. CARRIED

12. Canadian Comedy Foundation for Excellence – 2014-2018 (PED13169) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)

(Ferguson/Johnson)
13. Hamilton Police Service 2014 Budget

(Collins/Merulla)
That representatives from the Hamilton Police Service be invited to attend the November 26, 2013 meeting of the General Issues Committee to provide preliminary information and commence dialogue with respect to their 2014 budget. **CARRIED**

14. Transfer of Operation of Concession Stands at City-operated Facilities

(Collins/Merulla)
That staff report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee with respect to the status of the direction to staff to investigate the feasibility of transferring the operation of concession stands at City-operated facilities to volunteer organizations and associations. **CARRIED**

15. Alleyway Encroachment – 14 James Street North, Hamilton (PW12059(b))/LS12021(b))

(Ferguson/Whitehead)
That Report PW12059(b)/LS12021 respecting Alleyway Encroachment – 14 James Street North, Hamilton be received and the contents remain confidential. **CARRIED**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**

**CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES**

Richard Koroscil, Chair of the 2014 United Way Campaign, addressed the Committee with respect to the 2014 United Way and the need that exists in the community for the programs that are provided by the United Way through its various organizations and community members. He thanked the City of Hamilton for their continued support of the United Way and recognized the efforts of the City’s team of employees who volunteer their time toward the campaign.

(a) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes:
ADDED DELEGATION REQUEST

4.3 Delegation Request from John McGreal to request that King George Public School be placed on the City’s Register of Significant Buildings

ADDED DISCUSSION ITEM

8.5 Canadian Comedy Foundation for Excellence – 2014-2018 (PED13169) (City Wide)

ADDED NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 On-Line Survey Audit of Queen Street South and Cannon Street

10.2 James Street North Road Closure for Art Crawl – Annually from May to November

10.3 Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee – Establishment of Council Priorities

ADDED PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

12.2 Alleyway Encroachment – 14 James Street North (Ward 2) (PW13059(b)/LS12021(b))

Pursuant to Sub-sections 8.1(c), (e) and (f) of the City of Hamilton Procedural By-law and Section 239.2 of the Municipal Act as the subject matter pertains to: (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City purposes; (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City; and, (f) the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

(Ferguson/Pearson)
That the agenda for the September 18, 2013 meeting of the General Issues Committee be approved as amended. CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Item 3.1)

(Bratina/Partridge)
That the Minutes of the General Issues Committee Meeting held on September 5 and 9, 2013 be approved as presented. CARRIED
(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

(i) Request from Laura Babcock, Powergroup Communications Inc., “Time4Sign” Campaign, to request a complete gateway study and erect welcome signs on highway entrances to the City by Pan Am Games (Item 4.1)

(Merulla/Collins)
That the delegation request from Laura Babcock, Powergroup Communications Inc., “Time4Sign” Campaign, be approved and the rules of order be waived in order to allow Ms. Babcock to address the Committee at today’s meeting. CARRIED

(ii) Request from Martyn Kendrick, Culture of Peace, UN Affiliate/UNESCO, to request/suggest that Hamilton build on its reputation as a City exploring sustainability and healthy communities by supporting the establishment of Labyrinth Peace Gardens in neighbourhoods across the region (Item 4.2)

(Bratina/Pearson)
That the delegation request from Martyn Kendrick, Culture of Peace, UN Affiliate/UNESCO, to appear before the Committee be approved. CARRIED

(iii) Delegation Request from John McGreal to request that King George Public School be placed on the City’s Register of Significant Buildings (Item 4.3)

Tim McCabe, General Manager of Planning and Economic Development, clarified for the Committee the process that is in place when a request for a demolition permit is submitted relative to the request made by Mr. McGreal with respect to King George Public School.

See Item 5 for the disposition of this item.

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

(i) Laura Babcock, Powergroup Communications Inc., “Time4Sign” Campaign, to request a complete gateway study and erect welcome signs on highway entrances to the City by Pan Am Games (Item 4.1)

Laura Babcock appeared before the Committee to request that Council complete a signage project that was started eleven years ago, and that “welcome” signs into the City be up before the Pan Am Games in 2015..
Ms. Babcock showed photos of a number of “welcome” signs to various cities throughout the Province which can be viewed on the City’s website. The Committee was also distributed with the “Civic Gateway Design Study” taken from the City’s Planning and Economic Development website.

Ms. Babcock provided a copy of her comments to the Clerk for the public record.

(Pearson/Partridge)
That the presentation from Laura Babcock, Powergroup Communications Inc., “Time4Sign” Campaign, to request a complete gateway study and erect welcome signs on highway entrances to the City by Pan Am Games.

Entrance and/or Gateway Signage – City of Hamilton

(Merulla/Collins)
Whereas, the City of Hamilton has completed studies in 2001, 2007 and 2008 to examine the importance of gateways features and signage for the City of Hamilton; and,

Whereas, the City of Hamilton has responsibility over a number of signs it has at major entrances and on rural minor entrances; and,

Whereas, during the 2003 World Cycling Championships and Canadian Golf Open the City of Hamilton did add slogans to signage at major and minor entrances; and,

Whereas, the City of Hamilton will be hosting international soccer as part of the 2015 Pan-American/Para Pan-American Games over a two week span; and,

Whereas, there will be international media present for the 2015 Pan-American/Para Pan-American Games.

Therefore be it resolved:

That the City Manager, in conjunction with Public Works and Planning and Economic Development staff, be directed to report back on both a short- and long-term plan to address entrance and/or gateway signage in an effort to improve the branding and promotion of the City of Hamilton.  

CARRIED
(f) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Emergency Management Program and Response (CS13037) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Chief Rob Simonds appeared before the Committee to provide an update on the City’s Emergency Management Program and Response and emergency management and efforts made to date. This is the first of two updates and Councillors have been invited to attend a full field exercise on October 3.

Chief Simonds introduced Carla McCracken and Gina Cliffe, the City’s Emergency Co-ordinators, and acknowledged their work in the community.

Chief Simonds provided a PowerPoint presentation and spoke to the following:

- Legislation
- Program Support and Evolution
- Planning: Key Plans; link with community partners to co-ordinate planning efforts
- Training and Exercises
- Public Awareness/Education
- Emergency Response and Structure
- Site Resources
- Department Operations Centres in Public Works, Public Health and Community and Emergency Services and staffing resources
- Emergency Operations Centre
- EOC Responsibilities
- City Response
- Action Planning Process
- Policy Group

At the conclusion of his presentation, Chief Simonds recognized the work of all of the staff across the City involved in emergency management activities.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available for viewing on the City of Hamilton website.

(Whitehead/Collins)
That the presentation respecting the Emergency Management Program and Response be received.  

CARRIED
(ii) Analysis of Provincial Upload Savings (Outstanding Business List Item) (FCS13060) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

Mike Zegarac, Acting General Manager of Corporate Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation to present additional information respecting the difference in variance reporting between the Province and the City, and spoke to the following:

- Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review
- Municipal Fiscal Health Indictors
- Upload Timeline
- OMPF/Special Provincial Funding
- Social Services Upload vs. Grant Clawback: 2008-2013
- Upload Savings - $67.2M Variance
- Upload – Beyond 2013
- Provincially-shared Programs not Uploaded

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available for viewing on the City of Hamilton website.

(Johnson/Partridge)
That the presentation respecting Analysis of Provincial Upload Savings be received. CARRIED

(iii) 2014 Tax Budget Preliminary Outlook (FCS13062) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

Mike Zegarac, Acting General Manager of Corporate Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation in the context of what has been achieved during this term of Council in terms of managing the City’s tax impact while maintaining service levels and providing incremental funding to enhance program areas.

The purpose of this presentation is to provide a preliminary outlook for the 2014 budget in terms of guidelines, as well as outline the process for the balance of the 2014 budget schedule.

Mr. Zegarac provided a PowerPoint presentation and spoke to the following:

- Historical budgets and tax impacts:
  - Average Residential Tax Impacts 2011-2013
  - City Departments – How did we get there?
  - Annual City-wide Residential Tax Impact
  - Annual City-wide Residential Tax Impacts adjusted for inflation
  - Municipal Comparison
o Average Tax Impacts
  o 2013 Average Residential Tax Bill

• 2014 Tax Budget Preliminary Pressures
  o 2014 Preliminary Pressures/Risks
  o 2014 Preliminary Tax Impact
  o City Departments: Compensation
  o City Departments: Operating Impact of Capital Projects
  o City Departments: Corporate/Other
  o Boards and Agencies
  o Capital
  o Council-Referred Items
  o Highlight of Other Potential Risks
  o Provincial Impacts

• 2014 Tax Budget Guidelines
  o 2014 Approved Budget Guidelines

• Potential SDR/Other Reductions to Mitigate 2014 Budget
  o Reducing the Residential Tax Impact

• 2014 Budget Schedule
  o Reducing the Residential Tax Impact

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available for viewing on the City of Hamilton website.

(Johnson/Ferguson)
That the presentation respecting 2014 Tax Budget Preliminary Outlook be received. CARRIED

(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Future of Hamilton Children’s Museum (PED13152) (Ward 3) (Item 8.2)

(Merulla/Whitehead)
That the recommendation contained in Report PED13152 respecting the Future of the Hamilton Children’s Museum be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following in lieu thereof:

That due to the significant structural issues at the Hamilton Children’s Museum, staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of Alternatives 1 and 2 as follows (and as outlined in Report PED13152), and report back to the General Issues Committee:
(aa) Alternative 1: Move directly to developing a new facility within Gage Park as identified in the Gage Park Master Plan and open a temporary Children’s Museum while new facility is under construction.

(bb) Alternative 2: Complete structural repairs to the existing facility and re-open.  

(h) MOTIONS

(i) James Street North Road Closure for Art Crawl – Annually from May to November (Item 10.2)

That the appropriate staff report back to the General Issues Committee on the feasibility of closing James Street North, between King William Street and Barton Street, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on the second Friday of Each month between May and November for the Art Crawl event(s).  

CARRIED

(i) NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) On-Line Survey Audit of Queen Street South and Cannon Street (Item 10.1)

That funds in the amount of $8,500 be approved from the Ward 2 Area Rating Special Capital Reinvestment Reserve Account No. 108052 to fund an on-line survey audit of Queen Street South and Cannon Street conducted by the Centre of Community Study.

(ii) James Street North Road Closure for Art Crawl – Annually from May to November (Item 10.2)

Whereas safety is the primary concern on City streets; and,

Whereas the numbers of people at the monthly Art Crawl event continues to increase due to its popularity and is often attended by many thousands; and,

Whereas the monthly Art Crawls are generic in nature, with no organizer or organizing committee.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the appropriate staff report back to the General Issues Committee on the feasibility of closing James Street North, between King William Street and Barton Street, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on the second Friday of Each month between May and November for the Art Crawl event(s).
(Collins/Merulla)  
That the rules of order be waived in order to introduce a motion with respect to James Street North Road Closure for Art Crawl – Annually from May to November.  
CARRIED

See Information Item (h)(i) for the disposition of this item.

(iv) Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee – Establishment of Council Priorities

Whereas, Mayor R. Bratina, Councillor S. Merulla and the City Manager met with area M.P.s and M.P.P.s in early 2013 to discuss Council’s Strategic Priorities; and,

Whereas, Council approved direction for a Government Relations Strategy in February 2013, and have expressed interest in playing a role in conjunction with the Mayor and City Manager; and,

Whereas, Council has expressed its priorities through its current Strategic Plan; and.

Whereas, the Government of Ontario expressed its priorities in a May 2013 Throne Speech; and,

Whereas, the Government of Canada will be expressing its priorities in an October 16, 2013 Throne Speech; and,

Whereas, there is one year left in this Council’s mandate, creating a sense of urgency.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

(a) That a special meeting of the Fairness to Hamilton Committee be called as soon as possible to prepare recommendations on Council priorities in order to engage the Provincial and Federal Governments, and to begin organizing a Hamilton Day at Queen’s Park in November 2013, and a plan to join the FCM advocacy days in Ottawa at the end of November 2013;

(b) That a special General Issues Committee meeting be established to review and finalize the Fairness to Hamilton Committee recommendations, keeping in mind the need to act in November 2013;

(c) That in order to engage all of Council, that each Councillor be requested to express their interest and expertise in one or more Council priorities to the Mayor and City Manager by October 25, 2013.
(j) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11.1)

(i) Outstanding Business Items List

(Johnson/Whitehead)

(aa) That the due date for the following item on the Outstanding Business List be revised as follows:

Item J: HPS Forensic Building
Due Date: Q4 2012
Revised Due Date: Q4 2013

Item O: Residential Water/Wastewater Warranty Protection Plan
Due Date: September 18, 2013
Revised Due Date: Q2 2014

Item II: Provincial Offences Administration Court House P/T Temporary Location Options
Due Date: September 18, 2013
Revised Due Date: November 20, 2013

Item JJ: Provincial Offences Administration Court House Long-Term Location Option
Due Date: September 18, 2013
Revised Due Date: November 20, 2013 CARRIED

(bb) Items to be removed from Outstanding Business List:

(Johnson/Powers)

That the following items be deemed complete and removed from the Outstanding Business List:

Item H: 2012 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Allocations
Item C: Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund – Variances (2012 Budget Deliberation) (GIC – September 18, 2013)

Item PP: MOA with HWDSB for new school/community centre in Pan Am Stadium Precinct (GIC – September 5, 2013)

(k) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

(Partridge/Ferguson)

That the Committee move into closed Session at 2:37 p.m. pursuant to Subsections (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the City of Hamilton Procedural By-law and Section 239.2 of the Municipal Act as the subject matters pertain to:
(d) labour relations or employee negotiations respecting City of Hamilton and Hamilton Professional Firefighters Association Local 228 Collective Fire Bargaining – Verbal Update (No copy) (Item 12.1)

and

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City purposes;

(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City;

(f) the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose respecting Alleyway Encroachment - 14 James North (PW12059b/LS12021b) (Ward 2) (Item 12.2)

CARRIED

The Committee reconvened in Open Session at 3:00 p.m.

12.1 City of Hamilton and Hamilton Professional Firefighters Association Local 228 Collective Fire Bargaining – Verbal Update

No action to be reported.

12.2 Alleyway Encroachment - 14 James North (PW12059b/LS12021b) (Ward 2)

See Item 15 for the disposition of this item.

(I) ADJOURNMENT

(Powers/Partridge)

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

Councillor J. Farr
Deputy Mayor

Councillor S. Duvall
Acting Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk