Present: A. Samson (Chair), M. Stark (Vice-Chair), and M. Shurvin

Absent with regrets: P. Bruckler and B. Wade, other commitment

Also Present: I. Bedioui, City Clerk’s Office

The meeting was called to order.

1. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

   The Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda.

   (a) Copy of AMCTO Seminar hand-out respecting Delegation of Powers and Duties (Added Item 4.4)

   (b) Copy of the amended legislation (Municipal Act) respecting the Delegation of Powers and Duties (Added Item 4.5)

   (c) Added written submissions from:

       9. Lorna Johnston, Ancaster
       10. Daniel Rodrigues, Hamilton
       11. Joyce Nisbet, Troy
       12. Ronald Ellis, Cambridge
       13. Catherine McMaster, Troy
       14. Catherine Beattie
       15. Aznive Mallett, Ancaster
       16. Stan Nowak, Dundas

   (d) Proposed Meeting with Andrew Sancton (No copy) (Added Item 6.1)

   (e) Request from Councillor Brian McHattie that the Task Force meet with Wards 1 and 2 Neighbourhood Associations. (Copy attached) (Added Item 6.2)

   (Shurvin/Stark)

   That the agenda be approved as amended.

   **CARRIED**
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES
(Stark/Shurvin)
That the Minutes of the May 22, 2007 Community Councils Task Force meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
4.1 Questions for Minister Gerretsen
The Task Force agreed to submit the following questions to Minister Gerretsen in order that he can provide the answers at the June 19, 2007 meeting:

1. What is Minister Gerretsen’s vision with respect to the amended legislation?
2. Is the legislation deliberately vague?
3. Are there absolute powers that can be delegated?
4. Are there any regulations restricting or imposing conditions on the Municipal powers (i.e. powers of the O.M.B.)?
5. Does the Community Councils structure need to be across the board? (Communities are different. The City is not homogeneous. Areas have separate needs.)
6. Would the Minister read the Task Force’s Report and consider putting his stamp of approval on it?
7. What are other jurisdictions doing with respect to establishing Community Councils?
8. Has the City of Sudbury established Community Councils?
9. Confirm what powers cannot be delegated to Community Councils.
10. What is the history of Community Councils? Did they exist before?
11. Can the members of Community Councils be elected? How would the Minister suggest electing Community Council members?

It was noted that the meeting will be open to the public.
4.2 Copy of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Task Force mandate for information

A discussion ensued with respect to the pros and cons of establishing separate rural and urban community councils. It was acknowledged that there would be some overlap and each would have a relatively narrow scope. An alternative would be to appoint an agriculture/rural representative on the community councils where appropriate.

The Chair indicated that he envisioned something similar to the school board structure where there was an east and west component.

4.3 List of the types of businesses licensed by the City for information

It was noted that business licensing is a local issue but there are complicated factors involved (i.e. zoning, inability to prohibit, etc.)

4.4 Copy of AMCTO Seminar hand-out respecting Delegation of Powers and Duties (Added Item)

For information

4.5 Copy of the amended legislation (Municipal Act) respecting the Delegation of Powers and Duties (Added Item)

For information

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Written Submissions received at time of meeting:

1. David Hitchcock, Hamilton
2. George Sorger, McMaster University
3. Irene Johnston
4. Alasdair Rathbone
5. Colleen Wicken, Hamilton
6. Brock Criger, Hamilton
7. Stan Haworth, Carlisle
8. Ancaster Community Committee
9. Lorna Johnston, Ancaster
10. Daniel Rodrigues, Hamilton
11. Joyce Nisbet, Troy
12. Ronald Ellis, Cambridge
13. Catherine McMaster, Troy
14. Catherine Beattie
15. Aznive Mallett, Ancaster
16. Stan Nowak, Dundas
The Task Force noted that except for submissions number 3 and 7, all indicated that they support the establishment of community councils.

The Task Force agreed that a list be established from the submissions as follows: selection/election, geographic area of community council, what powers can be delegated, budget and term.

A discussion followed on how the Community Councils can be delegated real powers. It was acknowledged that being elected rather than appointed would provide the members with powers and bodies such as the Conservation Authorities and Land Divisions have powers. Advisory bodies have limited powers but commenting agencies have greater powers.

6. NEXT STEPS

6.1 Proposed Meeting with Andrew Sancton (No copy) (Added Item)

The Chair advised the Task Force that Professor Andrew Sancton would be available to meet with them on June 26, 2007. The Task Force agreed that 2:00 p.m. would be a good time.

The Legislative Assistant was requested to contact Professor Sancton to confirm the meeting date and time and send him all the information on file to date and ask that he compile some ideas from the written submissions and provide some of his own ideas with respect to the issue of Community Councils. Also, the Task Force requested that he provide some comments on a proposed mandate for the Community Councils.

6.2 Request from Councillor Brian McHattie that the Task Force meet with Wards 1 and 2 Neighbourhood Associations. (Copy attached) (Added Item)

The Task Force agreed to meet with the neighbourhood associations, preferably with both at the same time if possible. The Legislative Assistant was requested to arrange the meeting.

6.3 Future meetings (Added Item)

The next meeting of the Task Force will be Tuesday, June 19, 2007 in Room 110 at 12:00 noon at which time the Task Force will be meeting with Minister Gerretsen and Ted McMeeken, M.P.P.

After receiving input from Professor Sancton, the Task Force will prepare a framework which will include a proposed selection/election process, what powers will be delegated, the geographic area of the community councils, a
budget and term of community councils. A public meeting will be held to present the framework and hear delegations. The target date for the public meetings is the first week of September, 2007.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Samson, Chair
Community Councils Task Force

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Assistant
Community Councils Task Force
June 12, 2007