MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL……………………………………………..

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR………………………………………………

Re: Item 10 – Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Report 06-001 respecting The Multiple Unit Water Metering Policy -Amendment

Whereas, City Council approved the Multiple Unit Water Metering Policy in January 2006 in accordance with report PW06006, whereby the new Water Metering Policy came into effect on February 15, 2006, and;

Whereas, Master water meters are now required to be installed at the point of entry to private property and sub-meters are required to be installed for multiple tenants or Multiple unit residential dwellings, and;

Whereas, this policy can add up to $1000/unit or more to the cost of multi-unit residential dwellings,

Therefore, be it resolved:

That subsections (a) and (b) of Item 10 be deleted in their entirety and replaced with the following in lieu thereof:

“(a) That the General Manager of Pubic Works be authorized and directed to implement the Industrial, Commercial, Institutional (ICI) and Multiple Unit Residential Water Metering Policy. attached hereto as Appendix A, for the installation and maintenance of master water meters and sub-meters in Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (hereinafter referred to as ICI) sites with multiple tenants or multiple unit residential dwellings within the City of Hamilton and that this policy come into effect October 25, 2006;

(b) That Waterworks By-law R84-026 (as amended) be further amended to implement the new Industrial, Commercial, Institutional (ICI) and Multiple Unit Residential Water Metering Policy”
The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all ICI or Multi Unit Residential sites within the City of Hamilton are metered for water in an effective and efficient manner while increasing the level of customer service offered by the City staff.

Application:
All ICI sites shall be mandated to install a master meter for the combined potable and fire service line. If multiple units exist within the site, all sub services for each unit shall be mandated to have a satellite meter installed also.

Horizontal multi unit residential – All horizontal multi unit residential developments, (including stacked townhouses), do not require a master meter for the site. Each unit shall be mandated to have individual meters installed within each unit.

Vertical multi unit residential – All vertical multi unit residential developments shall be mandated to install a master meter for the development. Satellite meters are optional, and if chosen can be installed on each individual water service, upon application and completion of the development agreement for individual water meters in vertical buildings.

General Requirements:
All meter settings must meet current City of Hamilton specifications with respect to distances, valve arrangements, bypasses, care, and access. All sub settings in vertical multi unit buildings must be installed in a common area within the floor level that the meters are servicing. Settings in horizontal multi-unit buildings may be in each unit.
| **NEW CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS:** | provided reading devices are located in one standard location. |
| **RENOVATION REQUIREMENTS:** | All newly constructed buildings and complexes within the City of Hamilton shall be subject to the provisions of this policy beginning November 15, 2005. (amended October 25, 2006) |
| **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS:** | Any property substantially renovated on or after November 15, 2005, (amended October 25, 2006) shall be subject to the terms of this policy. |
| **RATES:** | Any existing property owner shall make application to the Superintendent of Service Coordination if they wish to be part of the new policy. |
| **RATES:** | All rates for services provided shall be subject to the rates established under schedule G of Waterworks By-law R84-026 (as amended). |