**CITY OF HAMILTON**

**PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
Economic Development Division

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| COMMITTEE DATE: | September 19, 2012 |

| SUBJECT/REPORT NO: | Economic Development Advisory Committee (PED12176)  |
|                   | (City Wide)       |

| SUBMITTED BY:     | Tim McCabe            |
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**RECOMMENDATION**

(a) That the City’s current Economic Development Advisory Committee be dissolved.

(b) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff investigate and report back to the General Issues Committee with respect to the potential of establishing an ad hoc Business Development Advisory Committee, building on the success of the Open for Business Task Force.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of Report PED12176 is to formally disband the Economic Development Advisory Committee that was established by the Jobs Prosperity Collaborative and the City of Hamilton in 2008. This committee only met a total of 5 times, with the last meeting being held on February 25, 2010.

*Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 3*
FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (for Recommendation(s) only)

Financial: N/A
Staffing: N/A
Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (Chronology of events)

One of the actions that originated from the formation of the Jobs Prosperity Collaborative (JPC) in 2008, and its receipt of annual funding from the City of Hamilton, was the establishment of an Economic Development Advisory Committee. The mandate of the committee was to advise City Council on any matters as may be referred to the Advisory Committee from time to time by City Council, its Standing Committees or staff of the City of Hamilton.

In working in the form of a true collaborative, the Advisory Committee and the Jobs Prosperity Collaborative were to advise City Council on policies, procedures and strategic directions that should be considered for the purpose of fostering and advancing economic and business opportunities and the promotion of the City of Hamilton.

The Committee’s membership included the Mayor, 2 Councillors, 3 representatives from the JPC, 1 representative from each of the Chamber of Commerce and the Hamilton Halton Home Builders’ Association, as well as 1 from each of Hamilton’s targeted sectors.

In total, five meetings were convened from September 25, 2008 to February 25, 2010. Although the advice and guidance received was valuable, unfortunately, attendance was sporadic and quorum was often difficult to achieve.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

N/A
With the official dissolution of the Jobs Prosperity Collaborative (JPC) in the first quarter of 2012, and the fact that the Economic Development Advisory Committee has not met since February 25, 2010, the decision to dissolve the committee was necessary.

That the formation of an ad hoc Business Development Advisory Committee be investigated by City staff and the results reviewed by both Senior Management Team and the Department Management Team of the Planning & Economic Development Department. Building on the success of the Open for Business Task Force, staff will explore the merits of engaging a diverse representation of the business community on an “as needed” basis to provide input into major business related issues, policies, small business development, marketing programs, work plans, strategic plans, etc. in Hamilton.


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