General Issues Committee
MINUTES
9:30 a.m.
Monday, May 9, 2011
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

Also Present:
C. Murray, City Manager
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
G. Davis, General Manager, Public Works
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning & Economic Development
J. A. Priel, General Manager, Social & Community Services
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
H. Hale Tomasik, Executive Director, Human Resources & Organizational Development
P. Barkwell, City Solicitor
C. Biggs, Co-ordinator, Committee Services/Council/Budgets

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. City of Hamilton v Attorney General of Canada et al, Ontario Superior Court Action No. C-383/04 (LS04021(c)) (City Wide) (Item 12.5)
   (Ferguson/Pearson)
   (a) That Report LS04021(c) respecting City of Hamilton v Attorney General of Canada et al, Ontario Superior Court Action No. C-383/04 be received;
   (b) That Report LS04021(c) remain confidential. CARRIED
2. Cannon Knitting Mills – Brownfield Pilot Project Fund (PED11086) (Ward 2) (Item 5.2)

(Morelli/Merulla)

a) That Hamilton Realty Capital Corporation be approved for funding under the ERASE Municipal Acquisition and Partnership Program (MAPP) – Brownfield Pilot Project in the amount of $13,335.

b) That the $13,335 be charged to Brownfield Pilot Project Capital Account #3620155102 which is funded from the 20% portion of increased tax generated, and not returned to applicants through the ERASE Redevelopment Grant program.

CARRIED

3. Max Aicher North America Limited – Brownfield Pilot Project Fund (PED11085) (Ward 3) (Item 5.3)

(Morelli/Merulla)

(a) That Max Aicher North America Limited (MANA) be approved for funding under the ERASE Municipal Acquisition and Partnership Program (MAPP) – Brownfield Pilot Project in the amount of $201,741.15;

(b) That the $201,741.15 be charged to Brownfield Pilot Project Capital Account #3620155102 which is funded from the 20% portion of increased tax generated, and not returned to applicants through the ERASE Redevelopment Grant program.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Surplus Property and Sale of Land to 2128197 Ontario Inc. (Kinderville Pre-School) – Part of 0 Glenhollow Drive, Hamilton (PED11090) (Ward 9) (Item 5.4)

(Morelli/Merulla)

(a) That a vacant parcel of land described as Part(s) 1 & 2 on Plan RC-S-722, municipally known as Part of 0 Glenhollow Drive, shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED11090, be declared surplus to the requirements of the City of Hamilton in accordance with the “Procedural By-law for the Sale of Land”, being By-law No. 04-299;

(b) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development and Real Estate Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to negotiate the sale of the subject lands shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED11090, to the abutting land owner, 2128197 Ontario Inc. (Kinderville Pre-School) at fair market value;
(c) That the City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute and issue a Certificate of Compliance for this transaction in the form prescribed pursuant to Section 268 of the Municipal Act, incorporating the following, if required:

(i) That the subject lands be declared surplus by inclusion in this Report to Council; and,

(ii) That in accordance with the approved methods of giving Notice to the Public in the Real Property Sales Procedural By-law No. 04-299, Section 12(a) (6), sufficient notice to the public is given by way of this Report to City Council. CARRIED

5. Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School. Board (HWCDSB) Surplus Land – Located at 30 Church Street, described as Part Lot 21, Concession Broken Front Saltfleet, former Township of Saltfleet, designated as Part 1, Plan 62R-1236, now City of Hamilton (PED11077) (Ward 10) (Item 5.5)

(Pearson/Clark)

(a) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development and Real Estate Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to advise the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDSB) that the City of Hamilton would only have an interest in acquiring the lands for a nominal sum of $1.00 to preserve the environmental features on the subject lands located at 30 Church Street, legally described as Part Lot 21, Concession Broken Front Saltfleet, former Township of Saltfleet, designated as Part 1, Plan 62R-1236, now City of Hamilton, as shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED11077;

(b) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development and Real Estate Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to advise the HWCDSB of the City’s requirements to the development of the site as contained in the “Relevant Consultation” Section, more particularly outlined in Appendix “B” attached to Report PED11077, should the HWCDSB not be in agreement to the transfer of the land to the City of Hamilton for a nominal sum of $1.00;

(c) That the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority be advised that the City of Hamilton has an interest in the HWCDSB surplus lands as outlined in Recommendations (a) and (b) to Report PED11077. CARRIED
6. Hamilton-Wentworth District School board (HWDSB) Surplus Land – Located at 0 Frances Avenue, described as Part Lot 21, Concession Broken Front Saltfleet, former Township of Saltfleet, designated as Part 3, 62R-1236, except Part 2, Plan 62R-5033, now City of Hamilton (PED11071) (Ward 10) (Item 5.6)

(Pearson/Clark)
(a) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development and Real Estate Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to advise the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) that the City of Hamilton would only have an interest in acquiring the land located at 0 Frances Avenue for a nominal sum of $1.00, legally described as Part Lot 21, Concession Broken Front Saltfleet, former Township of Saltfleet, designated as Part 3, 62R-1236, except Part 2, 62R-5033 now City of Hamilton, as shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED11071;

(b) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development and Real Estate Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to advise the HWDSB of the City’s requirements to the development of the site as contained in the “Relevant Consultation” Section, more particularly outlined in Appendix “B” attached to Report PED11071, should the HWDSB not be in agreement to the transfer of the land to the City of Hamilton for a nominal sum of $1.00.

CARRIED

7. 2011 Tax Policies (FCS11046) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Partridge/Pearson)
(a) That the following optional property classes be continued for the 2011 taxation year:
   - New Multi-Residential
   - Parking Lot and Vacant Land
   - Large Industrial

(b) That, based on the 2011 final approved tax operating budget, the following final tax ratios be established for the 2011 taxation year:
   - Residential 1.0000
   - Multi-Residential 2.7400
   - New Multi-Residential 1.0000
   - Commercial (residual) 1.9800
   - Parking Lot & Vacant Land 1.9800
   - Industrial (residual) 3.2690
   - Large Industrial 3.8333
• Pipeline  1.7367
• Farm  0.2028
• Managed Forest  0.2500

(c) That the following tax reductions be established for the 2011 taxation year:
• Excess land subclass (residual commercial)  30%
• Excess land subclass (residual industrial)  30%
• Vacant land subclass (residual industrial)  30%
• Excess land subclass (large industrial)  30%
• Farmland awaiting development (1st subclass)  25%
• Farmland awaiting development (2nd subclass)  0%

(d) That the existing property tax relief deferral program for low-income seniors and disabled persons be continued for the 2011 taxation year;

(e) That the existing 40% tax rebate for eligible charities and similar organizations be continued for the 2011 taxation year;

(f) That the existing 30% vacancy rebate for eligible commercial and industrial properties be continued for the 2011 taxation year;

(g) That the existing Senior’s (65+) Tax Rebate Program be continued, with the following criteria updated for the 2011 taxation year:
   (i) **Income threshold (150% of GIS couple)** increased to $31,464 ($31,030 in 2010);
   (ii) **Assessment cap (120% of city-wide average)** increased to $316,600 ($299,800 in 2010);
   (iii) **Rebate** increased by the CPI index to $165 ($161 in 2010);

(h) That, for the 2011 taxation year, the tax capping percentage for any assessment-related tax increases in the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property classes be set at the maximum allowable of 10%;

(i) That, for the 2011 taxation year, any capped property in the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property classes that is within $250 of its Current Value Assessment (CVA) of taxes in 2011, be moved directly to its full Current Value Assessment (CVA) of taxes;

(j) That, for the 2011 taxation year, the minimum percentage of Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes for properties eligible for the new construction / new to class treatment be set at 100% of Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes;
(k) That for the 2011 taxation year, any property in the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property class which paid full Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes in 2010, no longer be eligible for capping protection in 2011 and future years;

(l) That, for the 2011 taxation year, all properties eligible for a tax reduction under the existing capping program receive the full decrease, funded from the approved capping program operating budget;

(m) That the City Solicitor & Corporate Counsel be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, for the purposes of establishing the tax policies and tax rates for the 2011 taxation year.

CARRIED

8. Labour Negotiations Update (Item 12.6)

(Ferguson/Clark)
That the verbal update from Lora Fontana with respect to the labour negotiations be received.

CARRIED

9. Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) Surplus Land – 301 Lewis Road (PED11077/CS11046) (Ward 11)

(McHattie/Johnson)
(a) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development and Real Estate Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to enter into negotiations with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) for their land being comprised of Part of Lot 7, Concession 2, Saltfleet, former City of Stoney Creek, now in the City of Hamilton, comprising an area of approximately 2.26 ha (5.58 acre), municipally known as 301 Lewis road, City of Hamilton, as shown on Appendix “A” to Report PED11076/CS11046;

(b) That the total acquisition be funded from the Parkland Dedication Reserve (104090);

(c) That the financial details of the acquisition outlined in appendix “C” of Report PED11076/CS211046 respecting “Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) Surplus Land 301 Lewis road remain confidential until the completion of the transaction and that the balance of Report PED11076/CS11046 not be released as a public document, following approval by City Council;

(d) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

ADDED DELEGATION REQUESTS

For Today’s Meeting

(i) Burke Austin, on behalf of Community Action Parkdale East, to express reviews about the Biosolids Master Plan and Liberty Energy’s proposal (Added as Item 4.8)

(ii) Wilson Nolan, Steve Ketler, Pete Bloom, Liberty Energy, respecting:

   (aa) Liberty Energy as an option for biosolids management
   (bb) Engineering aspects of the Liberty Energy proposal
   (cc) Financial risks of the Liberty Energy options
       (Added as Item 4.9)

(iii) Maureen Reilly, Sludge Watch, to discuss issues related to land application of Hamilton sewage sludge – Written submission attached (Added as Item 4.10)

(iv) Linda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton, respecting Liberty Energy (Added as Item 4.11)

(v) Stacey Long and Sherry Revesz, on behalf of Community Beach Turtle Ponds Association, respecting community concerns for turtle ponds and related purchase of property on Church Street and Frances Avenue (Added as Item 4.12)

For Future Meeting

(vi) abakar Cherif, Association Tchadienne de l’ontario, requesting technical support to complete the installation of traffic lights in the City of N’Djamena (Added as Item 4.13)

DELEGATION WITHDRAWN

6.4 Joe Finkle, Vice President (Education), MSU re: “Your City” Survey

ADDED PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

(vii) Labour Negotiations – Update (Added as Item 12.6)
(Merulla/Morelli)
That the agenda be approved, as amended. CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)
None

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
(Pearson/Ferguson)
That the Minutes of the April 11, 20, and 28 meetings of the General Issues Committee be approved, as presented. CARRIED

(d) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL
(Pearson/Clark)
That the Committee move into Closed Session at 9:35 a.m. pursuant to sub-sections 8.1(d) and (e) of the City’s Procedural By-law and the Municipal Act as the subject matters dealt with labour relations or employee negotiations and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the City with respect to the following:

(i) Labour Negotiations (Item 12.6)
(ii) City of Hamilton v Attorney General of Canada et al, Ontario Superior Court Action No. C-383/04 (LS04021(c)) (City Wide) (Item 12.5) CARRIED

(Pearson/Clark)
That the Committee reconvene in Open Session at 11:50 a.m. CARRIED

12.6 Labour Negotiations Update

Direction to staff was provided in camera.

12.5 City of Hamilton v Attorney General of Canada et al, Ontario Superior Court Action No. C-383/04 (LS04021(c)) (City Wide) (Item 12.5)

The Motion CARRIED on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: Clark, Collins, Ferguson, Jackson, Morelli, Partridge, Pasuta, Pearson, Whitehead
Total Yeas: 9
Nays: Bratina, Johnson, McHattie, Merulla, Powers
Total Nays: 5
Absent: Duvall, Farr
Total Absent: 2
(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(Whitehead/Pearson)

(i) That the following delegation requests be approved and that the rules of order be suspended to allow these delegations to address the Committee at today’s meeting:

(a) Burke Austin, on behalf of Community Action Parkdale East, to express reviews about the Biosolids Master Plan and Liberty Energy’s proposal (Added as Item 4.8)

(b) Wilson Nolan, Steve Ketler, Pete Bloom, Liberty Energy, respecting:

   (i) Liberty Energy as an option for biosolids management
   (ii) Engineering aspects of the Liberty Energy proposal
   (iii) Financial risks of the Liberty Energy options

(c) Maureen Reilly, Sludge Watch, to discuss issues related to land application of Hamilton sewage sludge – Written submission attached (Added as Item 4.10)

(d) Linda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton, respecting Liberty Energy (Added as Item 4.11)

(e) Stacey Long and Sherry Revesz, on behalf of Community Beach Turtle Ponds Association, respecting community concerns for turtle ponds and related purchase of property on Church Street and Frances Avenue (Added as Item 4.12).

(Powers/Pasuta)

(ii) That the following delegation requests be approved and scheduled for the next appropriate meeting of the General Issues Committee:

(f) abakar Cherif, Association Tchadienne de l’ontario, requesting technical support to complete the installation of traffic lights in the City of N’Djamena (Added as Item 4.13)

(f) CONSENT AGENDA

(i) Hamilton Police Services Board Monthly Report (PSB11021) (Item 5.1)

(Morelli/Merulla)

That the Hamilton Police Services Board Monthly Report (PSB11021) be received.
(g) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Bruce Wood, President/CEO, and Mel Hawkrigg, Chairman of the Board, Hamilton Port Authority, to provide Annual Report (Item 6.1)

Messrs Wood and Hawkrigg were in attendance to present to the Committee; however, due to urgent matters requiring the Committee’s immediate attention, Messrs. Wood and Hawkrigg were unable to present due to other commitments and will be rescheduled to the next appropriate meeting of the Committee.

(ii) Gudelia Morency, Office of the Independent Police Review Director, respecting the OIPRD mandate, outreach and education program (Item 6.2)

Ms. Morency was in attendance to present to the Committee; however, due to urgent matters requiring the Committee’s immediate attention, Ms. Morency was unable to provide her presentation and will be rescheduled to the next appropriate meeting of the Committee.

(iii) Belma Diamante, Canadian Ballet Youth Ensemble, respecting HECFO relative to service and costs at Hamilton Place (Item 6.3)

The Mayor advised that Ms. Diamante would not be presenting to the Committee today due to a death in her family. Ms. Diamante will be rescheduled to the next appropriate meeting of the Committee.

(iv) Ray Fullerton, respecting Biosolids Incinerator Proposals for the City of Hamilton (Item 6.5)

Ray Fullerton, a retired Dofasco engineer, introduced himself as an engaged citizen on this matter. With the assistance of power point, he provided a presentation to the Committee which included the following:

- Background – 38 years of experience in manufacturing processes
- Historical timeline – Incinerator – Fall, 2009/Spring, 2010
- Information sources – previous staff reports, presentations at Public Works Committee meetings; Liberty Energy website
- “Questions you should ponder”
- Triple Bottom Line assessment – environmentally responsible, financially sustainable, socially accountable
- Triple Bottom Line comparison – Parameter/City Incinerator/Liberty Incinerator/Triple Bottom Line concern
- Incinerator recommendation
- Stewardship decision – decision on biosolids management will impact the Triple Bottom Line
- Citizens Against Sludge
• Liberty Energy Proposal History
• Vote “NO” to Liberty Energy

Mr. Fullerton distributed a list of 19 questions as a result of his review of the Independent Peer Review and Financial Evaluation of City/Liberty Thermal Reduction Options for the Disposal of Biosolids Generated at Woodward WWTP, to be addressed to the authors of the report.

A copy of Mr. Fullerton’s power point presentation and the list of questions have been retained for the public record.

(Johnson/Powers)
That the presentation by Ray Fullerton respecting Biosolids Incinerator Proposals for the City of Hamilton, be received. CARRIED

(v) Burke Austin, on behalf of Community Action Parkdale East, to express reviews about the Biosolids Master Plan and Liberty Energy’s proposal (Added as Item 4.8)

Burke Austin spoke on behalf of Community Action Parkdale East respecting the long on-going issue of proposed biosolids incinerator on Woodward Avenue. Ms. Austin indicated that the group that she represents is in support of the Liberty Energy proposal, subject to certain conditions being complied with. Concerns will be addressed and dealt with in an appropriate and timely manner with the CLC that will be formed with Liberty Energy.

Ms. Austin asked that the Committee factor in all the costs and the environment and social impacts of continuing to proceed with a proposed incinerator at the WWTF, continuing to land apply our biosolids or partnering with Liberty Energy.

A copy of Ms. Austin’s comments was submitted to the City Clerk for the public record.

(Johnson/Bratina)
That the presentation by Burke Austin be received. CARRIED

(vi) Wilson Nolan, Steve Ketler, Pete Bloom, Liberty Energy, respecting:

(i) Liberty Energy as an option for biosolids management
(ii) Engineering aspects of the Liberty Energy proposal
(iii) Financial risks of the Liberty Energy options
(Added as Item 4.9)

Wilson Nolan spoke on behalf of the delegation.

• Multi-year and complex topic; lots of information about activity
Want to remind Council that the real issue respecting own plant or something else; as a private business, do plan to go forward with plan whether City is partner or not; issue becomes will there be one or two facilities in the City

Risk – would be best addressed in due diligence phase

Plant, design, construction and commissioning will be done by outside companies

Asking for conditional commitment to conditionally commit biosolids to the project subject to Liberty being able to obtain all necessary conditions to build, finance and operate the plant; no risk at all on the City’s part; Liberty is asking for opportunity to deliver to the City

Risk to the City on the part of a P3 arrangement (public private partnership); would be subject to the upside and downsize to the daily operational risk

What risk does the City take if technology does not work; will transfer to SNC Lavalin – engineering procurement contract

(Clark/Pearson)
That the presentation by Wilson Nolan be received. CARRIED

(vii) Maureen Reilly, Sludge Watch, to discuss issues related to land application of Hamilton sewage sludge – Written submission attached (Added as Item 4.10)

(Bratina/Partridge)
That the written comments submitted by Maureen Reilly, Sludge Watch, and circulated to the Committee, be received. CARRIED

(viii) Linda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton, respecting Liberty Energy (Added as Item 4.11)

Ms. Lukasik appeared before the Committee and with the assistance of power point, demonstrated Benzo(a)pyrene (g/year), mercury (kg/year), PM10 (kg/year), NOx (tonnes/year) and dioxin (g TEQ/year) emissions between the Liberty Energy Proposal and the proposed City facility.

- Have been following matter with great interest for a long time
- Focus in on concerns respecting larger facility
- Concern is the fact that from the start, Hamilton residents are living in a compromised air shed
- Hamilton is a “hot spot”
- Examples of some of the contaminants
- Kudos to wastewater division for work done to reduce levels of contaminants in sludge

A copy of the power point slides was submitted to the City Clerk for the public record.
That the presentation by Linda Lukasik on behalf of Environment Hamilton, be received.  

Stacey Long and Sherry Revesz, on behalf of Community Beach Turtle Ponds Association, respecting community concerns for turtle ponds and related purchase of property on Church Street and Frances Avenue (Added as Item 4.12) 

Stacey Long addressed the Committee. Her comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- want City to know very protective of community which is comprised of environmentally sensitive area
- migratory bird stopover area, rare breeding salamander and turtles
- stop destroying green spaces, stop filling in creeks, start looking a redevelopment of brownfields in the City
- not just ordinary lands; noted as rare by biologists
- need to protect these lands
- any additional questions can be sent to turtleponds@hotmail.com for response
- request that the City and Association have open dialogue with City and Province to sell lands back to City for $1

That the presentation by Stacey Long be received.  

May want to investigate with Federal and Provincial Governments for funding, Conservation Authorities
- Staff to provide additional costs/risks involved
- Stress to school board the restrictions of what the land can be used for
- Pursuing acquisition of lands would be taking on risk and liability as no developer would take on the asset
- Forwarded this matter to the Joint City/School Board Liaison Committee for further discussions re: funding

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Independent Peer Review and Financial Evaluation of City/Liberty Thermal Reduction Options for the Disposal of Biosolids Generated at Woodward WWTP (Item 7.1(a))

Joe Rinaldo and Peter Burrows of CH2MILL provided a power point presentation which included the following:
• Background and Process – Evaluation – limited to City-owned, operated and financed facility, Liberty P3 (one unit – City a 30% equity partner and co-owner) and Liberty Commercial (contractual agreement)

Evaluation
• The two processes – City and Liberty
• Woodward annual biosolids generation
• Technical assumptions
• Comparison of key technical assumptions
• Other key assumptions
• Maintenance downtime and storage capacity
• Capital facilities summary
• City/Liberty net electricity production and revenues

Findings and Results
• Total costs for each option to the City
• Breakdown of costs to the City for each option, excluding electricity revenues
• Triple Bottom Line summary
• Comparative Analysis to B&V – City Owned Project
• Annual Costs per Tonne
• Impact on Residential Ratepayers
• City Owned Option – Annual Cash Flows and Costs
• Liberty Commercial One Unit Option – Annual Cash Flows and Costs
• Liberty’s Commercial Offer
• Liberty P3 One Unit Option – Annual Cash Flows and Costs
• Liberty’s P3 One Unit Year 1 Offer
• Sensitivity Analysis on Total Costs
• Liberty P3 Two Unit Option

Concluding Comments
• Recommendations – Liberty Option/City Option
• Risk Mitigation – Lender’s Due Diligence

(Whitehead/Duvall)
That the presentation from Joe Rinaldo and Peter Burrows respecting the Independent Peer Review and Financial Evaluation of City/Liberty Thermal Reduction Options for the Disposal of Biosolids Generated at Woodward WWTP be received.  
CARRIED

(Whitehead/Johnson)
That further discussion on this matter and Item 7.1(b) respecting Business Review – Liberty Proposed Incinerator (PW07047(d)) be deferred to a future meeting of the General Issues Committee.  
CARRIED
(i) **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

(i) 2011 Tax Policies (FCS11046) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

**(Clark/Whitehead)**
That staff be directed to report back with options in terms of approaching the Government of Ontario to phase out or eliminate the legislated vacancy rate for empty businesses. **CARRIED**

(j) **PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

(i) Closed Session Minutes – April 11, 20 and 28, 2011 (Items 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3)

**(Ferguson/Pearson)**
(aa) That the Closed Session Minutes of the General Issues Committee meetings held on April 11, 20 and 28, 2011, be approved as presented;

(bb) That these Minutes remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with the exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. **CARRIED**

(ii) Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) Surplus Land – 301 Lewis Road (PED11077/CS11046) (Ward 11) (Item 12.5)

The Committee did not require to move into Closed Session for discussion of this report. See Item 9 for the disposition of this item.

(k) **MAY 9 AGENDA ITEMS DEFERRED TO A FUTURE MEETING(S)**

**(Powers/Collins)**
That the following items be scheduled to a future meeting(s) of the General Issues Committee:

(i) Independent Peer Review and Financial Evaluation of City/Liberty Thermal Reduction Options for the Disposal of Biosolids Generated at Woodward WWTP (Item 7.1(a))

(ii) Business Review – Liberty Proposed Incinerator (PW07047(d)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 7.1(b))

(iii) Commercial Market Assessment Update for the Downtown Hamilton, International Village, Stoney Creek and Barton Village Business Improvement Areas (PED11091) (Wards 2, 3 and 9) (Item 7.2)
(iv) Neighbourhood Development Strategy (CM11007) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

(v) 2011 Tax Supported Capital Budget (FCS11011(a) (City Wide) Item 7.1(e) re: Smoking and Second-hand Smoke in Outdoor Municipal Recreational Areas in Hamilton (BOH07034(e)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(vi) Development Charges for Student Residences and Lodging Houses (Residential Facility Rate) (FCS11028) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(vii) One-Time Grant to the Regeneration Institute for the Great Lakes for the Purpose of Establishing a Storefront Engagement Centre in Downtown Hamilton (PED11059) (Ward 2) (Item 8.4(a))

NOTE: Report tabled by Committee on March 22, 2011

(viii) One-Time Grant to the Regeneration Institute for the Great Lakes for the Purpose of Establishing a Storefront Engagement Centre in Downtown Hamilton (PED11059(a)) (Ward 2) (Item 8.4(b)

(ix) Niagara to GTA Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study – Phase 1, Draft Transportation Development Strategy (PW05054(b)/ PED10213(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)

(x) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 11-002 – April 12, 2011 (Item 8.6)

(xi) Start up Grant for Locke Street Farmers’ Market (Item 10.1 REVISED)

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor T. Jackson, Deputy Mayor
General Issues Committee

Carolyn Biggs, Co-ordinator
Committee Services/Council/Budgets
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