Committee of the Whole
REPORT 05-026
9:30 a.m.
December 2, 2005
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Mayor L. Dilanni
Councillors D. Braden, B. Bratina, P. Bruckler,
C. Collins, M. Ferguson, T. Jackson, B. Kelly, M.
McCarthy, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, D. Mitchell,
B. Morelli, M. Pearson, A. Samson, Whitehead

Also Present: G. Peace, City Manager
J. Rinaldo, General Manager, Finance and Corporate
Services
S. Stewart, General Manager, Public Works
J. Harnum, G. Davis, Public Works, M. Zegarac,
Corporate Services
K. Christenson, City Clerk
M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator

Mayor Dilanni called the meeting to order

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PRESENTS REPORT 05-026 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. 2006 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Storm Budget
   (FCS05124/PW05143) - (City Wide)
   (a) That the metered water rate effective January 01, 2006 be
       increased by 7.5% from $0.792 to $0.851 per cubic meter.
   (b) That the metered sanitary sewer rates effective January 01, 2006,
       remain 100% of the water charge.
   (c) That the combined “non-metered” water and wastewater services
       charge effective January 01, 2006 be increased by 7.5% from the
       fixed rate of $578.16 to $621.23 per annum.
   (d) That the 2006 Water and Wastewater Proposed User Fees and
       Charges be approved as per Appendix “E” to FCS05124/PW05143.
(e) That the 2006 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Management Rate Supported Operating Budget in the amount of $144,657,030 be approved as per Appendix “A” to FCS05124/PW05143.

(f) That the long-term financing plan for Sustainable Asset Management (SAM), Wastewater Investment Needs and Strategies (WINS), Stormwater Management and Water Quality Initiatives (WQI) and related rate increases required to meet sustainable financing, as identified in the 2006-2015 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Management Rate Supported Operating Budget forecast (Appendix “C”) to FCS05124/PW05143 be approved in principle.

(g) That the 2006 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Management Rate Supported Capital Budget and Financing Plan in the amount of $151,045,000 be approved as per Appendix “F” to FCS05124/PW05143.

(h) That the 2006 - 2015 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Management Rate Supported Capital Budget forecast and financing plan (Appendix “G”) to FCS05124/PW05143 be approved in principle.

(i) That the City Solicitor & Corporate Counsel be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, respecting the 2006 water and wastewater user fees and charges set out in the recommendations (a) through (d) of Report FCS05124/PW05143.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

(c) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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The Minutes were received and adopted as presented.
(d) PRESENTATION

Committee viewed a DVD and received a power point presentation on the Water, Wastewater and Storm 2006 Rate Budget

Included in the presentation were the following highlights:
- Timing for approval of rate budget
- Overall Objectives
- Strategic Goals Supported
- Financing Strategies
- Driving Factors for the 2006 Budget
- Comparisons with other municipalities

(e) DELEGATIONS

(i) Marilyn Baxter, Bay Area Restoration Council

Ms. Baxter addressed Committee and spoke in favour of the staff report and the progress on sustainability.

Ms. Baxter announced that Hamilton has been awarded the InfraGuide award of excellence.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor L. Dilanni

M. Gallagher
Co-ordinator, COW/Council
December 2, 2005