Committee of the Whole
REPORT 10-023
9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, August 31, 2010
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger
Councillors B. Bratina, B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall, L. Ferguson,
T. Jackson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, B. Morelli, M. Pearson,
D. Mitchell, R. Pasuta, R. Powers and T. Whitehead

Absent with Regrets: Councillor M. McCarthy – Vacation

Also Present: C. Murray, City Manager
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
P. Barkwell, City Solicitor
D. Adames, Executive Director, Tourism Hamilton
D. LaPointe-Kay, Director, Recreation
R. Caterini, City Clerk
A. Rawlings, Co-ordinator, City Clerk’s Office
C. Biggs, Legislative Assistant, Office of the City Clerk

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PRESENTS REPORT 10-023 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. International Event Opportunities – 2015 Pan Am Games Update (CM09006(g)) (City Wide)

That Report CM09006 (g) respecting International Event Opportunities – 2015 Pan Am Games Update and presentation, be received.

2. Alternative Sites for Stadium Location for 2015 Pan-Am Games

Whereas the main "wins" for the 2015 Pan Am Games for the City of Hamilton can be summarized as follows:

(i) Construction of a New Stadium;
(ii) Hosting major Pan Am Games events;

(iii) Retaining a financially viable and sustainable Hamilton Tiger Cats Football Club and the City of Hamilton for the long term within the City of Hamilton; and

(iv) Redevelopment of the West Harbourfront site and precinct.

Therefore, be it resolved:

(a) That the City Manager be directed to discuss and negotiate with the Hamilton Tiger Cats Football Club their participation in a new Pan Am Stadium to be constructed within the City of Hamilton and that these discussions include the Aberdeen/Longwood Road site or other mutually agreeable alternate site(s).

(b) That the City of Hamilton in partnership with the Hamilton Tiger Cats Football Club discuss and explore with the Federal and Provincial Governments the additional financial assistance required for the construction of a new Pan Am Stadium that also meets current CFL size requirements, facility amenities and standards.

(c) That the City Manager be directed to simultaneously discuss with the provincial and federal governments and other public and private interests how to facilitate the imminent development of the West Harbour precinct.

(d) That the City Manager be directed to discuss with HOSTCO, Infrastructure Ontario and the Province of Ontario ways of accelerating stadium construction so that it is completed in time for the 2013 CFL season.

(e) That the City Manager report back to Committee of the Whole and Council by September 15, 2010.

3. Participation of Two Community Leaders in the Planning of the Local 2015 Pan Am Games Events

That City staff be directed to submit, by September 14, 2010, the names of two community leaders who will work with the City of Hamilton and the Pan Am Host Corporation on the planning of the local 2015 Pan Am Games events that will capture the spirit of the Games and that will celebrate Hamilton’s rich cultural diversity.
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

Added Delegation Requests:

5.3 Request from S. Jasper Kujavsky respecting the “Longwood” site as a potential home for the stadium and request by the Katz Entertainment Group for an extension of the deadline for their Memorandum of Understanding

5.4 Request from Michael James Baldasaro respecting use of Ivor Wynne Stadium for Pan Am Games

5.5 Request from Peter Mercanti, Chairman and Founder of Carmen’s, respecting stadium site at Aberdeen and Longwood

Added Written Submission:

6.1.1 Ryan McGreal, Editor, Raise the Hammer – Statement to Council regarding an Aberdeen-Longwood Stadium Location

6.1.2 Correspondence from Valerie Sturrock respecting stadium location

Private and Confidential Item Withdrawn

10.1 Potential Disposition of City Property

Added Communications (to be formally received at Council)

5.1 E-mail from Liz Borowiec and Ian Troop respecting Pan-Am Hostco deadlines

Recommendation: Be received.

5.2 Correspondence from Peter Montopoli, General Secretary, The Canadian Soccer Association, expressing support in the City’s efforts to build a brand new soccer-specific stadium

Recommendation: Be received.

5.3 Correspondence from Greg Mathieu, CEO/Secretary General, Canadian Cycling Association, respecting planning and location of the indoor velodrome for the 2015 Pan American Games

Recommendation: Be received.
(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Andrew Iler, National Cycling Centre Hamilton, respecting the Proposed Pan-Am Velodrome

Mr. Iler appeared before the Committee to request that Council consider, at some point in the near future, decoupling the discussions on the velodrome and the stadium so that the requisite focus can be placed on the velodrome. He stated that the stadium has taken up almost the entire discussion on Hamilton’s Pan Am Games, and hopes that Council fully recognizes that there are substantial opportunities outside of the stadium.

Staff indicated that an update on the velodrome will be brought forward to the Committee in September or October, 2010.

(ii) Tony Powell and Paul Vermatt, Whitestar Group, respecting Soccer Legacy resulting from Pan-Am Stadium

Mr. Powell appeared on behalf of his client, Whitestar Group, respecting the soccer legacy that would result from the Pan Am Stadium. He stated that his client has been in abeyance for the past 13 years, at great financial cost and has co-operated with the City, but has not been able to move forward, and is seriously looking at some form of compensation.

Mr. Powell requested that the Mayor, prior to the end of this term of Council, deal with his client’s land issue and direct staff to dialogue directly with Whitestar with respect to the west harbour development lands and the Bay Street corridor.

(iii) Jasper Kujavsky, respecting the “Longwood” Site as a Potential Home for the Stadium

Jasper Kujavsky appeared before the Committee and spoke in support of a stadium location at the Aberdeen/Longwood site. He indicated that this was a strong opportunity to find a solution and urged Council to get past the stadium discussion sooner rather than later, and that the agreement with the Katz Group be concluded.

(iv) Michael Baldasaro – not in attendance
(v) Peter Mercanti, Chairman and founder of Carmen’s, respecting Stadium Site at Aberdeen and Longwood

Mr. Mercanti appeared before the Committee to speak in support of a stadium site at the Aberdeen and Longwood location. Not only does it have exposure and accessibility, but this location will help to achieve greater good for the City, which is to ensure that the Pan Am Games stay in Hamilton and that the federal and provincial monies are put toward the construction of a stadium. This will also ensure that the Tiger-Cats will forever remain in Hamilton. Loosing a major piece of Hamilton’s identity is not an option. Cleaning up the West Harbour should also be a top priority in the future.

On a motion (Clark/Pearson), the verbal presentations and written submissions were received.

(d) INTERNATIONAL EVENT OPPORTUNITIES – 2015 PAN AM GAMES UPDATE (CM09006(g)) (City Wide)

Chris Murray, City Manager, provided an introduction and overview of the business case for the Pan Am stadium for the information as it exists today, and outlined a path forward for Council’s consideration. He also provided an update on discussions with the Tiger-Cats and presented considerations for path forward. Mr. Murray stated that Report CM09006(g) provides an update on the business case of Pan Am as the situation exists today and wants to make sure that Council is very aware of what is being submitted to the Host Corporation.

David Adames, Executive Director of Tourism Hamilton, provided an update on discussions with Host Corporation and reviewed the Venue principles and the Go Forward Guidelines (Appendix “A” to Report CM09006(g)).

Chris Murray introduced Richard Abboud, President of Forum Equity Partners Inc., who offered assistance to the City with the approved final resolution.

Mr. Abboud appeared before the Committee “to formally bring forward a new, exciting and realizable plan for the City of Hamilton and the West Harbour in particular, that builds on the solid and growing partnership between Forum and the City of Hamilton. The Forum plan, Renaissance Hamilton, would serve at a “catalyst" for the accelerated renewal and vitalization of the West Harbour area lands.”

(e) ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR STADIUM LOCATION FOR 2015 PAN-AM GAMES (Item 2)

The motion CARRIED on the following standing recorded vote:

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Yeas: Eisenberger, Whitehead, Duvall, Pasuta, Collins, Morelli, Bratina, Clark, Pearson, Mitchell, Ferguson, Powers, Jackson
Total Yeas: 13
Nays: Merulla, McHattie
Total Nays: 2
Absent: McCarthy
Total Absent: 1

(McHattie/Merulla)
That given that the Longwood site does not have the City-building benefits of Council’s preferred West Harbour site (i.e., development of a brownfield site that may not otherwise be developed; close proximity to downtown; opportunity to profile the Bay, a beautiful area of Hamilton; proximity to full-day GO train service, etc.), that no Future Fund monies be used for the construction of a stadium at the Longwood Road site.

The motion was **DEFEATED** on the following standing recorded vote:

Yeas: Merulla, McHattie
Total Yeas: 2
Nays: Eisenberger, Whitehead, Duvall, Pasuta, Collins, Morelli, Bratina, Clark, Pearson, Mitchell, Ferguson, Powers, Jackson
Total Nays: 13
Absent: McCarthy
Total Absent: 1

(Pearson/Ferguson)
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger
Chair, Committee of the Whole

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
August 31, 2010