Date: May 3, 2011

To: Mayor and Members of Council

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Subject: General Issues Committee
Outstanding Business List

Mayor and Members of Council:

On the March 22, 2011 General Issues Committee meeting agenda, Item 11.1 listed a number of issues to be removed from the Outstanding Business List.

Attached for the information of the Committee is the background information on these items. If you wish to have any of these items remain on the Outstanding Business List, please do so by motion. This will result in the item being placed back on the OBL with a more current date. As a result, new due dates will be assigned.

Thank you.
The following is the background information on the items listed in Item 11.1 of the General Issues Committee agenda for May 9, 2011:

(i) **Moratorium on the Construction of any New Nuclear Power Plants within the Municipal Boundaries of the City of Hamilton**

That Item 7.1(b) respecting Moratorium on the Construction of any New Nuclear Power Plants within the Municipal Boundaries of the City of Hamilton be amended by inserting the following:

Additional Whereas

Whereas, coal-burning electricity generation at Nanticoke contributes significantly to poor air quality and adverse health effects - specifically respiratory and cardiac illness in Hamilton, and

Whereas, replacement of the coal burning equipment at Nanticoke with gas burning equipment would improve air quality in Hamilton and southern Ontario while maintaining capacity,

And the following as subsection (d):

(d) That the Provincial Government and Ontario Power Generation be requested to move with great speed to close Nanticoke or if it is to continue operations, to convert the facility to a gas-burning operation no later than 2009.

That Motion 7.1(b) respecting a Moratorium on the Construction of any New Nuclear Power Plants within the Municipal Boundaries of the City of Hamilton, be referred to a Committee of the Whole meeting, inviting delegations to speak on this issue.

Following the delegations, it was moved by Councillor McHattie and seconded by Councillor Merulla that in order for City Council to avail themselves of all necessary information to consider the motion (7.1), that the motion be tabled and an invitation extended to the Province of Ontario and to Mayor Marie Trainer of Haldimand County to have them attend a meeting of Committee of the Whole meeting, to be scheduled in the near future, to provide comments and additional information on this issue.

(ii) **City’s Policy respecting Contracting with Parties involved in Litigation**

(a) That the City temporarily waive its policy respecting contracting with parties with whom it is engaged in litigation as it would apply to Yale properties in order to:

(i) continue its current tenancies with Yale Properties on a short-term basis;
(ii) continue discussions with Yale Properties with the goal of establishing a mutually-advantageous solution which will enable the City and Yale properties to resolve the on-going litigation, enter renewed longer-term leases and/or further leases and have a sound business relationship going forward into the future;

(b) That the General Manager of Public Works and the City Solicitor report back to the Committee of the Whole with respect to this matter no later than the end of September, 2008.

(iii) **City-wide Peak Oil Study – Airport Employment Growth District**  
**Committee of the Whole Report 08-022**

(a) That the Airport Employment Growth District Phase I Study findings be received as base information for Phase II of the Study;

(b) That City staff be authorized and directed to continue to work with Dillon Consulting and their project team for Phase II of the Airport Employment Growth District Study, subject to successful negotiations with the General Managers of the Planning and Economic Development Department and the Public Works Department;

(c) That in accordance with Council’s June 2005 direction, that staff prepare a terms of reference for a City-wide peak oil study designed to evaluate the City’s vulnerability to an energy conservation culture (i.e., peak issues) and report back to Committee of the Whole by October 14, 2008, including costs and timing of such study. Further, that this City-wide peak oil study be considered concurrently in the Phase 2 study of the Airport Employment Growth District.

(iv) **Operational Oversight Committee – DARTS (Item 8.1)**

That Item 11 of Committee of the Whole Report 08-030 respecting Operational Oversight Committee – DARTS be referred to legal staff for review and report back to Committee of the Whole.

11. **Operational Oversight Committee – DARTS (Item 8.1)**

(a) That staff be authorized and directed as a condition of any contract between the City and DARTS to negotiate and implement an Operational Oversight Committee with a mandate to address service and operations related issues, and to provide accountability and transparency to Council and the community.
(b) That the Committee be comprised of 3 appointees from each of the City, DARTS, and the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities or its designated representatives, and one (1) member of the Seniors Advisory Committee. The appointees of the City shall include the General Manager of Public Works and the City Solicitor, or their designated representatives and the General Manager of Public Works shall serve as the Committee Chair.

(c) That two voting members of City Council be appointed to the DARTS Board.

(v) International Year for the Culture of Peace

11. Dr. David Adams, former Director of the UNESCO International Year for the Culture of Peace – Presentation (Item 6.3)

That the presentation from Dr. David Adams respecting the establishment of a Culture of Peace Commission for the City of Hamilton be received and that staff be directed to respond to the questions listed in the “Hamilton” presentation for a report back to the Committee of the Whole.

(vi) Timelines for Social Awareness Campaign – Bottled Water

3. Bottled Water (CS10035(a)) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.4)

That Report CS10035(a), respecting Bottled Water be received.

(vi) Multi-Stakeholder Fundraising Strategy for Flood Victims

That staff be directed to formulate a Multi Stakeholder Fundraising Strategy to mitigate the financial hardship of Hamilton’s flood victims from the July 26, 2009 storm event, and report back to the Committee of the Whole.

(vii) Specific Mandate, Governance Structure, Staffing and Financial/Legal Funding Model for a Hamilton Waterfront Development Corporation

Staff was directed to develop and bring back a report to Committee of the Whole on the following:

i) Recommendations regarding a specific mandate, governance structure, staffing, and financial funding model for a Hamilton Waterfront Development Corporation; and,

ii) Parameters of a legal agreement that would be required to establish a municipal Hamilton Waterfront Development Corporation.
Members of Council requested staff to consider and include the following issues in their report back to committee:

- geography to possibly include the downtown.
- when addressing the options - include with respect to creation of corporation: capitalization component of corporation and ability or the impact of debt loading on municipality
- governance structure – including members of council
- other partnerships to be considered as part of the corporation

(viii) **Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 09-007**

14. **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Integrated Standard (Item 7.6)**

(a) That the City of Hamilton’s comments submitted to the Province with respect to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Integrated Accessibility Standard be confirmed;

(b) That the issue of the cost implications resulting from the Integrated Accessibility Standard be referred to the Fairness to Hamilton Committee for further consideration.

(ix) **Area Rating – Citizens Forum Membership Appointments**

COMPLETED

(x) **Golden Horseshoe Innovation Centre: Building an Entrepreneurial Community**

Committee REFERRED the report back to staff with the direction that should members of Council have questions on this issue, that they be directed to Tim McCabe and at the appropriate time, a further report will come back to Committee.

(xi) **Conservation Authorities Legislation (March 31, 2010)**

Council Communication 5.5 from Jerry Ouellette, Official Opposition Critic, Natural Resources, respecting feedback from Council concerning legislation, regulations and the organizational responsibilities of the Conservation Authorities

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the City Manager for a report to the Committee of the Whole.
(xii) **Wireless Cellular Services and Device Agreements**

**COMPLETED – Item 9 of Audit, Finance & Administration Committee Report 10-009**

(xiii) **Greening of Municipal Parking Lots**

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(a) That staff be directed to report back on greening surface parking lots under the City’s control (i.e., municipal lots, parks, recreation centres, seniors’ homes, arena lots, etc.);

(b) That the report be referred to the Committee of the Whole.