Committee of the Whole

REPORT 08-018

As amended by City Council April 9, 2008

9:30 a.m.
April 7, 2008
Albion Rooms
Hamilton Convention Centre

Present:
Mayor F. Eisenberger

Absent with regrets:
Councillor C. Collins – Personal Business

Also Present:
G. Peace, City Manager
J. Rinaldo, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
S. Stewart, General Manager, Public Works
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
J. Kay, Fire Chief/General Manager HES
K. Christenson, City Clerk
M. Gallagher, Coordinator, COW

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PRESENTS REPORT 08-018 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. International Event Opportunities (PED08091) (City Wide) (Item 6.2)
   
   (a) That Council authorize the City of Hamilton’s participation in a GTA/Greater Golden Horseshoe bid for the 2015 Pan Am Games and that staff report back with details, including financial information, to Council on future bid requirements for the City.
(b) That Tourism Hamilton be authorized to coordinate the City’s bid initiative, to serve as the liaison on, and between, the City and the GTA/Greater Golden Horseshoe bid group and to create an inter-department staff committee to assist with the initiative.

(c) That staff form a Community Advisory Committee for the initiative and that the Committee include the Mayor or his designate and another member of Council.

(d) That a decision to bid for the 2017 International Expo until 2009 be deferred until more information will be known about other interested Canadian cities and bid conditions for the 2015 Pan Am Games.

(e) That the Mayor or his designate and the Executive Director of Tourism Hamilton, David Adames be authorized to attend the Spain International Expo scheduled from June 14 to September 14, 2008 for an information gathering mission and that the estimated cost to an upset limit of $8,000 be funded from the Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve, Account 108020;

(f) That a report providing an update be brought back to Committee of the Whole in the fall of 2008.

2. Capital Projects’ Status and Closing Report as of December 31st, 2007 (FCS07081(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(a) That the December 31st, 2007, Capital Projects’ Status and Projects’ Closing Report and the attached Appendices A, B, C, D, E and F to report FCS07081(b) for the tax levy and the rate supported capital projects be received for information;

(b) That the Capital Closing Policy in regards to closing surplus, (Section 1,ii).1.c)) outlined on pages 5 & 6 of this Report, be amended to include the following after the words Reserve:

"or apply to reduce Outstanding Debt."

To now read as follows:

“If funded from current contribution, apply to the Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve or apply to reduce Outstanding Debt.”

(c) That the General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services be directed to close the completed capital projects listed in Appendix B to report FCS07081(b) in accordance with the Capital Closing Policy and that the net transfers be dealt with as listed in Appendix A to report FCS07081(b) and summarized below:
Summary Of Net Funding Sources
Rates Supported Program & Tax Levy Supported Program
As of December 31st, 2007

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<th>Reserve/ Project #</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>Dedicated Reserves</td>
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<td>108034</td>
<td>Stoney Creek Capital Reserve</td>
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<td>108037</td>
<td>Hamilton Beach Park Reserve</td>
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<td><strong>Sub-Total</strong></td>
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<td>To the Capital Levy Reserve</td>
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<td>Tax Projects</td>
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<td><strong>Total Net Transfers</strong></td>
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<td><strong>1,165,606</strong></td>
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(d) That the funding for projects originally allocated in the 2005-2007 Capital Budgets and outlined in Schedule G to report FCS07081(b) be re-allocated between the Federal Gas Tax and Future Fund to concur with the criteria established by The Federal Treasury Board for eligible Federal Gas Tax Projects.

Item 3 was referred back to staff for clarification of the terms of reference for Council’s Economic Development Advisory Committee for a report to Committee of the Whole on whether the meetings will be open to the public.

3. Terms of Reference for Council’s Economic Development Advisory Committee and the Jobs Prosperity Collaborative of Hamilton Update (PED08102) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

That the defined purpose / mandate, reporting relationship, structure and membership of Council’s new Economic Development Advisory Committee, as set out in Report PED08102 be approved with the following amendments:

(a) That the Economic Development Advisory Committee Membership be amended by adding the following:

   (i) Mo Elbestawi to be added representing McMaster University

   (ii) The representative of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce to be either Demetrius Tsafaridis of Hamilton Steelcare or another representative as appointed from the Board of Directors of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce.

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(iii) Jeremy Freiburger to be added representing the Arts community

(iv) Cathy McMaster to be added representing the Agricultural community.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk noted the changes to the agenda as follows:

Request to have presentation by David Speers of Opera Hamilton postponed to the June 9th Committee of the Whole.

Revised Item 7.3 Terms of Reference for Council’s Economic Development Advisory Committee and the Jobs Prosperity Collaborative of Hamilton Update (PED08102) circulated.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

(c) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 March 25, 2008

The Minutes of March 25, 2008 were adopted as presented.

(d) ANNOUNCEMENT – DEPUTY MAYORS FOR THE DAY

Devon Ehler and Mark Cowell

Mayor Eisenberger introduced the two Deputy Mayors for the Day:

Devon Ehler is in Grade 8 at St. Patrick Elementary School in Hamilton. Mark Cowell is in Grade 8 at Elizabeth Bagshaw School in Hamilton.

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS

(i) Request to address Committee by Diedre Pike, Social Planning and Research Council respecting LGBTQ needs assessment (Item 5.1)
The request for delegation status was approved.

(f) DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

(i) Hamilton Historical Board Presentation – Hamilton Historical Fact Sheets (Item 6.1)

Bill Manson, Vice-chair of the Hamilton Historical Board introduced Members of the Hamilton Historical Board and provided an overview of the Historical Fact Sheets which were presented to each Member of Council for their individual wards.

The presentation was received.

(ii) Presentation by Opera Hamilton, David Speers

Deferred to June 9th Committee of the Whole.

(iii) International Event Opportunities (PED08091) (City Wide) (Item 6.2)

Committee received an overview of the report by David Adames, Dr. Gene Sutton and Mr. David Braley.

Highlights of the presentation included:
- Why bid for the international events?
- Current Opportunities
- Background on events
- Why Pan Am Games for 2015
- Next Steps

Committee members expressed the importance of maintaining the contacts with Lord Cultural Resources with respect to the Expo.

Subsection (e) of Item 1 noted in this report carried on a recorded vote as follows:

Yeas: Mayor F. Eisenberger
Total: 11
The following oppositions were noted to the motion as amended:

Yeas: Mayor F. Eisenberger
Total: 13

Nays: Councillors B. Clark, M. McCarthy
Total: 2

Absent: Councillor Collins
Total: 1

(iv) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities – Report 08-001 (Item 7.1)

The recommendations in the report were referred to the appropriate staff for a report to Committee of the Whole.

(v) Terms of Reference for Council’s Economic Development Advisory Committee and the Jobs Prosperity Collaborative of Hamilton Update (PED08102) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

Mark Chamberlain and Tim Dobbie provided an overview of the report.

A motion to add Cathy McMaster as a representative of the Agricultural Community to the Collaborative Membership was withdrawn.

The following opposition was noted to Item 3 (iii) and (iv) of this report:

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Committee moved into closed session subject to Section 8.1 subsection (d) of the Municipal Act and the City’s Procedural By-law as the subject matter pertained to Labour Relations and Employee Negotiations with respect to Item 10.1 Non Union Management and Professional Exempt Group Market Review.

Committee reconvened in open session with the following report:

(i) Non-Union Management & Professional Exempt Group Market Review (HUR08005/FCS08029) (Item 10.1)

Staff were provided direction in Closed Session on this matter. Council will deliberate this issue at a closed session of City Council on April 9, 2008

(ii) Closed Session Minutes of March 25, 2008 (Item 10.2)

The Closed Session Minutes of March 25, 2008 were adopted as presented and remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with the exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

That the meeting be adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mayor F. Eisenberger

M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator
Council, Committee of the Whole
Budgets

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