Committee of the Whole
REPORT 07-028
10:00 a.m.
September 26, 2007
Council Chambers, Hamilton City Hall

Present: Deputy Mayor D. Mitchell

Absent with regrets: Mayor F. Eisenberger, City Business

Also Present: G. Peace, City Manager
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development
M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PRESENTS REPORT 07-028 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **Niagara to GTA Corridor Opening New Economic Opportunities Final Report**

   That the presentation and report titled “Niagara to GTA Corridor Opening New Economic Opportunities Final Report”, be received.

2. **Susan McMaster, Citizens Opposed to Paving the Escarpment**

   That the presentation by Susan McMaster, Citizens Opposed to Paving the Escarpment, be received.
3. Niagara – GTA Corridor Economic Impact Study (PED07266) (Item 7.1)

That report PED07266 respecting Niagara – GTA Corridor Economic Impact Study be received.

4. Temporary Closure of Main Street East, John, Hughson and Bowen Streets nightly for Filming of The Incredible Hulk – October 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 2007 - (Ward 2) (Item 8.1)

That the application by MVL Incredible Productions Canada Inc. to temporarily close Main Street East between James Street and Catharine Street, Hughson Street between Jackson and King Streets and, Bowen Street from Jackson Street to Main Street West, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. nightly and, John Street from King to Jackson nightly from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., Thursday and Friday October 4 and 5, Tuesday through Friday, October 9 to 12, 2007 for the filming of scenes from the Incredible Hulk be approved subject to the following conditions:

a) That the prior approval of the Chief of Police or his designate be received and that such permits or authorizations as may be required by the Chief of Police or his designate be obtained.

b) That the applicant provide proof of $10,000,000 liability insurance, naming the City of Hamilton as an added insured party with a provision for cross liability and holding the City harmless from all actions, causes of action, interests, claims, demands, costs, damages, expenses and loss.

c) That all barricading, detour signing and traffic control be subject to the direction of the General Manager, Public Works or his designate.

d) That all barricading be provided by and at the expense of the applicant.

e) That “Temporary Road Closure” signs be installed in advance by the Public Works Department on the affected roadways, if deemed necessary by the General Manager, Public Works and at the expense of the applicant.

f) That the applicant ensure that clean up operations are carried out immediately before the re-opening of the road at 7:00 sharp, to the satisfaction of the City of Hamilton and at the expense of the applicant.

g) That no property owner or resident within the closure area be denied access to their property upon request.

h) That all property owners and tenants within the closure area be notified by the applicant, prior to the closure, in a form acceptable to the General Manager of Public Works.
(i) That the applicant inform residents and businesses affected by the temporary closures through the Hamilton Spectator.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Added Staff Report respecting the Niagara-GTA Corridor Economic Impact Study – added as Item 7.1

The Agenda was adopted as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

(c) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 September 11, 2007

Were adopted as presented.

3.2 September 12, 2007

Were adopted as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

Susan McMaster, Citizens Opposed to Paving the Escarpment (Item 5.1)

The delegation request by Susan McMaster was approved.

(e) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Niagara to GTA Corridor Opening New Economic Opportunities Final Report (6.1)

Neil Everson introduced the consultant Paula Dowell, PhD., Vice President, Economics, Freight and Finance, Wilbur Smith Associates who provided committee with a power point presentation.

Highlights in the presentation included the following:
- How is the global economy changing?
- How does the region compete in a global economy
- What is the role of the Niagara to GTA corridor
- What are the potential economic benefits of the corridor
- What are the keys to success

The presentation was received.

Comments from members of council included exploring the social, economic and environmental issues as noted in the TBL as the current report lacked the analysis

Concerns with the releasing of the report to the public prior to council formally receiving the report.

(ii) Susan McMaster, Citizens Opposed to Paving the Escarpment

Susan McMaster addressed the following issues:
- report is a repeat of what has already been done
- using an American firm
- mandate of the firm
- highway as being the main option
- economics information are insufficient
- doesn't address climate change
- report is premature
- concerns with recommendations
- need copy of Appendix g
- asked Council to not go forward with the 5 step plan at this time.
- use Canadian source of expertise
- consider a stakeholder group from Hamilton, business, residents
- develop a long term strategy

Ms. McMaster was thanked for her presentation and the presentation was received.

The meeting be adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor D. Mitchell

M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator
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