Committee of the Whole

REPORT 10-017

As amended by Council on June 23, 2010

9:30 a.m.
June 21, 2010
Albion Room,
Hamilton Convention Centre

Present:
Mayor F. Eisenberger

Absent with regrets:
Councillor M. McCarthy – Vacation
Councillor T. Jackson – Vacation
Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal Business

Also Present:
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development
G. Davis, General Manager, Public Works
J. Kay, Fire Chief/General Manager HES
J. Soldera, Acting General Manager, Community Services
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator, Council and Committee of the Whole/Budgets

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PRESENTS REPORT 10-017 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:
1. **2011 Tax Budget Pressures, Process & Schedule (FCS10005) (City Wide)**

   (a) That user fees (excluding golf, transit and ice fees) be increased by inflation and that any user fee adjustments, other than inflationary, be forwarded for consideration with appropriate explanation;

   (b) That Legislated Boards and Agencies be directed to submit the 2011 budget with an increase not to exceed inflation and any increase exceeding inflation be documented with reasons, and those Non Legislated Boards and Agencies be requested to submit a 2011 budget at 0 percent increase;

   (c) That the budget schedule as identified in Appendix A to report FCS10055 be approved;

   (d) That staff be directed to report back to Council on the ongoing Provincial download deficit to the City of Hamilton of $129.3 million dollars equating to 21.5% in municipal taxes and formulate a plan of action on dealing with the Provincial Government to mitigate the financial impact to the residents of the City of Hamilton.

   (e) That all City departments target a 0% budget increase and if this target is not met, that the reasons be provided.

2. **Labour Relations Grievance Activity Reporting & Analysis (HUR10013)**

   That report HUR10013 respecting Labour Relations Grievance Activity Reporting & Analysis be received.


4. **Update on Setting Sail OMB Litigation**

   That the City Solicitor be authorized to request the Ontario Municipal Board to suspend processing of appeals regarding Zoning By-law 05-073 passed March, 2005 applicable to the area west of Bay Street and those portions of the West Harbour Secondary Plan/OPA 198/Setting Sail that pertain to the area west of Bay Street until the location of the stadium and stadium related facilities has been confirmed.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEPUTY MAYORS

The Mayor introduced the two Deputy Mayors for the Month of June, Patrick DeNew and Derek Hambly.

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

A confidential Item respecting Setting Sail was added to the Private and Confidential Portion of the meeting.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

(d) PRESENTATIONS

(i) 2011 Tax Budget Pressures, Process & Schedule (FCS10005)

Rob Rossini provided an overview of the pressures, process and upcoming schedule for the 2011 Budget.

The following motion was Defeated on a Recorded vote as follows:

“That in order to be compliant with the Public Sector Compensation Restraint Act that all departments, plus Boards and Agencies come in with a 0% wage and salary budget increase in 2011.”

Yeas: Duvall, Ferguson, Merulla, Pasuta, Mitchell
Total: 5

Nays: Eisenberger, Clark, Collins, Pearson, Powers
Total: 5

The following motion was referred to staff for a report to the September 14, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting:
“That a citizen based services delivery review, multi year zero based budgeting and a financial sustainability plan, be implemented in whole or in part, no later than the 2012 Budget process.”

The General Manager of HES was directed to provide a report on the impacts of the EMS – MUMC Adult Emergency Department Closure, what can be done to mitigate the $1.5 M annualized, and include information on ambulance utilization/capital/operating requirements.

(e) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Committee moved into closed session further to section 8.1(d) and 8.1(e) of the City’s Procedural by-law and the Ontario Municipal Act as the matters to be discussed pertain to labour relations and a litigation matter.

Committee reconvened in Open Session.

(i) **Collective Bargaining Strategy (2009 – 2011) - (HUR10012) (Item 10.1)**

See Item 3 for disposition of this item. Further direction was provided to staff also in closed session.

(ii) **Update on Setting Sail OMB litigation**

See Item 4 for disposition of this item.

Councillors Merulla and Mitchell indicated that they wished to be recorded as being opposed to this item.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger

M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator
Council/COW
June 21, 2010