Committee of the Whole
REPORT 08-028

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

Present:
Acting Deputy Mayor T. Jackson

Absent with Regrets:
Mayor F. Eisenberger, Illness
Deputy Mayor M. McCarthy – other city business

Also Present:
J. Kay, Acting City Manager
P. Barkwell, Acting 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
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
M. Gallagher, Coordinator, COW

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PRESENTS REPORT 08-028 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Canadian Blind Golf Championship Opportunity (PED08212) (City Wide) (Item 4.3)

   (a) That Report PED08212, respecting the Canadian Blind Golf Championship, be received.
(b) That any future bidding opportunities for the Canadian Blind Golf Championship event, and others, be referred to Tourism Hamilton’s Sport Tourism Advisory Committee.

(c) That the item respecting “Hosting the Canadian Blind Golfers’ Championship” be identified as completed and removed from the Committee of the Whole Outstanding Business List.

2. **Canada’s Sports Hall of Fame (PED08210) (City Wide) (Item 4.4)**

(a) That Council respectfully decline to submit a proposal to host Canada’s Sports Hall of Fame.

(b) That the item respecting the “Canada Sports Hall of Fame” be identified as completed and removed from the Committee of the Whole Outstanding Business List.

3. **Presentation of Annual Report by the Chair and Members of the Poverty Round Table (Item 6.1)**

That the presentation by Liz Weaver, Director, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction on the Poverty Round Table’s Annual Report be received.

4. **United Way Campaign Kick-Off (Item 6.2)**

That the presentation by Rikki Frith, Chair, United Way Campaign on the United Way Campaign Kick-Off be received.

5. **Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 08-006, August 12, 2008 (Item 7.1)**

(a) **Terms of Reference**

That the amended terms of reference of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities attached as Appendix A hereto, be adopted.

(b) **Resignation from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 6.1)**

That the resignation of Deborah Eker from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be received.
6. **Capital Projects’ Status and Closing Report as of June 30, 2008 (FCS08084) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

   (a) That the June 30th, 2008, Capital Projects' Status and Projects' Closing Report and the attached Appendices A, B, C, D, E and F to report FCS08084 for the tax levy and the rate supported capital projects be received for information; and

   (b) That the General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services be directed to close the completed capital projects listed in Appendix B to report FCS08084 in accordance with the Capital Closing Policy and that the net transfers be dealt with as listed in Appendix A to report FCS08084 and summarized below:

   **Summary Of Net Funding Sources**
   **Rates Supported Program & Tax Levy Supported Program**
   **As of June 30th, 2008**

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<td>Rate Projects</td>
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<td><strong>Total Net Transfers</strong></td>
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7. **2008 Budget Deliberations – Increasing Parking Meter Rates and Installing Paid parking in all Commercial Areas (PED08059(a) (Item 7.3)**

   (a) That the information outlined in Report PED08059(a) respecting increasing parking meter rates and installing paid parking in all commercial areas be received.

   (b) That Report PED08059(a) be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration as part of the 2009 budget deliberations.
(c) That the item respecting the “Market Impact Assessment regarding the Expansion of Paid Parking and Increase in Rates” be identified as completed and removed from the Committee of the Whole Outstanding Business List.

8. Update on Pan Am Games (verbal) (Item 7.4)

That the verbal update by David Adames on the Pan Am Games be received.

9. City of Hamilton Support to Bid for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference (PED08220) (City Wide) (Item 7.5)

(a) That Council authorize the City of Hamilton’s bid for the 2010 and 2011 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference.

(b) That Council authorize Tourism Hamilton to coordinate the City’s bid initiative and, if successful, refer any City-related financial contributions for hosting the Conference to the 2010 and 2011 Budget process.

(c) That, if successful with the bid, staff form a Coordinating Committee to service the convention.

10. Black Soot Fallout (Item 8.3(b))

Whereas, local residents have incurred several fallouts of black soot this year, in addition to the fallouts over the past few years;

Whereas, local industries are self monitoring of black soot emissions and it is only when a complaint is lodged that the Ministry of the Environment gets involved after the fact;

Therefore, be it resolved:

(a) That the Provincial Government be requested to enact legislation that will implement a sustainable solution to this on-going problem and that institutes 24/7 real time monitoring of emissions by the Province of Ontario;
(b) That the Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association, the Ministry of the Environment, and all local MPP's be invited to appear before Committee of the Whole on November 10, 2008 to explain the status of this re-occurring problem and their plans of action to address these fallouts;

(c) That Hamilton City Council file an investigation under the Environmental Bill of Rights and request the Environmental Commissioner to address this matter.

11. Printing and mailing - Ward 4 - Specific Flooding Communication – June 22nd through to August 5th, 2008 rainstorm (Item 8.4)

That an amount of $5,232.63 be utilized from the Legislative Contingency Fund for the purposes of off-setting Ward 4 specific flood communication costs for the June 22\textsuperscript{nd} through to August 5, 2008 rainstorm as shown below:

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<td>Pegasus Direct Mail House</td>
<td>$536.22 (taxes included)</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL (excluding GST and PST, where applicable)</strong></td>
<td><strong>$5,232.63</strong></td>
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FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Agenda of September 9, 2008 was adopted as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

(c) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 August 6, 2008

The Minutes of August 6, 2008 were adopted as presented.
3.2 August 7, 2008 (special)

The Minutes of August 7, 2008 were adopted as presented.

(d) The following items were received:

(i) Facility Naming Sub-Committee, Minutes of May 29, 2008 (Item 4.1)

(ii) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, Minutes of the July 8, 2008

(e) Presentation of Annual Report by the Chair and Members of the Poverty Round Table (Item 6.1)

Liz Weaver, Director, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction presented the Poverty Round Table’s Annual Report.

Highlights included:

- number of individuals living below the low-income cut off in Hamilton decreased to 18.1% from 20% according to Statistics Canada 2008 census release
- 900 Hamilton businesses, organizations, government departments, and education/research institutions are linked through HRPR.
- 2,253 backpacks were filled with school supplies and given to low income students in September, 2008 representing a community donation of $225,000
- Increased government investments
- Increased municipal investments
- Increased community support
- Influencing the Ontario Poverty Strategy
- Enhancing Income and Family Supports
- Engaging Neighbourhoods, Youth and Citizens
- Increasing and Aligning Community Investments
- Integrating Programs and Solving Problems Collaboratively
- Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy

It was suggested by Councillor Powers that Ms. Weaver summarize the “asks” and forward to staff for review including: Affordable Transportation for youth, living wage, enhancing affordable housing opportunities for tenants to maintain and preserve affordable housing.
Councillor Ferguson relinquished the chair to Acting Deputy Mayor Councillor T. Jackson

(f) United Way Campaign Kick-Off (Item 6.2)

Rikki Frith, Chair, United Way Campaign Committee and members of the United Way Campaign Committee announced the United Way Campaign Kick-Off scheduled on September 18th with a Truck Pull and Barbeque. Included in the campaign will be a two week pledge card campaign – payroll and one time donations; Buck a Pay for United Way – with one dollar a pay from each employee would raise $144,000.

(g) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 08-006, August 12, 2008 (Item 7.1)

The following recommendation was referred to staff for a report back to Committee of the Whole.

Protecting the Taxi Scrip Program from the Recent Increase in Taxi Fares (Item 5.2)

That Council adopt two measures to restore the purchasing power recently lost due to the increase in the taxi meter rate in the City of Hamilton:

(a) That the rate of subsidy of the Taxi Scrip Program be restored to its original 50 per cent from the current level of 40 per cent.
(b) That Council increase the monthly amount of Taxi Scrip which eligible users may purchase from $120 to $160 (3 books to 4 books).

(h) Sidewalk repairs

Staff were requested to provide Council with Ward by Ward breakdown of sidewalk repairs

(i) 2008 Budget Deliberations – Increasing Parking Meter Rates and Installing Paid parking in all Commercial Areas (PED08059(a) (Item 7.3)

A motion to reconsider this item was moved by Councillors Clark/Whitehead and was approved.

Subsequently, the motion was amended as follows:

That Item (b) be amended by deleting Economic Development and Planning Committee and inserting the words “Committee of the Whole”.

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(j) Update on Pan Am Games (verbal) (Item 7.4)

David Adames provided an update on the Pan Am Games. Highlights included:

- Greater Golden Horseshoe collaborative initiative, part of a larger partnership with other levels of government
- To date the following has happened:
  - Province of Ontario in Spring made a commitment for business case. Completed in June and the key stage was to get the Federal government support
  - August 7th received Federal support
  - Premier went to Olympics and met with representatives of Pan Am Sport Organizations and kicked off the lobby effort. Meetings were successful.
  - Pan Am Games Secretariat has been established whose key job is to liaise with series of stakeholders, municipalities, universities, colleges, and private sector interests
  - Confirmation of governance structure for the bid – announcement could come at any time.
  - When ready for a formal bid, report will be coming back to council in mid to late October or November/December – outlining bid phase and games phase
  - Province has announced that they will pay the bid costs. There will be some costs for Hamilton to develop our plans and feed into the overall bid effort. But the overall costs, bid book, presentation, lobby costs that will be paid for by the province.
- meeting with other municipalities are underway
- Senior Management Team has assigned staff to work on committee
- Move forward to establish a community advisory committee
- 2009 moving target – bid submitted in hopefully April 2009 and award may be in summer of 2009

(k) MOTIONS

(i) Four Day Work Week (Item 8.1)

The following motion was DEFeated on a Standing Recorded Vote:

Whereas the City of Hamilton is presently in a $7 million dollar deficit situation;

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And Whereas, half the deficit is attributed to energy costs

And Whereas, some jurisdictions such as the State of Utah have experienced energy savings from the implementation of a four day/10 hour day work week

And Whereas, a four day work week has been determined to be an asset toward decreasing our carbon footprint, increasing staff morale and increasing efficiencies,

Therefore, be it resolved

That staff be directed to prepare a report for committee’s consideration which explores the feasibility of moving to a four day work week at all City of Hamilton Administration Offices.

Yeas; Collins, Duvall, McHattie, Merulla, Morelli, Whitehead
Total 6

Nays: Bratina, Clark, Ferguson, Pasuta, Mitchell, Pearson, Powers, Jackson
Total: 8

(ii) Employees Working From Home 8.2(b)

That staff be directed to conduct an assessment of City Departments that could have employees working from home and prepare a report for committee’s consideration.

That Council endorse in principle the report in progress surrounding the review of the policy currently underway by the Director of Human Resources on the employee recruitment retention policy

A motion to Table pending a report by the Director of Human Resources on the streamlining of Employee Recruitment Retention Policy which is currently under review LOST on a Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Bratina, Clark, Ferguson, Pasuta, Mitchell, Pearson, Powers
Total: 7
Nays: Collins, Duvall, McHattie, Merulla, Morelli, Whitehead, Jackson
Total: 7
Absent: Eisenberger, McCarthy
Total: 2

The Main Motion LOST on a Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Collins, Duvall, McHattie, Merulla, Morelli, Whitehead, Jackson
Total: 7

Nays: Bratina, Clark, Ferguson, Pasuta, Mitchell, Pearson, Powers
Total: 7

Absent: Eisenberger, McCarthy
Total: 2

(iii) **Black Soot Fallout (Item 8.3(b))**

Motion as Amended CARRIED on a Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Jackson, Bratina, Clark, Collins, Duvall, Ferguson, McHattie, Merulla, Morelli, Pasuta, Mitchell, Pearson, Powers, Whitehead
Total: 14

Nays: 0

Absent: Eisenberger, McCarthy
Total: 2

(I) **PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

(i) **Closed Session Minutes of August 6, 2008 (Item 10.1)**

The Closed Session Minutes of August 6, 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 Minutes be adopted as presented.

(ii) **Yale Properties - Verbal Update (Item 10.2)**

Staff direction provided in closed session.
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Deputy Mayor Tom Jackson

M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator
Committee of the Whole
Council/Budgets
September 9, 2008