**Council Direction:**

At the September 3, 2008 Emergency and Community Services Committee Meeting (Report 08-011, item 3(f)), staff were directed to investigate lands suitable for:

1. The redevelopment of the Norman Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre;
2. Development of a new seniors centre in Waterdown;
3. Development of a new recreational facility in upper Stoney Creek; and,

**Information:**

The City of Hamilton commissioned a Recreation Use, Renovation and Replacement Study (Indoor Study) by the consulting firm of Monteith-Brown. The Indoor Study was completed and received by City Council in September 2008.

The Indoor Study reviewed and analyzed the City’s recreation needs in nine recreation planning districts and focused on community centres, indoor pools, senior’s space, arenas, community halls, and outdoor pools. Discussion about this study gave rise to the above request for further information.
1. Site issues resolved:

(i) Norman Pinky Lewis Rec. Centre

The Norman Pinky Lewis Expansion project is currently underway with a phase one feasibility study. The proposed project includes a new gymnasium, upgrades to the existing pool tanks, barrier free access, family change rooms, new dedicated seniors and youth programming space and improved parking, refurbishment of the interior spaces and replacement of the mechanical systems. Capital funds have been committed to this project including $1,570,000 in 2009 for the feasibility study and preliminary design. The 2013-2021 Capital Budget includes proposed additional funding for this project including $1.4M in 2014 for detailed design/project management and $14M in 2015 for construction. A future report will be presented to Council identifying the findings of the feasibility study and recommendations for the project to move forward.

(v) New Waterdown Library and Flamborough Seniors Centre

The Indoor Study recommended one stand-alone medium sized senior centre site in this recreation planning district, however with given fiscal limitations, the City engaged in a partnership project with the Hamilton Public Library, Municipal Service Centre, Flamborough Archives, Flamborough Information & Community Services and Hamilton Police Services for a joint multi-use centre. Council was informed of the partnership through Information Update CASP1301- January 2013 (attached as Appendix A to Report CS10060(a)). A public engagement process including the Ward 15 Councilor was completed in 2012 and additional consultation will be done in spring 2013. In 2011, $1.3M was approved in the City budget for the development of the seniors centre portion of this new Waterdown facility.

This new multi-use centre project is currently underway, with a construction start planned for early 2013. The facility will include 4,500 square feet of recreation space for a new seniors’ centre including a kitchen, servery, storage, and two multi-purpose rooms to support local seniors’ activities.

2. Sites to be determined:

(vii) New Recreation Facility in upper Stoney Creek

Upper Stoney Creek is currently served by the Valley Park Recreation Centre which was built in 1981. It is one of the largest Recreation facilities in the City. The Indoor Public Use Study identified that there is currently no provision deficiency within the Upper Stoney Creek recreation district.
However, Upper Stoney Creek with its current population of 23,295 is anticipated to have the largest growth rate in the City, peaking in 2031 at a population of 72,336 (Monteith Brown Consultants). Based on this demographic trend, identified by Monteith Brown in the Indoor Study, this area will start to exceed the recommended standard provision level in 2017.

To help serve the future need in this area, the current 2013 – 2022 Capital Budget Forecast identifies a Valley Park Recreation Centre extension project, with proposed planning in 2014 ($300k) and proposed construction in 2015 ($2M) The planning work will engage residents to determine the specific recreational programming needs for this area and will consider dedicated senior and youth program spaces, and pool improvements.

A new stand-alone facility will be required for this area, in addition to the Valley Park project, also identified in the Indoor Study. To start the facility planning and development work, a recreation needs assessment is planned for 2015. Feasibility work will follow in 2016 and both projects will be funded under the Public Use Feasibility Needs & Studies capital project account. Investigation of suitable lands will be done as part of the feasibility work. Notification will be given by City Wide Services, Recreation to the School Board Properties Sub-Committee and other community agencies in 2013 indicating a potential need for additional land/facility in this area pending council direction on the 2015 funding.

(viii) New Recreation Facility on the South Hamilton Mountain

The South Hamilton Mountain area, noted in the Council direction, is located south of the Lincoln Alexander Expressway in the Hamilton Mountain Recreation District as shown in Appendix B (Map 1 Study Areas) to Report CS10060(a). This area currently has one recreation facility, the Les Chater Family YMCA.

The Indoor Study recommends reassessing the need for an additional community centre south of the Lincoln Alexander Parkway, dependent on decisions made about the redevelopment of existing community centres, as well as other investments by non-profit agencies (e.g., YMCA)

A recreation needs assessment is planned for completion in 2016, specifically looking at the South Mountain area of the Hamilton Mountain Recreation District, followed in 2017 by a feasibility study. These projects will engage residents in the programming and conceptual design of a new facility and investigation of suitable lands will be done as part of the feasibility study and will be funded under the Public Use Feasibility Needs & Studies project account. Notification will be given by City Wide Services, Recreation Division, to the School Board Properties Sub-Committee
and other community agencies in 2013 indicating a potential need for additional land in this area.

Work on items (vii) New Recreation Facility in Upper Stoney Creek, and (viii) New Recreation Facility on the South Hamilton Mountain will be done by a multi-disciplinary/departmental team. The recreation needs assessments will be led by City Wide Services, Recreation Division; and the feasibility studies will be led by Facilities Management & Capital Programs, Public Works. Community Services staff have conferred with Public Works and Real Estate staff on this report.

### APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

- **Appendix “A” to Report CS10060(a):** Information Update CASP1301- January 2013
- **Appendix “B” to Report CS10060(a):** Excerpt from “Recreation Use, Renovation and Replacement Study”
  Map 1 Study Areas
TO: Mayor R. Bratina and Members of City Council

WARD(S) AFFECTED: WARD 15

DATE: January 10, 2013

SUBJECT:
New Waterdown Library and Civic Centre (Ward 15) (CASP1301)

SUBMITTED BY:
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SIGNATURE:

Plans to build the new Waterdown Library and Civic Centre are on track and construction is set to begin in early spring 2013.

This new library and multi-use facility, located at the former Flamborough Town Hall site at 163 Dundas Street East in Waterdown, will be home to the following groups:

- Hamilton Public Library – Waterdown Branch
- City of Hamilton – Recreation – Senior Centre
- City of Hamilton – Municipal Service Centre
- Flamborough Archives
- Flamborough Information & Community Services
- Hamilton Police Services

The new library branch, which will replace the current 3,400 square-foot facility on Mill Street North, will occupy approximately 15,500 square feet of the new 23,500 square-foot facility. The facility will also feature 4,500 square feet of recreation space for a new Seniors' Centre including a kitchen, servery, storage, and two multi-purpose rooms where the local seniors can run their activities. The remainder of the footprint will be used for the Hamilton Municipal Service Centre, Hamilton Police, Flamborough Archives, and Flamborough Information & Community Services.

Meeting all of the province’s accessibility requirements under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, as well as the requirements of the Hamilton Barrier-Free Design Guideline, the building has a tiered plan designed to work with the grading of the existing sloped site. With most of its facades covered in energy-efficient coated glass, the facility will be flooded with light, providing patrons with a safe, open, inviting place to gather.

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Values: Honesty, Accountability, Innovation, Leadership, Respect, Excellence, Teamwork
The key project milestones are as follows:

- **Tender Period - January to March 2013**
- **Construction Commencement - Spring 2013**
- **Construction Completion - Winter 2013/2014**

There is much need in Flamborough for this new facility. The community of Waterdown has a growing population and the existing Waterdown Branch Library is not large enough to serve this growing community. Because of the limited space available at the existing branch, the Hamilton Public Library hasn't been able to offer its usual services and programs. The new library branch will provide increased space for a greater range of services and programs including book clubs, author and speaker visits, film programs, computer classes and individual and group study spaces. There is also currently a void that exists in the recreation programming and services available to seniors in the Flamborough area. The community need for a seniors centre was reflected in the Community Services, Recreation Division's “Use, Renovation and Replacement Study for Hamilton Recreation and Replacement Study for Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities” Report #ECS07068(b) approved by Council on September 10, 2008. This project is an opportunity to provide the community with much-needed programs and services within one multi-use facility.

The library and City intend to work with the community in regards to meeting their programming needs at the facility. The library held an open house on May 8th, 2012 to provide information and gather feedback about the building. Also, recently approximately 100 seniors turned out to hear about the various programming options available for the Seniors' Centre at a meeting hosted by Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge on December 6th, 2012. In the spring, the Recreation Development Team will host public information sessions to garner community input on recreational programs, the centre's hours of operation and scheduling. It will also begin work with the local seniors’ group to develop a governance model.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marnie Cluckie, Manager of Planning, Capital, & Compliance at 905-546-2424, ext. 2616.

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