December 7, 2010

The City of Hamilton
Office of the Mayor
71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor
Hamilton, Ontario
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Dear Mayor Bratina,

This letter is in response to correspondence received from the Mayor’s Office dated October 14, 2010 referencing Hamilton City Council approval of Item 6 of Committee of the Whole Report 10-007 (Hamilton International Airport Lay-off pertaining to security, maintenance and the elimination of the firefighter role). In this report, item 6 (a) was a request from City Council that Tradeport International restore full emergency fire service to Hamilton International Airport immediately.

Tradeport would like to clarify that Hamilton International Airport continues to maintain full aircraft emergency fire service that meets all Transport Canada regulations. This is provided utilizing fully trained and qualified staff, certified on an annual basis according to Transport Canada standards. As a result, we believe that we are compliant with the request indicated in Item 6 (a) of the Committee report.

We have also continued our dialogue with City Staff respecting the potential changed role for Hamilton Emergency Services. Tradeport maintains that HES’s role as a support agency will remain unchanged as we will continue to have emergency response staff on site 24 hours per day, and have established protocols that allow their immediate response to emergency situations.

Please feel free to contact me should you require further information. Representatives of Tradeport would be pleased to attend a future Committee meeting to address any questions that Council may have respecting this matter.

Yours truly,

Richard Koroscil
President & C.E.O
Tradeport International Corporation
October 14, 2010

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Dear Mr. Koroscil:

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 13, 2010, Hamilton City Council approved Item 6 of Committee of the Whole Report 10-027 as follows:

6. **Hamilton International Airport Lay-off pertaining to security, maintenance and the elimination of the firefighter role (Item 6.2)**

   Whereas, Tradeport International is moving to lay-off most of the trained Airport fire officers, instead using cross-trained officers performing both emergency and maintenance roles, and;

   Whereas, City of Hamilton General Manager/Chief Hamilton Emergency Services (HES) Jim Kay has expressed concern about the possible changed role for HES staffing as a result of Tradeport plans, resulting in a complete reversal of the current HES role, noting that HES is neither trained nor equipped to take on a primary response role, and cannot be put in this position.

   Therefore be it resolved:

   (a) **That City Council request that Tradeport International restore full emergency fire service to Hamilton International Airport immediately;**

   (b) **That City Council send a letter to Transport Canada outlining its concerns and requesting that Transport Canada review the fire safety and security levels at the airport with copies forwarded to all local Members of Provincial (M.P.P.’s);**

   (c) **That City staff continue their dialogue with Tradeport and report back to the Committee of the Whole at its first regularly scheduled meeting after the Election.**
Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated. We would ask that you reference File #C10-024 when responding to this letter.

Yours truly,

Fred Eisenberger
Mayor

Attachments

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