Report to Council on
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2007
AT 71 MAIN ST. WEST, HAMILTON, ONTARIO

Members: Deanna Finch-Smith, Don Hull (Ex-Officio), Anne Jones, John Montgomery, Heather Elaine Moore, Gary Ostofi, Jack Price, Paul Faguy, Shirley Glauser, Aznive Mallett, Kim Nolan, Terry Whitehead (Ex-Officio), Mark Mindorff, Brad Clark (Ex-Officio), Judy Alarie, Margot Kirkpatrick, Michelle Johnson (Recording Secretary)

Guests:

CALL TO ORDER
The DARTS Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 5:04p.m. by Shirley Glauser, Chairman of the DARTS Board of Directors.
The Chairman announced that the agenda would be moved around to accommodate the Collective Agreement update and the arrival of Mark Zega, DARTS lawyer.

ABSENCES AND REGRETS
Deanna Finch Smith, Heather Moore, Aznive Mallett

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT
No conflicts were declared.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
Approval of the previous minutes of the DARTS Board of Directors meeting held on Thursday, January 25, 2007 was moved by Jack Price, seconded by Brad Clark and carried.
Don Hull reminded the Board that these minutes would be going to Council.

Mark Zega arrived and was introduced to the Board. Mark handed out a confidential overview of the memorandum of agreement.

FOR INFORMATION

Collective Agreement Status
Mark Zega explained that negotiations had been productive with some good dialogue. There were some outstanding issues with scheduling and breaks and lunches.
The following motion was introduced by Gary Ostofi and seconded by Anne Jones:
That a special Board meeting be held on Wednesday, March 28 at 5pm to ratify the Collective Agreement after all members receiving a full copy of the Agreement and financial implications. The motion was carried.

At this time a motion was introduced by Paul Faguy and seconded by Gary Ostofi for the Board to move in camera. This motion was carried. The Board received confidential information regarding the Collective agreement.

A motion to move out of camera was moved by Gary Ostofi, seconded by John Montgomery and carried.

MOTION AND APPROVAL REQUIRED

1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S STATEMENT OF FACT
   - DARTS has an 80K surplus due to two (2) snow days
   - We received a $20,000 cheque from WSIB in compensation for an accident that was the fault of the third party driver.
   - A motion to receive the Executive Directors Statement of Fact was moved by Gary Ostofi, seconded by Jack Price and carried.

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT
   - Don Hull and Mark Mindorff agreed that the new financial template will be retro to January, 2007.
   - A motion to receive the Executive Directors Report was moved by Gary Ostofi, seconded by Kim Nolan and carried.

FOR INFORMATION

City of Hamilton RFI
Discussion on the response to the RFI took place. No resolution

ATS Consultation
Kim Nolan reported on the ATS Open House that took place on Wednesday, March 14th. The two sessions had a total of 47 in attendance. The focus was positive and the meeting was facilitated well. More meetings/correspondence are to follow.

DARTS Building
There is a concern that the DARTS building is below City standards and new accommodations need to be found. Don Hull reported that the audit of the DARTS building is pending but has not yet been presented to Council. This item will be on the Board agenda for the next meeting.
DARTS 2007 AGM
The AGM is scheduled for June 28th at Sackville Seniors. Michelle will resend the details to Board Members in order to determine if we have quorum.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
DARTS staff are working to improve Health and Safety policies and procedures in order to pass the Workwell Audit. A pass of 75% or more will see a reduction in annual payments of $20,000. Health and Safety will appear on Board agendas in future. We are classed as “school bus” which is a positive.

OTHER BUSINESS

Waterloo Project
The Waterloo project is progressing well with more municipalities coming on board. This item will appear on each Board agenda for an update.

Bus Tender
The bus tender has been revamped. All of the bids received were deemed to be non-compliant. The two advisory committees for seniors and disabled were consulted and required clarification regarding high floor vs low floor buses. The new tender will be released next week with a shorter response time than usual.

ATS Review Committee
Terry Whitehead reported that the ATS Review Committee is being reinstated to deal with both unfinished and new business. Brad Clark would like the issue of governance addressed, he would like to know “who is accountable for what”. Mark Mindorff suggested that there be some improvements to the committee structure.

ADJOURNMENT
Adjournment of the meeting of the DARTS Board of Directors was moved by Judy Alarie, seconded by Jack Price and carried at 6:21 p.m.