The meeting was called to order.

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**
   
   (a) **(Bratina/Cooper)**
   That Councillor Brad Clark be elected Chair of the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee.  
   
   **CARRIED**

   (b) **(McCarthy/Bratina)**
   That Thomas Cooper be elected Vice-Chair of the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee.  
   
   **CARRIED**

2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

   The Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

   None declared.
4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(a) Appropriate Next Steps (Item 4.1)

With the upcoming election, the Committee discussed how it could best bring the attention of the City’s funding shortfalls to the Provincial candidates and to the residents of Hamilton. The following plan was discussed:

(i) Direct staff to prepare a factual, in depth report with up to date statistics on the funding shortfalls faced by the City of Hamilton to be presented to the Committee within the next two weeks.

(ii) Invite members of the Hamilton Civic Coalition to review the report and help develop appropriate questions for the Provincial candidates regarding what they would do for Hamilton to ensure it is treated more fairly.

(iii) Organize a press conference around the questions and ensure that the Coalition is present.

(iv) Provide the information to the public, in a simpler format, so that they will be informed at the time of the Provincial election.

(v) Set up a *Fairness to Hamilton Campaign* web site.

(vi) Publish opinion pieces in The Spectator by mid September and ask for public input by the end of September.

(vii) Present the Committee’s recommendations to the September 11 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

(viii) Staff was requested to obtain an update from AMO with respect to its lobbying for social services to be uploaded to the Province.

(ix) The Legislative Assistant was requested to organize a meeting of the Committee prior to the September 11, 2007 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

(x) The Provincial political candidates will be invited through the Mayor’s office to meet with the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Committee.

*(Bratina/Cooper)*

That Finance staff be directed to prepare a report, for the Committee’s review within the next two weeks, outlining the various funding shortfalls faced by the City of Hamilton including Social Services, Social Housing, Health Services, PILS (surplus of institutional uses), Business Educations Taxes, Court Costs and Land Ambulance and identify appropriate questions to pose the Provincial Candidates.

*CARRIED*
That the Coalition be invited to review the statistics in the staff report and develop questions to pose to the candidates of the various Provincial political parties.

CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Brad Clark, Chair
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