THE TASK FORCE ON CLEANLINESS AND SECURITY IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE PRESENTS REPORT 09-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **Update from Public Works re: Garbage Pick-up, Sidewalk Cleaning in the Core (Item 6.4)**

   That the Hamilton Police Service be requested to focus a minimum of two weeks in Spring 2010, in coordination with the Clean City Liaison Committee’s anti-litter campaign, to conduct a zero tolerance blitz to enforce the anti-litter bylaw.

2. **Shell Site and John and Main Street Intersection**

   That a letter be sent to Shell head offices acquainting them with the Brownfield development program and requesting that they clean up the site at the intersection of John and Main Street.
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) Update from Public Works re: Garbage Pick-up, Sidewalk Cleaning in the Core (Item 6.4)

Bill Weaver, Acting Manager of Roads and Winter Control, Public Works, provided an update respecting garbage pick-up and sidewalk cleaning in the downtown core. He advised of the following:

- Making progress but still lack funding – could probably do better in terms of litter pickup.
- The street sweeping program is good, as is snow removal in the downtown core.

Some discussion ensued, including but not limited to the following:

- Snow piles between the sidewalk and the road do not have tunnels for people to walk through to get from the road to the sidewalk. Staff advised that this is done to discourage jay-walking.
- The use of three-streamed garbage containers should be reviewed. Staff advised that they are working on placing advertisements on the containers to show what items should go in each section.
- Should be more police enforcement of the anti-littering bylaw.
- Officers ticket people who litter when they see it happen, but it is difficult to ensure that people pay their tickets.
- Even if people do not pay their tickets, it will deter them from littering again.
- Auxiliary officers could be deployed during a zero-tolerance blitz on littering.
- Committee discussed the possibility of requesting the City to hire two additional staff to pick up litter in the core and how much it would cost to do so.

Sergeant Joanne Savoie, Hamilton Police Services, advised that she would request that the core officers keep track of the number of littering tickets that are issued and will report back at the next meeting with statistics.

Respectfully submitted,

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