General Issues Committee
REPORT 11-005c
2011 BUDGET
March 28, April 1, 7 and 20, 2011
Council Chamber
Hamilton City Hall

Present: Deputy Mayor J. Farr (Chair – March)
Deputy Mayor L. Ferguson (Chair – April)
Mayor B. Bratina
Councillors B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall, J. Farr, T. Jackson,
B. Johnson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, B. Morelli, J. Partridge,
R. Pasuta, M. Pearson, R. Powers, T. Whitehead

Also Present: C. Murray, City Manager
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
G. Davis, General Manager, Public Works
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning & Economic Development
J. A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
H. Hale Tomasik, Executive Director, Human Resources &
Organizational Development
B. Browett, Director, EMS/Deputy
D. Cunliffe, Director, Fire
C. Biggs, Co-ordinator, Committee Services/Council/Budgets

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 11-005c AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Boards & Agencies (FCS11023i)
   (City Wide) (GIC – March 28, Item 8.1)

   (a) That the 2011 net operating levy for Hamilton Public Library of
       $27,635,281 be approved.

   (b) That the 2011 net operating levy for Other Boards and Agencies of
       $13,403,267, as amended, be approved.

   (c) That the 2011 net operating levy for Community Partnerships of
       $3,285,686 be approved.

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(d) That the 2011 Requested Program Enhancement in the amount of $150,000 pertaining to the operation and maintenance of Waterfront Pier 8 Rink, as per Appendix “A” to Report FCS11023(i), be approved.

2. **Operation and Maintenance of Waterfront Pier 8 Rink (GIC – March 28, 2011)**

(a) That funding for future years for the operation and maintenance of Waterfront Pier 8 Rink be subject to staff providing a report back to the General Issues Committee addressing the following issues:

(i) is this a one-time grant or multi-year commitment
(ii) who operates the restaurant
(iii) what is the revenue generated by the restaurant and where is that money going
(iv) status of the management/operations agreement
(v) cost of operating all City ice rinks
(vi) information respecting the restaurant bid.

(b) That representatives of the Waterfront Trust be requested to attend the meeting of the General Issues Committee at which the above-noted information is provided to respond to questions of the Committee.

3. **Winter Control Program – Stabilization Reserve (PW11014) (GIC – April 1, 2011)**

(a) That a target balance for the Winter Control Reserve (112205) be established as 25% of the five (5) year average actual expenditures for Winter Control; (Report PW11014 attached as Appendix D to Report 11-003);

(b) That the transfer of the Winter Control operating expenditure surplus to the Winter Control Reserve (112205) be subject to the overall Tax Supported operations reporting a year-end positive variance and subject to recommendation (a) (target 25% of 5 year average);

(c) That the transfer of the Winter Control operating expenditure surplus to the Winter Control Reserve (112205) be approved through the Year-End Tax Operating Budget Variance Report and through the Disposition of the Year-end Surplus/Deficit Report, and be subject to final financial audit;

(d) That the Winter Control Reserve Policy be incorporated into the Corporate Reserve Policies.
4. **Transit 2011 Operating Budget and Annual Service Plan (PW10101) (City Wide) (Referred from December 14, 2010 General Issue Committee) (GIC – April 1, 2011)**

   (a) That the 2011 Transit Operating Budget submission summarized in Appendix “A” attached to Report PW10101, be received;

   (b) That $3 million in Provincial Gas Tax (PGT) currently allocated to fleet capital replacement be reallocated to the Transit Operating Budget to fund;

      (i) $2.67 million Conventional Transit (HSR) service level improvements and 29 FTE (Bus Operational and Maintenance Staff), as detailed in Appendix “B” attached to Report PW10101;

      (ii) $330,000 to increase the Transit Training Instructor complement by 1 FTE and the Bus Operator complement by 2 FTE, as summarized in Appendix “C” attached to Report PW10101.

5. **2011 Budget Requests – Volunteer Advisory Committees (FCS11016) (City Wide) (Item 8.1) (GIC – April 1, 2011)**

   (a) That the 2011 Volunteer Advisory Committee base budget submissions be approved as follows:

      (i) Advisory Committee on Immigrants & Refugees in the amount of $3,500;

      (ii) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Advisory Committee in the amount of $3,890;

      (iii) Hamilton Aboriginal Advisory Committee in the amount of $3,500;

      (iv) Hamilton Mundialization Committee in the amount of $5,890;

      (v) Hamilton Status of Women Committee in the amount of $3,500;

      (vi) Committee Against Racism in the amount of $3,890;

   (b) That, in addition to the base funding request for the Hamilton Status of Women Committee, one-time funding in the amount of $5,000 be approved from the Volunteer Committee Reserve (Account No. 58300-112212).

6. **Information Services Contract Savings and Incentives (FCS11024) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) (GIC – April 1, 2011)**

   (a) That annualized savings from the printer and cell phone contracts of $94,000 and $77,700 respectively, be incorporated into the 2011 Operating Budget to reduce the levy requirement by a total of $171,700;
(b) That the annual contract incentive payments and bill credits be deposited into the IS Capital Reserve (account 108023) and then the amounts indicated in recommendation (b) above be funded from this Reserve;

(c) That future projected savings, over and above the amounts set out in Recommendations (a) and (b) above be split equally between the IS Capital Reserve and reduction of the tax levy;

(d) That staff commit to providing Council with annual performance reporting to communicate the status of savings generated from management of IS contracts.

(e) That recommendation from Report FCS11024 (originally sub-section (b)), as shown below, be referred to the General Issues Committee for consideration (attached as Appendix “B” to Report11-003):

(i) That additional savings of $218,000 in respect of the 5 year average annual contract incentive payments and bill credits be used to reduce the 2011 levy by $131,000 and fund 1.0 FTE for a contract analyst (at a cost of $87,000) to ensure further savings materialize.

7. Authorization for Execution of Documents – General Manager of Community Services (FCS11023(e)) (City Wide) (Item 5.1) (GIC – April 1, 2011)

That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized and directed to execute all 2011 Federal and Provincial Program Service Level Funding Agreements and any ancillary agreements required to give effect thereto and Contracts for Community Services as provided for in Appendix “A” to Report FCS11023(e), including the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly/year end reporting.

8. 2011 Budget Request - Seniors Advisory Committee (FCS11017) (City Wide) (Item 6.1) (GIC – April 1, 2011)

That the 2011 base budget submission from the Seniors Advisory Committee in the amount of $1,500, attached as Appendix A to Report FCS11017 be approved.
9. Arts Advisory Commission 2011 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission (CS11008) (City Wide) (Item 6.2) (GIC – April 1, 2011)

(a) That the Arts Advisory Commission’s 2011 Volunteer Committee’s base Budget Submission in the amount of $9,000, attached as Appendix D to Report CS11008, be approved.

(b) That, in addition to the base funding, that a one time funding from the Arts Advisory Commission reserve, in the amount of $5,000, be approved.

10. Food & Shelter Advisory Committee 2011 Budget Submission (CS11028) (City Wide) (Item 6.3) (GIC – April 1, 2011)

That the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee’s 2011 Volunteer Committee Budget submission in the amount of $500, attached as Appendix A to Report CS11028, be approved.

11. 2011 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission - Hamilton Historical Board (CS11011) (City Wide) (Item 6.4) (GIC – April 1, 2011)

(a) That the Hamilton Historical Board’s 2011 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission in the amount of $14,340, attached as Appendix E to Report CS11011, be approved.

(b) That, in addition to the base funding, that a one time funding from the Volunteer Committee reserve, in the amount of $2,370, be approved.

12. Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) 2011 Budget Submission (CS11030) (City Wide) (Item 6.5) (GIC – April 1, 2011)

(a) That the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee annual base Budget Submission in the amount of $3,890, attached as Appendix F to Report CS11030, be approved;

(b) That, in addition to the base funding, that a one time funding from the Volunteer Committee reserve, in the amount of $2,500, be approved.

13. Hamilton Veterans Committee’s 2011 Volunteer Budget Submission (CS11007) (City Wide) (Item 6.6) (GIC – April 1, 2011)

(a) That the Hamilton Veterans Committee’s 2011 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission in the amount of $9,890, attached as Appendix G to Report CS11007, be approved.
(b) That, in addition to the base funding, that a one time funding from the Hamilton Veterans Committee reserve, in the amount of $2,410, be approved.

(c) That, in addition to the base and the one time reserve funding, an increase of $1700 in the Hamilton Veterans Committee Volunteer Committee budget, be approved.

14. Tenant Advisory Committee Budget Submission (CS11029) (City Wide) (Item 6.7) (GIC – April 1, 2011)

(a) That the Tenant Advisory Committee 2010 base amount budget of $500, attached as Appendix H to Report CS11029, be approved;

(b) That the Tenant Advisory Committee’s request for an additional $500 in 2011 be approved.

15. Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion – Request for Funding (CS11023) (City Wide) (Added Item 6.8) (GIC – April 1, 2011)

(a) That Report CS11023 respecting the request for funding from Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion be received;

(b) That an enhancement in the amount of $100,000 for Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion be approved in the 2011 budget from the Tax Stabilization Reserve;

(c) That a funding agreement, satisfactory to the General Manager of Community Services, and the City Solicitor, be established whereby Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion provide documentation to the City of Hamilton in the form of an annual report to Council outlining finances and activities, while in receipt of City funding;

(d) That City Council, through the Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council, continue to encourage and assist HCCI in its self-financing efforts as an independent, community-based, non-profit group;

(e) That the HCCI be requested to provide a letter agreeing to a sunset clause of three years for the funding agreement.
16. **Authorization for Execution of Documents – Medical Officer of Health (FCS11023(h)) (GIC – April 1, 2011)**

That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to execute all 2011 Federal and Provincial Program Service Level Funding Agreements and any ancillary agreements required to give effect thereto and Contracts for Public Health Services as provided for in Appendix of Report FCS11023(h), including the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly/year end reporting.

17. **Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Budget (BOH11004) (City Wide) (Item 6.1) (GIC – April 1, 2011)**

(a) That the reallocation of funding obtained through efficiency measures in the Public Health Services budget to fund the $36,000 shortfall in the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children (HBHC) Program be approved;

(b) That a letter be written to the Minister of Children and Youth Services, to be sent along with the budget submission, outlining the inherent impact of zero base increases for 2009-2011 (as experienced by all Health Units across the province of Ontario), as well as the potential impact of subsequent budget reductions on the effective integration of HBHC services as part of the provincial Best Start Child and Family Service Model;

(c) That staff be directed to bring forward to the Board of Health for consideration, when identified, any 100% provincially funded programs that have a maintenance shortfall.

18. **2011 Tax Operating Budget Adjustments Pending Approval (GIC – April 7, 2011)**

That the 2011 Tax Operating Adjustments/Reductions in the amount of $10,846,528, as per Appendix “A” attached hereto, be approved.

19. **2011 Council-Referred items (Item 8.2) (GIC – April 7, 2011)**

(a) **Food Banks and Christmas Hamper Program – Christmas Hamper Program and Summer Shortfall**

(i) That the $350,000 funding required for Food Banks and Christmas Hamper Program – Christmas Hamper Program and Summer Shortfall be referred to the process established by the Emergency & Community Services Committee with the request a response be received by no later than the end of April;

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(ii) That in the interim, the $350,000 be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve and if approved in the process, the Tax Stabilization Reserve will be reimbursed.

(b) Food Service Workers – Compliance for Food Service Workers

That $125,000 for Food Service Workers – Compliance for Food Service Workers with the new Long-Term Care Home Act, be included in the 2011 Operating Budget.

(c) Rooming House Strategy – Per Completion of Rooming Housing Strategy

That one-time funding in the amount of $64,869 for the Rooming House Strategy – Per Completion of Rooming Housing Strategy be funded from the Federal Homeless Partnering Strategy.

(d) Affordable Transit Pass (ATP) Pilot Program (PW10100)

That staff be directed to report to the Emergency & Community Services Committee on the following:

(i) extension of the ATP Pilot Program using current available funds from Social Services Initiatives and OW Stabilization funds;

(ii) the financial implications of extending the APT Pilot Program to April, 2012.

(e) Community Services Council-Referred Items

That the Community Services Council-referred Items respecting “City of Hamilton Arts Award Program – expenditures for additional awards, event presentation, outreach/marketing and delivery (CS10058) - $59,550”, be received:

20. 2011 Additional Items referred by Council during Budget Process (Item 8.3) (GIC – April 7, 2011)

(a) Emergency Shelter and Intensive Case Management Services

That $350,000 funding for Emergency Shelter and Intensive Case Management Services be referred to the public consultation process for the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund reconciliation funds and Social Services Initiatives Reserve and the balance of $650,000 funding required be referred to the Fairness to Hamilton Committee.

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(b) Rotary Mobility Cup

That the request of the Rotary Mobility Cup for funding in the amount of $20,000 for the purpose of holding the Rotary Mobility Cup be funded from the Tax Stabilization Fund on a one-time basis.

21. 2011 Requested Program Enhancements – Corporate Services (Item 8.4) (GIC – April 7, 2011)

(a) Corporate Services Budget Reduction

That the Corporate Services budget be further reduced by $87,000 from “Manage Office Printing and Supplies Contract.”

(b) AVL for EMS, Water and By-law Enforcement

That the 0.5 FTE required for the AVL for EMS, Water and By-law Enforcement be referred to staff with the direction that staff review the vacancy list and if a 0.5 FTE position is available, the vacancy be transferred to Corporate Services.

22. Prenatal Nutrition Program (Item 8.4) (GIC – April 7, 2011)

That the provision of permanent funding for the Prenatal Nutrition Program, be approved, with no impact to the net levy.

23. Annual Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek – funds required to build up the event to a tourism marquee standard (Item 8.4) (GIC – April 7, 2011)

That $30,000 to fund the Annual Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek to build up the event to a tourism marquee standard, be approved.

24. Community Services Requested Program Enhancements (Item 8.4) (GIC – April 7, 2011)

That the staff requested program enhancements for Community Services in the amount of $398,143 (gross), $0 (net), be approved.
25. **Road and Sidewalk Safety Maintenance – Roads Maintenance Activities (Item 8.4) (GIC – April 7, 2011)**

That the $100,000 and $120,000 for Road and Sidewalk Safety Maintenance – Roads Maintenance Activities, and Stormwater Maintenance, respectively, be funded one time from the Unallocated Capital.

26. **2011 Requested Program Enhancements – Public Works (Item 8.4) (GIC – April 7, 2011)**

That the following items in the Public Works Staff Requested Enhancements (0 levy impact), be received:

(a) Downtown Cleanliness Program – Enhanced Sidewalk Power Washing
(b) Composting Facility and Leaf and Yard Waste Program Optimization
(c) Corridor Control Management/Permitting Revenues.

27. **Sustainable Savings Strategy (2011) (Item 9.1) (GIC – April 7, 2011)**

That further to Council’s 2011 operating budget principle to hold the line on the 2011 budget by achieving the goal of 0% tax change with no service cuts while utilizing attrition and departmental reorganizations, Senior Management be directed to:

(a) Identify sustainable mechanisms and processes to reduce employee related costs during the current Council term on an on-going basis through the 2012, 2013, and 2014 budget processes;

(b) Identify other sustainable efficiencies and non-employee related cost saving measures for Council’s consideration;

(c) Identify and implement cost reduction opportunities with a goal of up to $1M by December 31, 2011, prior to the approval of the 2012 budget.

28. **Request for 2011 Provincial Funding (Item 9.2) (GIC – April 7, 2011)**

(a) That the Mayor be directed to forward a letter to the Province of Ontario again, requesting $4 million in special funding assistance;

(b) That if the Province does not provide the $4 million in special assistance by June 30, 2011, staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with a funding replacement strategy.
(c) That the Mayor's correspondence to the Province also include a funding request for the one additional ambulance and paramedic required as a result of the conversion of McMaster University Medical Centre to a pediatric only site.


That the net operating levy for Hamilton Police Services in the amount of $129,826,620 be approved.


(a) That the net operating levy for HECFI in the amount of $3,247,140 be approved;

(b) That HECFI’s final budget approval in the amount of $3,247,140 be deferred pending completion of the Management Audit review


(a) That the 2011 net operating levy for Public Works in the amount of $181,460,351, inclusive of Recommended Savings Options as per Appendix A to Public Works Committee Report 11-003 and as reduced to $178,500,231 inclusive of the amendments per Appendix “A” attached hereto, be approved;

(b) That the 2011 net operating levy for Legislative in the amount of $3,410,742 be approved;

(c) That the 2011 net operating levy for the Corporate Financials in the amount of $9,437,195 as reduced to $6,094,995 inclusive of the amendments per Appendix “A” attached hereto, be approved;

(d) That the 2011 net operating levy for the Non-Program Revenues of ($37,879,250) as reduced to ($40,773,250) inclusive of the amendments per Appendix “A” attached hereto, be approved;

(e) That the 2011 Capital Financing Charges in the amount of $83,686,000 as reduced to $83,055,500 inclusive of the amendments per Appendix “A” attached hereto, be approved;

(f) That the 2011 net operating levy for City Manager in the amount of $8,914,398 as reduced to $8,879,798 inclusive of the amendments per Appendix “A” attached hereto, be approved;
(g) That the 2011 net operating levy for Corporate Services in the amount of $18,870,924 as reduced to $18,739,924 inclusive of the amendments per Appendix “A” attached hereto, be approved;

(h) That the 2011 net operating levy for Planning & Economic Development in the amount of $16,727,677, inclusive of Recommended Savings Options as per Appendix Three to Report FCS11023(g), and as reduced to $16,616,854 by the amendments per Appendix “A” attached hereto, be approved;

(i) That the 2011 net operating levy for Community Services in the amount of $137,203,270, inclusive of Recommended Savings Options as per Appendix A to Emergency & Community Services Report 11-003, and as reduced to $135,350,285 by the amendments per Appendix “A” attached hereto, be approved;

(j) That the 2011 net operating levy for Hamilton Emergency Services in the amount of $91,369,615 be approved;

(k) That the 2011 net operating levy for Public Health Services in the amount of $10,516,421, inclusive of Recommended Savings Options as per Appendix Three to report FCS11023(h), and as reduced to $10,391,421 by the amendments per Appendix “A” attached hereto, be approved.

32. Reports Received Through 2011 Budget Process

That the following reports presented to the General Issues Committee during the 2011 budget process/deliberations, be received:

(a) 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget Summary – Budget Summary Report (FCS11023) (City Wide) (GIC – April 1, 2011)
(b) Opportunities for Reduction – Public Works Program – Red Hill (PW11013) (City Wide) (GIC – April 1, 2011)
(c) Road and Sidewalk Safety Maintenance – Roads Maintenance Activities (PW11017) (GIC – April 1, 2011)
(d) Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) FTE Program Enhancement (FCS11034) (City Wide) (Item 5.1) (GIC – April 1, 2011)
(e) Budget Information Request Re: Finance and Administration (FCS11038) (City Wide) (Item 5.2) (GIC – April 1, 2011)
(f) 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Budget Summary Report (FCS11023) (Item 4.1) (GIC – April 1, 2011)
(g) Point of Sale System (CS11037) (City Wide) (Item 8.4.1) (GIC – April 1, 2011)
(h) Employee-Related Costs (HUR11002) (City Wide) (GIC – April 7, 2011)
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33. **Labour Negotiations**

That the verbal update provided by staff with respect to the current labour negotiations be received.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**

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(a) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

On a motion the agenda was approved as presented.

(b) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

None

(c) **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Item 3)**

On a motion the Minutes of the February 24 and 25, 2011 meetings of the General Issues Committee were approved as presented.

(e) **STAFF PRESENTATION (Item 7)**

On a motion the presentation respecting the update on the 2011 Corporate Budget was received.

(f) **2011 TAX SUPPORTED OPERATING BUDGET – BOARD AND AGENCIES (FCS11023(i)) (City Wide)**

On a motion, the budget respecting the Hamilton Conservation Authority was amended by reducing the budget by $9,990 from $16,660,357 to $16,650,407 to match their budget request.

The Amendment **CARRIED.**
(g) **2011 OPERATING BUDGET – HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES**

On a motion, sub-section 8.1(a) of Report FCS11023(i) respecting the 2011 net operating levy for the Hamilton Police Services in the amount of $129,826,620, was referred back to the Police Services Board requesting further review and consideration of their budget to meet the City’s target and to report back by April 14.

The referral motion **CARRIED** on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

- **Yeas:** Clark, Farr, Ferguson, Johnson, Partridge, Pasuta, Pearson, Powers
- **Total Yeas:** 8
- **Nays:** Bratina, Collins, Duvall, Jackson, McHattie, Merulla, Whitehead
- **Total Nays:** 7
- **Absent:** Morelli
- **Total Absent:** 1

See Item 29 for the disposition of this item.

(h) **2011 OPERATING BUDGET – HECFI**

On a motion, sub-section 8.1(c) was amended by deferring the HECFI budget in the amount of $3,247,140 until April 14, 2011.

The Amendment **CARRIED**.

See Item 30 for the disposition of this item.

(i) **2011 REQUESTED PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT – WATERFRONT PIER 8 RINK**

On a motion, sub-section 8.1(e) was amended by deleting the words, “and Restaurant” following the word, “Rink”.

The Amendment **CARRIED**.

On a motion, the following referral was put forward:

(i) That sub-section 8.1(e), as amended, be referred back to staff pending receipt of additional information, including who operates the restaurant, what is the revenue generated by the restaurant, is this a one-time grant or multi-year commitment, cost of operating the rink, including the costs of operating the ice rink at Dundas Driving Park in Dundas;
(ii) That future funding be subject to representatives of the Waterfront Trust providing a presentation to the General Issues Committee.

The motion was subsequently WITHDRAWN. See Item 2 for the disposition of this item.

APRIL 1, 2011

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

Additional Information

(i) 2011 Transit Operating Budget and Annual Service Plan (PW10101) (City Wide) (Added as Item 8.1.1) (Referred from December 14, 2010 meeting of the General Issues Committee)

(ii) Transit Fare Increase Policy (PW10078) (City Wide) (Added as Item 8.1.2) (Referred from December 14, 2010 meeting of the General Issues Committee)

On a motion the agenda was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Item 3)

On a motion the March 3 and March 28, 2011 Minutes of the General Issues Committee meetings were approved, as presented.

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Items 7.1 and 8.1)

(i) On a motion the presentation respecting the update on the budget process, was received;

(ii) On a motion the presentation respecting the 2011 Tax Operating Budget of the Public Works Department, was received.
(e) **TRANSIT 2011 OPERATING BUDGET AND ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN (PW10101) (City Wide) (Referred from December 14, 2010 General Issues Committee)**

The motion **CARRIED** on the following vote:

- **Yeas:** McHattie, Farr, Merulla, Collins, Duvall, Pasuta, Johnson, Pearson, Clark
- **Total Yeas:** 9
- **Nays:** Ferguson
- **Total Nays:** 1
- **Absent:** Bratina, Morelli, Jackson, Whitehead, Partridge, Powers
- **Total Absent:** 6

(f) **TABLED AND DEFERRED ITEMS**

On a motion, the following items were tabled/deferred pending discussion of all Standing Committee Reports:

- (i) 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Public Works (FCS11023(a))
- (ii) 2011 Council-Referred Items – Public Works
- (iii) 2011 Requested Program Enhancements – Public Works

The tabling and deferral motions **CARRIED** on the following vote:

- **Yeas:** Ferguson, Pearson, Johnson, Pasuta, Bratina, McHattie, Farr, Merulla, Collins, Duvall
- **Total Yeas:** 10
- **Nays:** Clark
- **Total Nays:** 1
- **Absent:** Jackson, Partridge, Powers, Whitehead, Morelli
- **Total Absent:** 5

- (iv) 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Other Programs (FCS11023(d))
- (v) 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – City Manager (FCS11023(b))
- (vi) 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Corporate Services (FCS11023(c))
- (vii) 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Planning & Economic Development (FCS11023(g))
- (viii) Follow-up to February 22, 2011 Planning Committee Budget Meeting: Additional Information Requested and Directions Given (PED11017)
- (ix) 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Community Services (FCS11023(e))
- (x) 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Hamilton Emergency Services (FCS11023(f))
- (xi) 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Public Health – FCS11023(h))

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(g) HAMILTON CENTRE FOR CIVIC INCLUSION – REQUEST FOR FUNDING (CS11023) (City Wide)

On a motion sub-section (e) was added to read as follows:

(e) That the HCCI be requested to provide a letter agreeing to a sunset clause of three years for the funding agreement.

The Amendment CARRIED. See Item 15 for the disposition of this item.

APRIL 7, 2011

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

Added Motion

9.2 Motion respecting Request for 2011 Provincial Funding

On a motion the agenda was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Item 3)

On a motion the April 1, 2011 Minutes of the General Issues Committee meetings were approved, as presented.

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Items 7.1 and 8.1)

On a motion the presentation respecting the update on the budget process, was received.

(e) STREET TREE TRIMMING PROGRAM

That $350,000 for the Street Tree Trimming Program be included in the 2011 Operating Budget to enable the tree trimming program to reach a 12-year cycle.

The Motion was DEFEATED on the following Standing Recorded Vote:
Yeas: Farr, Johnson, McHattie, Merulla, Pearson, Powers
Total Yeas: 6
Nays: Bratina, Duvall, Ferguson, Jackson, Partridge, Whitehead
Total Nays: 6
Absent: Morelli, Collins, Clark, Pasuta
Total Absent: 4

(f) CITY OF HAMILTON ARTS AWARD PROGRAM

The following motion was WITHDRAWN on the basis that funding requests for future years will be referred to staff for appropriate action

(i) That up to $50,000 be provided from non-levy impact funding for the 2012 program for the City of Hamilton Arts Award program (expenditures for additional awards, event presentation, outreach/marketing and delivery);

(ii) That the issue be referred to the Community Partnership Program for their review and that staff pursue additional options to reduce the cost to the municipality.

(g) 2011 ADDITIONAL ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL DURING BUDGET PROCESS

(i) Jobs Prosperity Collaborative

Tim McCabe, General Manager of Planning & Economic Development, advised that the $100,000 for the Jobs Prosperity Collaborative should not be on the list as the funds are automatically funded.

(h) 2011 REQUESTED PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS

(i) Corporate Services

Rob Rossini, General Manager of Corporate Services, advised the Committee that the Wireless Network Expansion required for various City Departments ($97,000 net impact) and Infrastructure Sustenance required for transit-supported systems (no net levy impact) have been removed from the 2011 Requested Program Enhancements.

(ii) Hamilton Emergency Services – Funding for One Additional Paramedic – MUMC

The amount of $1,349,340 for the one additional ambulance and paramedic required when MUMC is converted to a pediatric only site, was TABLED.
Staff was directed to bring a report back before June 30, 2011 with additional information and statistics, including the actual results now that the ABC is finished, how much offloading funding will assist, etc.

(iii) Community Services

(aa) Annual Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek – Funds required to build up the event to a tourism marquee standard

The Committee requested staff to provide additional information with respect to how much funding the City has provided to this event in the past.

Direction was provided to staff to invite the relevant staff to the next appropriate General Issues Committee meeting to provide an update on the city’s involvement in the upcoming Commemoration of the War of 1812 program.

(bb) Provincially-Funded Programs

Joe-Anne Priel, General Manager of Community Services, advised that the following programs are funded 100% by the Province:

(i) Domiciliary Hostel Program – Team Control Clerk and Program Manager
(ii) Housing Programs Administration Staffing for Social Housing Renovation Retrofit Program
(iii) Addictions Services Initiative
(iv) RAI-MDS Electronic Resident Records mandated by MOHLTC – Macassa Lodge
(v) RAI-MDS Electronic Resident Records mandated by MOHLC – Wentworth Lodge

APRIL 20, 2011

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

Added Private & Confidential

12.1 Update respecting Labour Negotiations – Verbal

12.2 Pending Acquisition of Property for City Purposes – 2015 Pan Am Games – Verbal
On a motion, the agenda was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Item 3)

On a motion the April 7, 8 and 14, 2011 Minutes of the General Issues Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) MOTION TO LIFT TABLED ITEMS

On a motion, the following items tabled by the Committee on April 1, 2011, were lifted:

(i) 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Public Works (FCS11023(a))
(ii) 2011 Council-Referred Items – Public Works
(iii) 2011 Requested Program Enhancements – Public Works
(iv) 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Other Programs (FCS11023(d))
(v) 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – City Manager (FCS11023(b))
(vi) 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Corporate Services (FCS11023(c))
(vii) 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Planning & Economic Development (FCS11023(g))
(viii) Follow-up to February 22, 2011 Planning Committee Budget Meeting: Additional Information Requested and Directions Given (PED11017)
(ix) 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Community Services (FCS11023(e))
(x) 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Hamilton Emergency Services (FCS11023(f))
(xi) 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Public Health – FCS11023(h))
(xii) Follow-up to February 22, 2011 Planning Committee Budget Meeting: Additional Information Requested and Directions Given (PED11017)

(e) STANDING RECORDED VOTES

(i) 2011 Net Operating Levy – Hamilton Police Service

Yeas: Bratina, Collins, Duvall, Farr, Ferguson, Jackson, Johnson, McHattie, Merulla, Morelli, Partridge, Pasuta, Pearson, Powers, Whitehead

Total Yeas: 15
Nays: Clark
Total Nays: 1
Total Absent: 0
(ii) 2011 Net Operating Levy – HECFI

Yeas: Bratina, Collins, Duvall, Farr, Ferguson, Jackson, McHattie, Merulla, Morelli, Pasuta, Pearson, Powers
Total Yeas: 12
Nays: Clark, Johnson, Partridge, Whitehead
Total Nays: 4
Total Absent: 0

(iii) 2011 Net Operating Levy – Public Works

Yeas: Bratina, Collins, Duvall, Farr, Ferguson, Jackson, Johnson, McHattie, Merulla, Morelli, Partridge, Pasuta, Pearson, Powers
Total Yeas: 14
Nays: Clark, Whitehead
Total Nays: 2
Total Absent: 0

(iv) 2011 Net Operating Levy – City Manager

Yeas: Bratina, Collins, Duvall, Farr, Ferguson, Jackson, Johnson, McHattie, Merulla, Morelli, Partridge, Pasuta, Pearson, Powers, Whitehead
Total Yeas: 15
Nays: Clark
Total Nays: 1
Total Absent: 0

(v) 2011 Net Operating Levy – Corporate Services

Yeas: Bratina, Collins, Duvall, Farr, Ferguson, Jackson, Johnson, McHattie, Merulla, Morelli, Partridge, Pasuta, Pearson, Powers
Total Yeas: 14
Nays: Clark, Whitehead
Total Nays: 2
Total Absent: 0
(vi) 2011 Net Operating Levy – Planning & Economic Development

Yeas: Bratina, Collins, Duvall, Farr, Ferguson, Jackson, Johnson, McHattie, Merulla, Morelli, Partridge, Pasuta, Pearson, Powers, Whitehead

Total Yeas: 15
Nays: Clark
Total Nays: 1
Total Absent: 0

(vii) 2011 Net Operating Levy – Community Services

Yeas: Bratina, Collins, Duvall, Farr, Ferguson, Jackson, Johnson, McHattie, Merulla, Morelli, Partridge, Pasuta, Pearson, Powers

Total Yeas: 14
Nays: Clark, Whitehead
Total Nays: 2
Total Absent: 0

(viii) 2011 Net Operating Levy – Public Health Services

Yeas: Bratina, Clark, Collins, Duvall, Farr, Ferguson, Jackson, Johnson, McHattie, Merulla, Morelli, Partridge, Pasuta, Pearson, Powers

Total Yeas: 15
Nays: Whitehead
Total Nays: 1
Total Absent: 0

(f) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

On a motion the Committee moved In Camera at 9:40 a.m. pursuant to Sub-sections 8.1(c) and (d) of the City’s Procedural By-law and the Municipal Act at the subject matters deal with labour and employee negotiations and the pending acquisition of property for City purposes respecting current negotiations with the Union and the pending acquisition of property for the 2015 Pan Am Games.

On a motion the Committee reconvened in Open Session at 11:45 a.m.

(i) Update respecting Labour Negotiations (Item 12.1)

See Item 33 for the disposition of this item.
(ii) Pending Acquisition of Property for City Purposes – 2015 Pan Am Games (Item 12.2)

Direction provided to staff In Camera.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor J. Farr, Deputy Mayor (March)
Councillor L. Ferguson, Deputy Mayor (April)
General Issues Committee

Carolyn Biggs, Co-ordinator
Committee Services/Council/Budget
March 28, April 1, 7 and 20, 2011