**CITY OF HAMILTON**

**PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

*Parking and By-law Services Division*

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**RECOMMENDATION**

(a) That a one-time expenditure estimated at $55,000.00 be authorized from the Parking Reserve Account #108021 for re-programming parking equipment to accept new coins; and,

(b) That staff be authorized to single source the re-programming of equipment with the original suppliers of each equipment type; J.J. MacKay Canada Limited, Electromega Ltd., and Precise Park Link Inc.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Royal Canadian Mint recently released a limited number of new Canadian one and two dollar coins which will not be accepted without re-programming current parking equipment. According to quotes from current vendors, re-programming this equipment is estimated to cost $55,000.00. Sufficient funds are not available in the 2012 Operating Budget, but Parking Reserve Account #108021 can accommodate this expenditure.

**Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 3**
FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (for Recommendation(s) only)

Financial/Staffing: Funding this expenditure is estimated at $55,000.00 and sufficient funds are available in the Parking Reserve Account #108021.

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (Chronology of events)

N/A

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Policy – Policy # 11 – Non-competitive Procurements

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Corporate Services - Procurement, Finance and Administration

ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

(include Performance Measurement/Benchmarking Data, if applicable)

The Royal Canadian Mint recently released a limited number of new Canadian one and two dollar coins which are expected to be in full circulation later this year. To-date, detailed information on the release of these coins has been limited, but staff has determined that existing equipment such as parking meters, pay and display machines and gated systems at the Convention Centre and the York Parkade will not recognize these coins and will treat them as “slugs” or foreign objects.

Staff has been working with current vendors in an attempt to determine equipment re-programming requirements, but only recently were vendors provided with sample coins in order to undertake the necessary calibration of their equipment to ensure effective re-programming.

Due to the uncertainty on the release date of these new coins and the unknown costs involved, it was not included as a 2012 Capital project. This project includes the re-programming of approximately 2,500 parking meters, 85 pay and display machines and two parking garages.
To not reprogram the machines would result in reduced customer service and reduced parking revenues due to parking equipment not accepting the new coins. Also, an increase in parking violations would be expected since customers might not be able to pay for their parking if the parking equipment would not accept their currency.

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN (Linkage to Desired End Results)


- **Financial Sustainability** - the recommendation supports the self-sustaining mandate of the Hamilton Municipal Parking System.

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

N/A

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