Committee of the Whole
MINUTES 09-025

10:00 a.m.
September 17, 2009
Albion Room
Hamilton Convention Centre

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger
Deputy Mayor L. Ferguson

Absent with regrets: Councillor B. Clark – Illness

Also Present: C. Murray, City Manager
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
G. Davis, General Manager, Public Works
Paul Mallard, Acting General Manager, Planning and Economic Development
J.A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
J. Kay, General Manager, HES, Fire Chief
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator, Council and Committee of the Whole/Budgets
C. Biggs, Legislative Assistant

THE FOLLOWING WAS REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(Pasuta/Collins)
That the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Guiding Budget Principles (FCS09094)  
(Powers/Pearson)  
That the 2010 Budget Guiding Principles attached as per Appendix “A” to Report FCS09094 be endorsed as amended.

Amendments:

(Mitchell/Pearson)  
That guiding principle #13 be amended by adding:

“and across departmental collaboration including use of multi-tasking.” Amendment CARRIED.

13. Proposals which include currently shared resources must include consultation with, and participation of, impacted parties in advance of the submission (e.g. parks and winter control) and across departmental collaboration including use of multi-tasking;

(Powers/McCarthy)  
That the following be added as Guiding Principle #20:

20. Pursue logical partnerships and or relationships that could generate mutual benefits for those involved. Amendment CARRIED.  
Motion as Amended CARRIED.

4.2 Capital Budget Overview (no attachment)

Mike Zegarac provided a power point presentation highlighting the following:

- Objectives
- 2009 Capital Levy
- Debt History – Tax & DC Supported
- Debt Forecast 2009-2019
- Gross Tax Capital Funding Sources
- 2010 Discretionary Capital Pre-Stimulus Funding
- Recreation Stimulus Funding
- ISF/Discretionary Financing Options
- 2010 Discretionary Capital Funding Options
- Tax Supported Infrastructure Funding Shortfall
- Capital Projects not included
- Stimulus Financing
- Council Strategic Funding
- Capital Budget Schedule

(Pearson/Powers)
(a) That the presentation be received. CARRIED.

(McHattie/Merulla)
(b) That staff develop for the purpose of growing the economy, options for the October 27, 2009 Committee of the Whole:

i) to allocate the balance of the 2009 Council Strategic Capital and the 2009 Economic Development strategic Funding allocation (approximately $6.3 million

(ii) to allocate the balance of the 2009 Council Strategic Capital, the 2010 potential council Strategic Capital, and the 2009 Economic Development strategic funding allocation (approximately $11.3 Million) CARRIED.

4.3 Infrastructure Stimulus Project Financing Strategy (City Wide) FCS09052(c)
(Merulla/Morelli)

(a) That $38.8 million in previously approved Water / Wastewater / Storm capital projects be closed and the related funding be realigned during the 2010 Rate Budget process to fund the Water/Wastewater/Storm ISF projects;

(b) That $8.333 million in Development Charges be used to fund the Emergency Services Training Facility;
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(c) That $400,000 for the Energy Retrofit – Lister District Energy project be funded from the price adjustment mechanism in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale;

(d) That the Financing Strategy for the tax supported Infrastructure Stimulus Projects, identified as Option 2 (i.e. $16.5 million in debt financing funded through 0.3% tax increase) in report FCS09052(c), be approved; and

(e) That further capital levy increases be considered during the 2010 Capital Budget process.

(Jackson/McCarthy)
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger

M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator
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