Present: Deputy Mayor B. Johnson
Mayor B. Bratina
Councillors B. Clark, C. Collins, J. Farr, L. Ferguson,
T. Jackson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, B. Morelli, R. Pasuta,
M. Pearson, J. Partridge

Absent with regrets: Councillors S. Duvall, T. Whitehead – FCM
Councillor R. Powers – CUTA

Also Present: C. Murray, City Manager
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services
G. Davis, General Manager, Public Works
J. Spolnik, A/General Manager, Planning &
    Economic Development
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
H. Tomasik, Exec. Director, H.R. & Organizational
    Development
C. Biggs, Co-ordinator, Committee Services/Council/Budgets

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 11-016 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Labour Relations Update (Item 12.1)
   
   (a) That the verbal update from staff respecting labour relations be received;

   (b) That Report PW11051 respecting Labour Disruption Contingency Plans
       for Waste Management and Litter Collection, Cemeteries and Special
       Events, be received;

   (c) That the contents of Report PW11051 remain confidential.

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2. Hamilton Farmers’ Market Zero Tolerance for Violence Policy

(a) That current complaint under Zero Tolerance for Violence in the Hamilton Farmers’ Market Policy be terminated;

(b) That the stallholder be issued a written warning regarding future compliance under the Zero Tolerance for Violence Policy;

(c) That a review of the process for enforcement of the Market By-law and the appeal process, the Stallholder Contract and the Zero Tolerance for Violence Policy be conducted, with a report back to the Hamilton Farmers’ Market Transition Sub-Committee.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following change:

ADDED P&C REPORT

12.1 Labour Disruption Contingency Plans for Waste Management and Litter Collection, Cemeteries and Special Events (PW11051) (City Wide)

On a motion the June 2, 2011 agenda for the General Issues Committee was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

On a motion the Committee moved into Closed Session at 10:40 a.m. pursuant to Sub-sections 8.1(b) and (d) of the City’s Procedural By-law and the Municipal act as the subject matters pertained to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees, and labour relations or employee negotiations respecting:

(i) Labour Relations Update

(ii) Potential Litigation – Hamilton Farmers’ Market
On a motion the General Issues Committee reconvened in Open Session at 2:30 p.m.

(i) Labour Relations Update

See Item 1 for the disposition of this item.

(ii) Potential Litigation – Hamilton Farmers’ Market

The following is the preamble with respect to this item:

Whereas the City of Hamilton has a Zero Tolerance for Violence Policy;

And Whereas the City re-affirms the importance of this Policy;

And Whereas there may be a current public perception that the process for enforcement of the Policy may need improvement;

And Whereas it is important that the public have faith in the City application of the Zero Tolerance for Violence Policy.

See Item 2 for the disposition of this item.

Item 2 CARRIED on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Bratina, McHattie, Farr, Morelli, Collins, Jackson, Pasuta
Total Yeas; 7
Nays: Johnson, Clark, Pearson, Ferguson
Total Nays: 4
Absent: Merulla, Duvall, Whitehead, Partridge, Powers
Total Absent: 5

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 2:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor B. Johnson, Deputy Mayor
General Issues Committee

Carolyn Biggs, Co-ordinator
Committee Services/Council/Budgets
June 2, 2011