Committee of the Whole
REPORT 08-010
As Amended by City Council on February 27, 2008
9:30 a.m.
February 26, 2008
Albion Rooms
Hamilton Convention Centre

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger

Absent with regrets: Councillor B. Morelli – Personal Business

Also Present: G. Peace, City Manager
J. Rinaldo, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
M. Gallagher, Coordinator, COW

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PRESENTS REPORT 08-010 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Correspondence from Tyler MacLeod, President, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce respecting Airport Implementation Task Force Recommendations

That the correspondence from Tyler MacLeod, President, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce respecting Airport Implementation Task force Recommendations be received.

2. Anti-Idling By-law – Enforcement

That staff be directed to enforce the Anti-Idling By-law on a complaint basis with the current staffing complement.

3. Business Case to Purchase Lands Along Airport Road Adjoining the John C. Munro/Hamilton International Airport (PED07048(c)/FCS07042(c)) (City Wide) (10.1)
(a) That all future land required for runway and Airport expansion approximately 149 acres be approved;

(b) That the requisite funding in the amount of $3 Million to acquire the subject lands be pre-approved for inclusion in the 2009 Capital Budget.

(c) That Report PED07048(c)/FCS07042(c) remain a confidential document.

4. **Update on Business Plan – Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (10.2)**

That the Education Square Business Plan as amended be approved and released as a public document following approval by City Council.

5. **Veteran’s Parking Permit**

That staff be directed to investigate, in consultation with the Veterans Advisory Committee on the implementation of a Veteran parking permit program whereby Veterans who honourably served in World War I, World War II, Korean War, and any Veteran who resides in the City of Hamilton may be issued an annual parking exemption permit at no charge, which provides for an exemption from the fee payment regulations at on-street parking meters and in municipal parking facilities and report back to the Economic Development and Planning Committee.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

The Clerk noted the following change to the agenda:

Added Private and Confidential Matter respecting proposed or pending acquisition of land for municipal or local board purposes to be added as Item 10.2 on today’s agenda.

The Agenda of February 26, 2008 was adopted as amended.

(b) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

(c) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1 February 11, 2008
The Minutes of February 11, 2008 were adopted as presented.

(d) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Presentation made at the February 12, 2008 Economic Development and Planning Committee - “Planning and Economic Development Parking and By-law Services – Potential Revenue Generators 2008 Budget” (Item 6.1)

Tim McCabe, General Manager of Planning and Economic Development provided an update on how the matter was brought before Committee of the Whole for consideration.

Marty Hazel provided an overview of the issues referred to committee.

Committee received the following for information purposes:

(1) Motion approved by Hamilton City Council on February 13, 2008 respecting Rate Increases for fees/fines

(2) Materials distributed at the January 22, 2008 Economic Development and Planning Committee respecting Summary of Potential Revenue Generators and Fees

A motion to Table the Potential Revenue Generators – Parking to the February 28th COW to allow for the public delegation meeting to be held and the scheduling of a special Council meeting to be held immediately following the Committee of the Whole meeting was approved.

A motion that the early payment for parking fines be eliminated was DEFEATED on a Recorded vote as follows:

Yeas: Clark, McCarthy, McHattie, Merulla, Pearson, Whitehead, Eisenberger
Total: 7

Nays: Powers, Mitchell, Pasuta, Jackson, Ferguson, Duvall, Collins, Bratina
Total: 8

(ii) Taxing Private Parking Lots
Councillor McHattie raised this issue and staff was directed to review this issue and report back to committee.
(iii) The following motion was deferred pending the completion of the Operational Review:

(a) Anti-Idling Enforcement
   (i) That one time funding, in the amount of $76,000, for an Anti-Idling By-law Enforcement Officer be approved.

   (ii) That staff be authorized and directed to lease a hybrid vehicle, for use by the Anti-Idling By-law Enforcement Officer, at a cost yet to be determined.

The motion directing staff to enforce the by-law on a complaint basis with current staffing complement CARRIED on the following Recorded vote:

- Yeas: Eisenberger, Duvall, Ferguson, Jackson, McCarthy, McHattie, Merulla, Powers, Collins
  Total: 9

- Nays: Bratina, Clark, Pasuta, Mitchell, Pearson, Whitehead
  Total: 6

(e) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Committee moved into closed session further to Section 8.1 subsection (c) of the City’s Procedural By-law as the subject matters pertained to proposed or pending acquisition of land for municipal board purposes and reconvened in Open Session.

(i) Business Case to Purchase Lands Along Airport Road Adjoining the John C. Munro/Hamilton International Airport (PED07048(c)/FCS07042(c)) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

The following amendment was DEFEATED on a Recorded Vote as follows:

That subsection (b) be amended to read as follows:

(b) That all land purchased required for the development of Hamilton airport be funded from revenues of a passenger head tax.

- Yeas: Powers, Merulla, McHattie, Bratina, Clark, Collins, Duvall
  Total: 7

- Nays: Eisenberger, Whitehead, Pearson, Mitchell, Pasuta, Ferguson, Jackson
  Total: 7

Main Motion Carried on a Recorded Vote:

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Yeas: Whitehead, Powers, Pearson, Mitchell, Pasuta, Jackson, Ferguson, Eisenberger
Total: 8
Nays: Merulla, McHattie, Duvall, Collins, Clark, Bratina
Total: 6

The following Motion was WITHDRAWN:

That the Mayor, Chair of the Economic Development and Planning Committee and Councillor Collins with staff liaison on any future negotiations involved with the Airport.

(ii) Update on Business Plan – Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (Item 10.2)

Refer to Item 4 for disposition of this matter.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger

M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator
Council, Committee of the Whole/Budgets
February 26, 2008