Committee of the Whole
REPORT 09-019

9:30 a.m.
June 8, 2009
Hamilton Sheraton Hotel

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger
Councillors B. Bratina, B. Clark, C. Collins, T. Jackson, L. Ferguson, M. McCarthy, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, B. Morelli, D. Mitchell, M. Pearson

Absent with regrets: Councillors S. Duvall, R. Pasuta, R. Powers and T. Whitehead – City Business

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 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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PRESENTS REPORT 09-019 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Sustainable Infrastructure Needs (PW09057) (City Wide) (Item 4.1)

That Report PW09057 respecting Sustainable Infrastructure Needs be received.
2. SIMPLY TREE-MENDOUS” CHALLENGE by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (Item 6.1)

(a) That the City of Hamilton hereby approves the participation in the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority’s Simply Tree-mendous Challenge to achieve the planting of 50,000 trees and shrubs throughout the Authority’s watershed area of jurisdiction; and to encourage our resident, groups, service clubs and businesses to take up this challenge/competition in the City of Hamilton;

(b) That the NPCA be so advised in writing.


That the presentation by Tyler McLeod, Chair of the Hamilton and District Chamber of Commerce respecting highlights of the Economic Summit 2009 be received.

4. Planning and Economic Development Performance Measures (PED09168) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

That Report PED09168 respecting Planning and Economic Development Performance Measures for 2008 be received.

5. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 09-005 (Item 8.1)

(a) Comments on the Draft Employment Standard under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (Item 5.3)

That the comments respecting the Draft Employment Standard under the AODA, attached as Appendix D to Report 09-005, be approved and forwarded to the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario.

(b) Request for Reinstatement on the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities – Sharon Derkach (Item 6.3)

That Sharon Derkach be reinstated as a member of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the 2006 to 2010 term of Council or until such time as a successor is appointed by Council.
6. **Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Announcement (FCS09052(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

   That Report (FCS09052(b) respecting Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Announcement be received.

7. **2008 - 2011 Corporate Strategic Plan Annual Report (CM09009) (City Wide) (Item 13.1)**

   (a) That the 2008-2011 Corporate Strategic Plan Annual Report, attached hereto as Appendix A, be received and that the results be considered as part of the 2010 budget process;

   (b) That Staff review the Desired End Results and bring forward recommended changes, in conjunction with a process to review and determine the top priorities of Council.

8. **Proposed 2010 Budget Process (CM09010/FCS09065)**

   That Option Three as per Table One outlined in Report CM09010/FCS09065 and as noted below be selected as the process for the 2010 Budget.

   Option Three: Committee of the Whole for preliminary process, Standing Committees for presentations, deliberations and COW for approval of final recommendations.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**

   (a) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

      Mayor Eisenberger introduced and provided certificates to the Deputy Mayors for the Month of June, 2009 - Shakerrah Calliste and Nico Stepan

   (b) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

      The Clerk noted the following changes to the agenda:

      Added report respecting Infrastructure Funding Announcement – currently being printed – this will be added as Item 8.2

      Added Verbal update on a Labour Relations Matter which will be added as Item 11.5
The agenda was adopted as amended.

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

(d) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The following minutes were adopted as presented:

3.1 May 11, 2009
3.2 May 21, 2009
3.3 May 26, 2009
3.4 May 27, 2009

(e) PRESENTATIONS

(i) SIMPLY TREE-MENDEOUS” CHALLENGE by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (Item 6.1)

Ms. Mary Stack, Director of Communications, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority presented information on the “Simply Tree-mendous” Challenge. Highlights included:
- Overview of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority’s jurisdiction
- 50th Anniversary
- Planting of 50 trees at Balls Falls
- Goal is to plant 50,000 trees across the watershed
- Encourage residents and businesses to get involved in the planting challenge

Councillor Mitchell suggested staff explore placing a link on the city’s website to inform the public of this initiative.

(ii) Report on the Economic Summit 2009 – Hamilton and District Chamber of Commerce (Item 6.2)

Tyler McLeod, Chair of the Hamilton and District Chamber of Commerce presented highlights of the Economic Summit 2009.
(iii) Planning and Economic Development Performance Measures (PED09168) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Neil Everson provided an overview of the report. Highlights included:
- The Economy – the bad news
- The Economy – the good news
- Performance Measures
- P&ED Budget Enhancements
- 2008 Corporate Measures
- Weighted Assessment Growth
- Shovel Ready Land
- Customer Satisfaction
- 2008 Marketing Activities
- Brownfields
- Business Expansions and Relations
- Small Business
- Film Office

Staff direction (#1)

Economic Development staff were directed to explore the feasibility and costs associated with locating satellite offices in locations such as Mississauga and Toronto to provide opportunities for those companies looking for land/business expansions and or opportunities.

Staff direction (#2)

Staff were directed to prepare a report with options and strategies respecting the tax inequity of the Heads and Beds Policy and report back to the Audit and Administration Committee.

(iv) Proposed 2010 Budget Process (CM09010/FCS09065)

General Manager of Finance Rob Rossini provided an overview of the options for the 2010 Budget Process. Highlights included:
- Feedback from Council
- Options for consideration
- Draft Timeline for budget approval
- 2010 Potential Pressures
- Public Engagement
Staff direction (#3)
Staff were directed to provide Committee with an update on the Service Inventory as soon as possible.

Staff direction (#4)
Staff were directed to report to committee the Key activity/Action items for each desired result in the Corporate Strategic Plan.

(f) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 09-005 (Item 8.1)

Item 1 of Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 09-005 was referred to staff for review and follow up to Committee of the Whole in September.

(g) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

The following closed session minutes were approved:

11.1 Minutes of the May 11, 2009 closed session meeting
11.2 Minutes of the May 26, 2009 closed session meeting
11.3 Minutes of the May 27, 2009 closed session meeting

Committee moved into closed session further to Section 8.1(d) of the city’s procedural by-law as the subject matters pertains to labour relations and employee negotiations.

Committee reconvened in Open Session.

11.4 Labour Negotiations – ONA Lodges (HUR09010)

Staff provided direction in closed session.

11.5 Labour Relations Matter

Staff provided an update in closed session.

There was nothing in public to report on the above noted items.
(h) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Bratina requested and the Mayor agreed to make direct contact with the McMaster Medical Centre negotiating team on the current status of the proposed Faculty and Clinic, including all sites under discussion and report back to Council Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

Respectfully submitted

Mayor F. Eisenberger

M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator
Council, Committee of the Whole
June 8, 2009