THE SOCIAL SERVICES DOWNLOADING STEERING COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 05-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **Appointment of Social Services Downloading Steering Committee Chair (Item 8.2)**

   That Councillor B. McHattie be appointed as Chair of the Social Services Downloading Steering Committee.

2. **Appointment of Social Services Downloading Steering Committee Vice-Chair (Item 8.2(a))**

   That Tom Cooper, Community Development Coordinator, McQueston Legal and Community Services be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Social Services Downloading Steering Committee.
3. **Social Services Downloading Steering Committee Terms of Reference (Item 8.3)**

That the Terms of Reference for the Social Services Downloading Steering Committee (attached hereto as Appendix A to Report 05-001) be amended to add, to the “Objectives” section, the duties of providing recommendations to the Province as to how the structure of Social Services are funded; to devise a Communications Strategy for the report; lobbying of the strategy; and, to build a broader coalition across both Hamilton and the Province.

4. **Outline of the Background Report for the Social Services Downloading Steering Committee (Item 8.4(a))**

That the Outline of the Background Report, prepared by the Centre for Community Study, for the Social Services Downloading Steering Committee be amended to address such matters as why Hamilton is not included in GTA pooling; community demographics; the impacts of mental healthcare services, Hamilton’s role as a regional centre for healthcare and education and services for the disabled; a recommendation for a long-term, sustainable solution; the position of provincial groups such as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), with respect to Social Services downloading on municipalities; and, how other jurisdictions apportion social services.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Clerk noted the following changes, which were approved:

(i) Added as Item 8.4(a) – Draft Outline of the Background Report for the Social Services Downloading Steering Committee, prepared by the Centre for Community Study, dated November 7, 2005

(b) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

None were declared.

(c) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)**

As this was the initial meeting, there were none.
(d) Introduction of Social Services Downloading Steering Committee Members, City Staff and Centre for Community Study (Consultant) Representatives (Item 8.1)

Members of the Social Services Downloading Steering Committee introduced themselves as Councillor Brian McHattie; Tom Cooper, Community Development Coordinator, McQueston Legal and Community Services; Roy Adams, Executive Director, Hamilton Civic Coalition; Jeff Wingard, Senior Social Planner, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton; John Dolbec, Chief Executive Officer, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, as well as Frank Scremin, representing the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, and Sonja Macdonald and Paul Shaker of the Centre for Community Study.

(e) Centre for Community Study Proposal to Tom Cooper, McQueston Legal and Community Services, dated June 7, 2005 (Item 8.4)

This item was received for information.

(f) Strategy to Obtain Provincial Support (Item 8.6)

This Item will be addressed on the next agenda.

(g) Next Steps (Item 8.7)

The Steering Committee requested that the next meeting be held in early December and that the Centre for Community Study bring forward a draft report at that time.

The Committee also asked that Mayor DiIanni be requested to attend the December meeting to discuss a strategy to obtain Provincial support.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor B. McHattie, Chair

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
November 7, 2005

Committee of the Whole – February 10, 2006
Introduction:

The Social Services Downloading Steering Committee was established by Council at its meeting held on September 28, 2005.

Objectives:

Given the need to secure social service funding from the Provincial government in support of 2006 budget needs, an independent consultant has been hired to prepare a report for Council’s consideration, outlining the impacts of social service downloading on the City of Hamilton, and to provide recommendations on the required changes.

The Social Services Downloading Steering Committee’s mandate is to review the consultant’s report and report back to Committee of the Whole with respect to these recommendations, to provide recommendations to the Province as to how the structure of Social Services are funded, to devise a Communications Strategy for the report, to lobby the strategy, and to build a broader coalition across both Hamilton and the Province.

Membership:

Committee membership is comprised of representatives from McQuesten Legal and Community Services, Social Planning and Research Council, the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, Hamilton Civic Coalition and three Members of Council. The appointed Social Services Downloading Steering Committee members are:

- Councillor B. McHattie
- Councillor S. Merulla
- Councillor T. Whitehead
- Mayor L. Di Ianni – ex officio
- McQueston Legal and Community Services
- Social Planning and Research Council
- Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
- Hamilton Civic Coalition

Meetings:

Meetings shall be held as required.
Chair and Vice Chair:

The Chair and Vice Chair are selected from the appointed members of Council. They are as follows:

- Chair – Councillor Brian McHattie
- Vice Chair – Tom Cooper, McQueston Legal and Community Services

Secretariat:

Legislative services shall be provided by the City of Hamilton Clerk’s Division.

Voting and Attendance:

For purposes of voting, majority means more than half of the Steering Committee members present and voting.

A quorum for the purposes of voting shall be 50% plus one (1) of the Steering Committee members (Quorum = 4).