Committee of the Whole
MINUTES

9:30 a.m.
February 27, 2008
Albion Rooms
Hamilton Convention Centre

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

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

Mayor Eisenberger called the meeting to order.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR
CONSIDERATION:

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(Bratina/Pearson)
That the agenda of February 27, 2008 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Lister Block Rehabilitation Project

Committee received a power point presentation on the Peer Review Lister Rehabilitation Proposal by Clinton Brown, Clinton Brown Company Architects and Gord Kack, MHPM Project Managers.

Following the power point presentation, Joe Rinaldo, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services presented the Lister Rehabilitation Financial Analysis.

Committee also received correspondence from Patrick Byrne, Kingsway Arms and Joseph Mancinelli, LIUNA.

Questions were also asked of Warren Green of HiRise.

Committee posed questions to the presenters addressing various issues including:
Revenue for retirement home and residential towers
Contribution to improvements
Negotiate with developer to reduce costs
Real estate appraisal of land
Value of storage space, and retail space
Potential benefits – additional revenues
Ownership component – role that plays in mitigating costs

(Merulla/McHattie)
That this issue be tabled pending further information from staff on the items noted on Pages 22, 23 and 24 of the Peer Review presentation.

Tabling Motion was withdrawn to allow for debate.

(Merulla/McHattie)
That this issue be tabled pending further calculation information from staff on the items noted on Pages 22, 23 and 24 of the Peer Review presentation.

That staff be directed to calculate all the potential financials associated with the ownership of Lister though lease arrangements, additional assessment base increases;
Furthermore that this purchase option be conditional upon securing an agreement with Hi Rise/Liuna and Kingsway Arms for the residential development

That steps be taken to seek a confirmation and extension from the province related to the restoration grant

That staff provide a recommendation for consideration by committee.

Tabling Motion CARRIED on a recorded vote:

Yeas: Pearson, Mitchell, Pasuta, Morelli, Merulla, McHattie, Jackson, Fergson, Eisenberger, Whitehead
Total: 10

Nays: Powers, Duvall, Collins, Clark, McCarthy, Bratina
Total: 6

25 minute recess – 1:30 p.m.

Committee reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

7.2 Hamilton Emergency Services Station No. 20 (HES08005) (Ward 12) (Jackson/Collins)
(a) That the 2006 Capital Project Construction Budget, Project ID 7400341100 for the construction of Hamilton Emergency Services (HES) Station No. 20 be increased by $350,000 from $2,841,500 to $3,191,500 and funded from the Fire Services Development Charge Reserve, and;

(b) That Contract number C13-01-08 for the construction of Hamilton Emergency Services (HES) Station No. 20 be awarded to the lowest compliant bid of $2,723,000 to MJ Dixon Construction Limited. CARRIED.

7.3 Internal/External Communications (no copy)

Glen Peace provided an update on the issue respecting the recent Email exchange between council which made its way to the Media.

Email exchanges can be captured by Freedom of Information as council is using corporate equipment.
Computer use policy needs to be updated.
Code of Conduct vs. Computer Policy –

The City Manager asked Council to consider the following:
1. support staff in review of policy and reporting back
2. investigation of council should not be done by staff but rather should be directed or reported by an external source.

(Collins/McHattie)
That staff be directed to revise the Computer Policy and report back to Committee. CARRIED.

(Merulla/Jackson)
That Councillor Mitchell be provided the opportunity to address committee. CARRIED.

Councillor Mitchell addressed committee and provided a statement on the previous issue which transpired with respect to information which had been leaked from a confidential meeting to the media.

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger

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