Budget Steering Committee
Minutes
11:00 a.m.
February 12, 2009
Room 202
Hamilton Convention Centre

Present:
Mayor F. Eisenberger
Councillors T. Jackson, M. Pearson, T. Whitehead

Absent with regrets:
Councillor R. Powers - Bereavement

Also Present:
Councillor B. Bratina
C. Murray, City Manager
T. Tollis, Acting General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
G. Davis, Acting General Manager, Public Works
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development
Dr. E. Richardson, MOH
M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator, Council/COW

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Added the Board of Health Report from the Feb. 10th Budget Steering Committee which was deferred to today’s meeting.

(Whitehead/Pearson)
That the agenda be approved as amended. CARRIED.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 February 10, 2009
That the Minutes of February 10, 2009 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

4. PRESENTATIONS

5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Health Report 09-001

(Whitehead/Pearson)

1. 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget (FCS09007) (City Wide)

That Report FCS09007 respecting the 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget, be received for information.

2. 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Public Health Services (FCS09007e) (City Wide)

(a) That the 2009 net operating levy for Public Health Services be approved at $9,195,588;

(b) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to execute all statutory 2009 Federal and Provincial Program Service Level Funding Agreements and Contracts for Public Health Services including the submission of budgets and quarterly/year end reporting.

CARRIED.

5.1 Public Works Committee Report 09-001

(Pearson/Whitehead)

1. 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Budget Summary Report (FCS09007) (City Wide) (Item 4.1 – January 16)

That Report FCS09007 respecting the 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Budget Summary Report, be received.


That the presentation provided by staff respecting the Corporate Energy Report – January, 2009, be received.
3. **2009 Budget Request – Public Works Volunteer Committees (PW09008) (City Wide) (Item 5.2 – January 30)**

   (a) That the Clean City Liaison Committee’s 2009 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission, attached hereto as Appendix “A”, in the amount of $18,250, be approved;

   (b) That in addition to the base funding request for the Clean City Liaison Committee, one time-funding from the Volunteer Committee Reserve in the amount of $13,400 be considered during budget deliberations;

   (c) That the Hamilton Cycling Committee’s 2009 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission, attached hereto as Appendix “B”, in the amount of $6,250, be approved;

   (d) That in addition to the base funding request for the Hamilton Cycling Committee, one time-funding from the Volunteer Committee Reserve in the amount of $3,750 be considered during budget deliberations.

4. **2009 Public Works Department Operating Budget – Reductions**

   That the following reductions to the 2009 Operating Budget, be approved:

   (a) Fuel – Operating Departments  ($1,000,000)
       (Diesel – 1.05 to 0.95; Unleaded - 0.97 to 0.87)
   (b) Fuel – External/Contractual Impact  ($ 100,000)
   (c) Natural Gas  ($ 120,000)
   (d) Reduce Contribution to Vehicle Reserve  ($ 100,000)
   (e) Support Services Efficiencies  ($ 100,000)
   (f) Technology to Delivery Security  ($ 200,000)
   (g) Road Side Litter  $ 200,000
   (h) Street Sweeping Program  $ 138,000
   (i) Bulk Collection Fee  $ 360,000
   (j) Tipping Fee (3% increase)  $ 60,000
   (k) Parking Fees at Major Municipal Park Sites  $ 310,000
5. **2009 Program Change Options – Public Works (FCS09011(e))**  
   (City Wide)

   (a) That the following 2009 Program Change Options be included in the 2009 Public Works Operating Budget:

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<td>(i) Street Tree Trimming Program Deferral of Phase 4 of 10 Implementation</td>
<td>($530,000)</td>
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<td>(ii) Trail Maintenance Program Reduction - Budget Mitigation Option</td>
<td>($22,600)</td>
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<td>(iii) Open Space Maintenance – Program Reduction (Budget Mitigation Option)</td>
<td>($42,000)</td>
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   (b) That the following 2009 Program Change Option be added to the 2009 Public Works Operating Budget:

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<td>(i) Parks Operating Impacts from Inventory Growth (Development)</td>
<td>$320,530</td>
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6. **2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Public Works (FCS09007(h))**

   (a) That the following Council-referred items be approved for inclusion in the 2009 Public Works Operating Budget:

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<td>(i) Green Cart Program, Leaf &amp; Yard Waste and Grass Recycling</td>
<td>($5,000)</td>
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<td>(ii) (Large) Multi-Residential Organic Collection Program</td>
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<td>(iii) CP Rail Trail</td>
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<td>(iv) Street Tree Trimming Program Enhancement</td>
<td>$171,000</td>
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<td>(v) Splash Pad Operations</td>
<td>$3,360</td>
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<td>(vi) Recycling Collection in Parks</td>
<td>$0</td>
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<td>(vii) Ground Litter Control in the Downtown</td>
<td>$172,630</td>
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<td>(viii) Cigarette Receptacle Program</td>
<td>$5,600</td>
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   (b) That the Council-referred item respecting Waste Management Services for Festivals and Special Events in
the amount of $40,000 not be included in the 2009 Public Works Operating Budget;;

(c) That the Solid Waste Management Master Plan Sub-Committee be requested to review the Waste Management Services for Festivals and Special Events.

d) That the 2009 net operating levy for Public Works in the amount of $172,400,872, be approved and forwarded to the Budget Steering Committee.

5.2 Economic Development and Planning Committee Report 09-003

Additional Information:

(a) 2009 Tariff of Fees Increase (PED09032(a))
Whitehead/Pearson)
a) That the BMA Management Consulting Inc. comparator of fees, revised to include the City of Brantford, City of Kitchener and Town of Grimsby, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED09032(a), be received.

b) That Appendix “A” of Report PED09032, being the recommended revised Planning and Engineering Fees for 2009, be amended as follows:

i) That the fee for Minor Variance applications be reduced from $1,210.00 to $1,000.00.

ii) That a new fee of $1,210.00 be applied to applications for “After the Fact Variances” being where development has proceeded prior to resubmission of the application for relief of by-law requirements.

iii) That the fee of $40,000.00 for Pit or Quarry Expansion be referenced as a new fee not a revised fee.

iv) That cost recovery respecting Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) appeals include all fees associated with supporting an applicant at a hearing where the application was approved by City Council including City legal fees, City staff fees, outside legal counsel and consultant / witness fees where required, but excluding the cost of the Planning and Economic Development Department staff.

CARRIED.
Economic Development and Planning Committee Report 09-003

1. **2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget (FCS09007) (City Wide)**
   That Report FCS09007 respecting the 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget, be received for information.

2. **2009 Tariff of Fees (PED09032) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**
   That the Schedule of Fees, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED09032, be approved as amended by Report PED09032(a) and incorporated into the 2009 User Fees and Charges By-law.

3. **2009 Program Change Options – Planning and Economic Development (FCS09011(c)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**
   That the 2009 Program Change Options for Planning and Economic Development, as outlined in Appendix A to Report FCS09011(c), be approved.

4. **Project expenditures from Economic Investment Fund- (attachment) (Item 8.2.4)**
   That the Project expenditures from the Economic Investment Fund be approved, and that the payment to the Jobs Prosperity Collaborative be held, pending the receipt of their 2008 financial statements.

5. **2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Planning and Economic Development (FCS09007(d)) (City Wide)**
   That Report FCS09007 respecting the 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Planning and Economic Development (FCS09007(d)) (City Wide) be approved, as amended by Committee on January 28, 2009.

   (Jackson/Pearson)
   That the Downtown Ambassador Program to extend program for 16 weeks from September to December in the amount of $135,251 be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration. CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger
M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator
Council, Committee of the Whole
February 12, 2009