GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES 14-002(d)  
9:30 a.m.  
Friday, February 7, 2014  
Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West

Present: Deputy Mayor S. Merulla (Chair)  
Councillors J. Farr, C. Collins, T. Jackson, S. Duvall,  
T. Whitehead, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson, L. Ferguson,  
R. Pasuta, J. Partridge

Absent with Regrets: Mayor B. Bratina – City Business  
Councillor B. McHattie - Personal  
Councillor R. Powers – City Business

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

(Duvall/Jackson)  
That the Agenda for the February 7, 2014 meeting of the General Issues Committee be approved, as presented.  
CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

None.
(d) **STAFF PRESENTATIONS** (Item 4)

(i) **Public Health Operating Budget (including Business Plan) (Item 4.1)**

Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, presented the Public Health Department’s budget with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record.

Dr. Richardson’s presentation included but was not limited to the following:

**2014 Public Health Services Business Plan Highlights - Prosperous and Healthy Community Initiatives:**

- PHS Consolidation in Downtown Core
  - 200 PHS jobs coming downtown
- Integrated, multi-modal, public transportation
- Neighbourhood Action Plans
  - needle pick-up
  - healthy eating and physical activities in school
- Mental Health and Addiction Services
  - Health Links Initiatives
  - Youth Alcohol Prevention (in response to Skinner Report)
  - Harm Reduction Network
- Revised Healthy Babies Healthy Children protocol
- Healthy Birth Weights Coalition
- “Healthy Families Hamilton” Facebook page
- Prevention of Childhood Obesity – Healthy Kids Strategy
  - Food Strategy
  - Collaboration with school boards
  - Women Health Educator Program
- Environmental Health Issues
  - Healthy Built Environment Strategy
  - Smoke-free Outdoor Recreational Areas By-law
  - Air Quality Task Force recommendations to be implemented
  - Climate change action plan
- Valuable and Sustainable Service
  - E-Health Initiatives (OSCAR, Panorama)
  - Performance Management System
  - Management Development Program
  - Web Redevelopment
  - Research Policy approved by BOH
- Engaging and Informing citizens and stakeholders
  - Three Colour Food Premise Inspection Disclosure Card System
• Leadership and Governance
  o Built Organizational Capacity to deliver Business Objectives
  o Board of Health

2014 Major Cost Drivers:

- Employee related increases
- Rent/Facilities
- Risk cost allocation
- Indirect Cost Allocations
- User fees 2% increase
- Provincial vaccine program
- Provincial cost shared subsidy 2%

(Johnson/Pearson)
That the presentation respecting the 2014 Public Health Budget, be received. CARRIED

Needle Exchange Program Supplies

(Clark/Pearson)
Whereas, the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care has provided 100% provincial funding for Needle Exchange Program Supplies to support the purchase of needles and syringes, and their associated disposal costs since 2010;

And whereas Public Health Departments across Ontario, including the City of Hamilton, have experienced pressures as the actual cost for needles has exceeded the funding provided by the province and funding levels for this program have remained capped since 2011;

And whereas for 2014, public health units have been asked to include actual costs for the delivery of this program in order to assess the funding requirement for the program;

Therefore, be it resolved:

That the Clinical & Preventive Services budget be increased by $47,000 gross with a decrease of $18,000 net levy. CARRIED

(Ferguson/Collins)
That Councillor Jackson work with the Public Health Department to act as the Council liaison for championing programs to combat obesity. CARRIED
(ii) Planning and Economic Development Operating Budget (including Business Plan) (Item 4.1)

Joe-Anne Priel, Acting General Manager of Planning and Economic Development, presented the department’s budget with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record.

The presentation included but was not limited to the following:

**Economic Development Awards**

**Departmental Highlights**

- Waterfront
- “Open for Business” Action Plan
- Economic Development
- Tourism and Culture
  - Cultural Planning
  - Bicentennial of the War of 1812
  - Operations
  - Planning
- Parking and By-law Services
  - Enforce over 40 By-laws
  - 19,000-20,000 complaints, 90% compliance
- Growth Management
  - 15 subdivisions registered
  - New roads with construction value of $30 million
- Planning
  - OMB Approval of Urban Hamilton Official Plan
  - OMB Approval of Ancaster Wilson Street Secondary Plan
  - 950 Development Applications
- Building Services
  - Division sustained a $1 billion dollar year

**2014 Initiatives**

- Corporate Culture
- Review of “One Stop”
- Operationalize Global Hamilton
- Develop Music and Film Office and Arts Investment Program
- Culture Report Card delivery
- Sesquicentennial planning
- 2015 Juno planning
- Taxi review
- Business License program
- Improve turnaround times for Building Permit
- Complete Rural Zoning
- Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan
Major Cost Drivers

- Employee-related contractual increases $900,000
- Budget shortfall from 2010/2012 Council direction respecting paid parking in former municipalities $676,000
- Pre-approval of Rental Housing enforcement $300,000

(Collins/Clark)
That staff report back to Committee with an update related to employee related costs drawn from the capital budget accounts and corporate reserve accounts.  CARRIED

(Pearson/Partridge)
That the presentation respecting the 2014 Planning and Economic Development Budget, be received.  CARRIED

(e) ADJOURNMENT

(Collins/Farr)
That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourn at 1:02 p.m.  CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla
Deputy Mayor
General Issues Committee

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