Committee of the Whole
MINUTES

9:30 a.m.
February 23, 2009
Albion Room
Hamilton Convention Centre

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger

Absent with regrets: Councillor B. McHattie - Illness

Also Present: C. Murray, City Manager
T. Tollis, Acting General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
G. Davis, Acting General Manager, Public Works
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
J.A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development
P. Barkwell, City Solicitor
M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator, Council and Committee of the Whole/Budgets

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(Pasuta/Pearson)
That the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED.
Four added delegation requests to those which currently appear on the agenda: They are:

5.4 Andrew Iler, President of the National Cycling Centre Hamilton
5.5 Rob Good of the Forest City Velodrome
5.6 Scott Mitchell, Hamilton Tiger Cats
5.7 Sheri Selway, North End Neighbours

The written submission of Alex Baumann, Road to Excellence will now be renumbered 5.8 on today’s agenda.

5.8 Written submission by Alex Baumann, Road to Excellence

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None

4. CONSENT ITEMS

None

5. DELEGATION REQUESTS

5.1 John Dolbec, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
5.2 Kathy G. Drewitt, Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area
5.3 Liz Weaver and Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction
5.4 Andrew Iler, President of the National Cycling Centre Hamilton
5.5 Rob Good of the Forest City Velodrome
5.6 Scott Mitchell, Hamilton Tiger Cats
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6. PRESENTATIONS

6.1 International Event Opportunities – 2015 Pan Am Games Bid

The following presenters addressed the item:

- David Adames and Bob Johnston respecting sport facilities as community legacy and site evaluation,
- Diane Lapointe-Kay, presentation on Ivor Wynne Stadium,
- Tony Tollis, Finance Overview,
- Chris Murray, to address return on investment

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Update Council on Pan Am Games
- Review of the key requests in the report
- Staged Approach to Hamilton’s Participation in the Games
- Council Approvals to date
- Key Information required
- Timeline
- Hamilton Sport Program
- Review of Stadium Site recommendation
- Games Legacy – opportunities and considerations
- Stadium Design
- Ivor Wynne Stadium – historical perspective, present condition, renovation costs, options/opportunities
- Capital Spending Forecast
- Capital Funding Deficiency
- Infrastructure Sustainability Deficit
- Financial Contribution Commitment – City and other partners
- Financing Options
- Hamilton Future Fund Forecast
- Debt Forecast – Tax and Rate
- Investment and return to the community

Councillor Clark requested that staff provide him with the terms of reference for the study completed by the BTY Group.
7. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

5.1 Tyler McLeod, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
(written presentation received)

The delegation urged Committee to strongly support the 2015 Pan Am Game Bid and the city’s participation in the bid outlining the following reasons: increase in city’s profile, enhancing sport and wellness programs and opportunity to improve our facilities and economic impact to the city (including business opportunities, more jobs)

5.2 Kathy Drewitt, Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area
(written presentation received)

The delegation requested Committee support the 2015 Pan Am Game Bid and the city’s participation in the bid outlining the following reasons: economic spin-offs, attracting of tourists, lasting legacy for citizens. The BIA would like to see the stadium in the downtown.

5.3 Liz Weaver and Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction

The delegation asked Committee to support the 2015 Pan Am Game Bid and the city’s participation in the bid outlining the following reasons: Bring more than 50000 athletes to the region, important community rejuvenation, new assessment and increased revenue so that Hamilton can enhance social programs, reduce and eliminate poverty; job creation; new infrastructure; public transit enhancements

5.4 Andrew Iler, President of the National Cycling Centre Hamilton

The delegation asked Committee to support the 2015 Pan Am Game Bid and the city’s participation in the bid outlining the following reasons: great opportunity for permanent and lasting impact on the city by bringing new infrastructure such as a Velodrome to the City; three major areas will be impacted included community programming, high performance programs and major international events being hosted in Hamilton (i.e. UCI world cup, world championships, Olympic and Commonwealth Games);
would make Hamilton a leader in sports science with the McMaster University partnership.

5.5 Rob Good of the Forest City Velodrome

The delegation asked Committee to support the 2015 Pan Am Game Bid and the city’s participation in the bid outlining the following reasons: benefits the community by increasing the recreational opportunity to the city’s residents/athletes.

5.6 Scott Mitchell, Hamilton Tiger Cats

The delegation outlined the overwhelming support for the City’s bid for the 2015 Pan Am Game Bid outlining the following reasons: rare opportunity for Hamilton to work with Federal/Provincial Governments/sports organizations, CFL and other organizations; great opportunity for investment in the community. Ti-Cats have invested financially in Ivor Wynne including scoreboard, audio system, digital signage; locker rooms, private suites in the Hall of Fame Club. However, there is no appetite for a long-term investment into Ivor Wynne Stadium; ability to host a Grey Cup with a new stadium. Mr. Mitchell further addressed the seating capacity needed for a stadium of 22,000 at a minimum but ideally 26,000 to 27,000; more revenue would be had if there was a new stadium.

5.7 Sheri Selway, North End Neighbours

The delegation asked Committee to not support the placing of the stadium in the Barton-Tiffany site for the following reasons: Serious breach of faith with the families and cause harm to the families that live in downtown; concerns with noise, traffic, brought on by a stadium on the Rheem Property. Stadium is not the best use of land, residential development is.

5.8 Written submission by Alex Baumann, Road to Excellence

(Jackson/Ferguson)
That the presentation be received. CARRIED.

(Duvall/Pearson)
That the presentations heard today be received. CARRIED.
8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 International Event Opportunities – 2015 Pan Am Games Bid Update (CM09006)
(Powers/Pearson)

(a) That the City’s participation in the 2015 Pan American/Para Pan American Games (Pan Am Games) should Canada be awarded the Games, be approved.

(b) That Hamilton’s sport program and associated sport venues as outlined in Report CM09006 for Hamilton for the 2015 Pan Am Games, be endorsed as follows:

   (i) New 15,000 seat stadium
   (ii) New 50m pool
   (iii) Use of Copps Coliseum
   (iv) New velodrome
   (v) Use of Ron Joyce Stadium

(c) That, contingent upon Canada being awarded the Games, Council approve investing up to $60 million to develop a new multi-use stadium and velodrome in partnership with the Province of Ontario, the Government of Canada and the Games Organizing Committee.

(d) That staff be directed to pursue funding opportunities and report back to Council on ways to mitigate the financial obligations of the City, and that funding sources include: public-private partnerships, private contributions and investment, fundraising/lottery initiatives, donations, partnership with other public agencies, use of future fund monies, use of portion of future ticket sales to fund the stadium, asset sales (ie. current Ivor Wynne Stadium site), accessing other provincial or federal funding sources, and naming right sales.

(e) That Report CM09006 be forwarded to the Hamilton Future Fund Board of Governors as a formal request for a grant to fund the City’s financial requirement for participation in the 2015 Pan Am Games.

(f) That the funding partners (City of Hamilton, Governments of Ontario and Canada) agree that the budget is based on
2009 dollars and any inflationary increases be considered by all partners as required.

(g) That the West Harbourfront be approved, as the first recommended location option, and Airport Lands as the second recommended location option, for the Pan Am Games Athletics Stadium and Velodrome to be submitted to the BIDCO, and that for the purposes of the international bid book submission, that the West Harbourfront precinct be endorsed to be included in the bid book, which is due to be submitted by BIDCO to the Pan American Sport Organization (PASO) before the end of April, 2009, subject to the following conditions:

1. That upon successfully being awarded the bid in November 2009, a detailed analysis of the West Harbourfront precinct and, if necessary, the Airport Lands precinct, be undertaken consistent with the Strategic Environmental Assessment Document for the Pan Am Games, City policies and a public consultation program;

2. That following the Environmental Assessment above, Council approve a preferred location for the stadium based on the analysis identified in condition “(1.)” above;

(h) That the City Manager, or his designate, be authorized to negotiate, approve and execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, a Multi-Party Agreement with the Federal Government, Provincial Government, Canadian Olympic Committee (COC), Bid Corporation, other Ontario municipalities and other funding partners, that describes how the parties intend to deliver the Pan American/ParaPan American Games, if the Bid is successful, and which sets out and legally binds all of the financial contributors and partners in regard to the their capital contributions and benefits; and that such agreement allow for adjustments to the contribution amounts to recognize capital cost inflation.

(i) That a public consultation process be endorsed to begin in March, 2009 to engage Hamiltonians during the bid phase to create a legacy plan for Hamilton from participation in the 2015 Pan Am Games.

(j) That staff provide regular updates to Council during the bid phase, which is expected to conclude in November, 2009.
(Pearson/Powers)
That Committee of the Whole be recessed at 2:25 p.m. to allow the Board of Health Meeting to be called to order. CARRIED.

(Pearson/Powers)
That Committee of the Whole be reconvened at 2:26 p.m. CARRIED.

(Pearson/Powers)
That the question be put. CARRIED.

CARRIED ON A STANDING RECORDED VOTE:
Motion in its entirety (a) to (j)
Yeas: Bratina, Collins, Duvall, Ferguson, Jackson, Morelli, Pasuta, Mitchell, Pearson, Powers, Whitehead, Eisenberger
Total: 12

Nays: Clark, McCarthy
Total: 2

Absent: Councillor McHattie
Total: 1

Motion (a), (b), (ii), (iii), (v), (d) (f) to (i)
Yeas: Councillor Merulla

Motion (b)(i)(iv), (c), (e)
Nays: Councillor Merulla

9. MOTIONS

None

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

11. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger

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