THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 11-031(b) AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **2012 Tax Supported Operating Budget (Item 4.1)**

   That the staff presentation respecting the 2012 Tax Supported Operating Budget, be received.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

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

   The Clerk advised of the following changes:

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ADDED PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

5.1 Employment Relations and Application of City Policies

5.2 PFOS at John C. Munro/Hamilton International Airport

On a motion, the agenda was approved, as amended.

On a motion, Item 5.1 – Employment Relations and Application of City Policies was discussed before the 2012 Tax Operating Budget.

The Motion CARRIED on the following recorded vote:

Yea: Bratina, Pasuta, Farr, Morelli, Merulla, Collins, Jackson, Whitehead, Partridge, Powers, Johnson, Pearson
Total Yeas: 12
Nays: Ferguson
Total Nays: 1
Absent: McHattie, Duvall, Clark
Total Absent: 3

On a motion, Item 5.2 – PFOS at John C. Munro/Hamilton International Airport was discussed during the same closed session.

The Motion CARRIED on the following recorded vote:

Yea: Bratina, Pasuta, Farr, Morelli, Merulla, Collins, Jackson, Whitehead, Partridge, Johnson, Pearson
Total Yeas: 11
Nays: Ferguson, Powers
Total Nays: 2
Absent: McHattie, Duvall, Clark
Total Absent: 3

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

On a motion, the Minutes of the November 17, 2011 meeting of the General Issues Committee were approved as amended. CARRIED
(d) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

On a motion, the Committee moved into Closed Session at 9:50 a.m. pursuant to subsections 8.1(b), (e) and (f) of the Procedural By-law and Sections 239.2(b), (e) and (f) of the Municipal Act as the subject matters pertain to:

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees;

(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City; and,

(f) the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose

respecting Employment Relations and the Application of City Policies and PFOS at John C. Munro/Hamilton International Airport.

On a motion, the Committee reconvened in Open Session at 2:20 p.m.

(i) Employment Relations and the Application of City Policies
(Added Item 5.1)

That the Committee waive its solicitor-client privilege to permit the City Solicitor to repeat in open session the legal advice regarding the consequences of Council altering the employment contract of the Mayor's Chief of Staff.

(iii) PFOS at John C. Munro/Hamilton International Airport
(Added Item 5.2)

(a) That the City of Hamilton agree to pay one-half of the estimated cost of the initial risk assessment and report for the purpose of PFOS related remediation, the City costs being estimated at $40,000, without prejudice to the rights of the City and Tradeport International Corporation (TradePort) to their remedies and rights under the airport lease;

(b) That pursuant to the Airport Lease Agreement, the City of Hamilton deems that TradePort International Corporation is responsible for the costs of study and remediation on airport property;

(c) That the City agree with TradePort, that the funding of the City’s portion of the expense in (a) be drawn the Airport Joint Marketing Reserve # 112217 established under the airport lease agreement with TradePort;
(d) That City of Hamilton staff report back, and request the attendance of representatives of TradePort and the Ministry of Environment at the General Issues Committee, upon receipt and review of the findings from this Phase 1 study in (a) and consider further analysis of downstream impacts of the PFOS issue;

(e) That staff notify appropriate officials at Transport Canada and Health Canada of the concern and the City’s interest in further information on the historic use of PFOS at the airport, and compensation or funding in respect of future costs of remediation or removal; and,

(f) That Council authorize the City Solicitor and legal representatives of TradePort to document the agreements for cost sharing and obtaining the initial report and analysis, use of the airport marketing reserve, in (a) and (c) above, by exchange of letters.

Staff was directed to contact Mr. Knapper at the Ministry of the Environment to advise that the City is going ahead with the risk assessment.

The recommendations respecting Employment Relations and the Application of City Policies and PFOS at John C. Munro/Hamilton International Airport were forwarded to a special meeting of City Council on Friday, December 16, 2011 for consideration.

(e) PRESENTATION

(i) 2012 Tax Supported Operating Budget

Rob Rossini provided a power point presentation respecting the 2012 Tax Budget, outlining the following:

- Net operating budget
- 2012 draft tax levy changes
- 2012 draft tax impact
- Operating impacts from Capital
- Base budget savings
- Municipal comparison -2011 average tax impacts; 2012 draft average tax impacts

2012 Draft Tax Budget Complement
- 2012 draft complement macro
- Complement notes

2012 Council-Referred Enhancement List
- Council-referred enhancements

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Budget Process Update
- Budget and complement control policies (Target: January 9 GIC)
- Timetable

(f) PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

On a motion, the General Issues Committee temporarily recessed at 2:35 p.m. in order to convene a special meeting of Council, and reconvene following the special meeting.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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December 16, 2011