Committee of the Whole
REPORT 07-029
9:30 a.m.
October 9, 2007
Albion Room, Hamilton Convention Centre

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

Absent with regrets: Councillor L. Ferguson – Personal Business

Also Present: J. Kay, Acting City Manager
              J. Rinaldo, General Manager, Finance and Corporate
              Services
              S. Stewart, General Manager,
              T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning and
              Economic Development
              J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
              Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
              M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PRESENTS REPORT 07-029 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. City of Hamilton Agricultural Action Plan – Economic Viability for the
   Long-Term (PED07255) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)

   (a) That the Agricultural Action Plan – Economic Viability for the Long-
       Term and the recommended actions contained in Appendix A to
       Report PED07255 be approved.

   (b) That the Agricultural Action Plan – Economic Viability for the Long-
       Term report be sent to the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and
       Rural Affairs along with a letter from the Mayor to the Minister
       expressing appreciation for the financial support for the study.
(c) That the Agricultural Action Plan – Economic Viability for the Long-Term report be sent to the following local and Provincial agricultural organizations and their members – Hamilton Wentworth Federation of Agriculture, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Brant-Wentworth Christian Farmers Federation, Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario.

(d) That funding of $50,000 to implement two (2) of the Task Force recommendations – updating of the 2003 Economic Impact Study and development of a Resource Guide and Industry Profile for the agricultural sector - be referred to the 2008 Budget process for consideration.

(e) That the City Of Hamilton endorse the continuation of the only direct from farm to consumer local farmers market in the City of Hamilton at the centre mall;

(f) That a letter be forwarded to the centre mall proponents formally requesting the continuing service;

(g) That the agricultural action plan include a statement endorsing the continued operation of the centre mall farmer’s market and an expansion of the service to promote the mandate of the eating local campaign.

2. 225 James Street South – Referral by the Economic Development and Planning Committee (Item 7.4)

That 225 James Street South, Hamilton not be designated as a property of cultural heritage value.

3. Hamilton Port Authority Security Changes (Item 6.2)

That the presentation by the Hamilton Port Authority respecting upcoming security changes be received.

4. Lead Service Extension Replacement Program (City Wide) (FCS07087/PW07121) (Item 6.3)

(a) That a $500,000 one-year pilot project Lead Service Extension Replacement Program for the purpose of assisting homeowners to reduce the potential risk of exposure to lead of water from water service lines be approved;
(b) That at the end of the one-year pilot project, staff report back to Council the participation rate and associated level of funding, as well as, any further developments with respect to provincial funding programs related to lead;

(c) That the Lead Service pilot project and associated Lead Service Extension Replacement Fund be funded from the Waterworks Capital Reserve (108015); and

(d) Whereas Regulation 453/07 requires municipalities to include in their financial plans the costs associated with replacing lead pipes;

And, Whereas older municipalities have the largest of lead service lines;

Therefore, the City of Hamilton requests capital funding to replace lead service pipes from the Province of Ontario

And, that this position be forwarded to AMO for consideration

(e) That Item H be removed from the Committee of the Whole Outstanding Business List.

5. Update on Lead in Tap Water in Hamilton (City Wide) (BOH07049) (Item 6.3)

That Report BOH07049 respecting Update on Lead in Tap Water in Hamilton be received.

6. Highway 24 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class EA Study – Ministry of Transportation Initiative (WARD 14) (PW07125) (Item 7.1)

(a) That the staff comments regarding the Highway 24 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class EA Study contained in the draft letter in Appendix A of Report PW07125 be endorsed by Council and forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation and that relevant municipalities be copied on the correspondence.

(b) That correspondence be forwarded by the Mayor to the Ministry of Transportation on behalf of Council to further advise that the City of Hamilton is fundamentally opposed to the road location that is being pursued and ask that other alternatives be considered outside of the boundaries of the City of Hamilton.

That the recommendation contained in the Hamilton Renewable Power Inc. Report 07-002 dated September 27, 2007 be approved as follows:

(a) Hamilton Renewable Power Inc. Financial Statements/Appointment of Auditor

(i) That the Hamilton Renewable Power Inc. Financial Statements – Grant Thornton, December 31, 2006, attached hereto as Appendix “A” be approved.

(ii) That Grant Thornton be appointed as Auditor for Hamilton Renewable Power Inc. for 2007.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor introduced the two Mayors for the day for the month of October: Lisa Jefferies and Alec Jadon

Lisa is a grade 6 student at St. Thomas School in Waterdown. Alec Jadon is a grade 5 student at St. Bernadette School in Dundas.

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk noted the changes to the agenda:

Added Delegation Request from Don McLean to entertain Daniel Lerch at the November 12th Committee of the Whole meeting to speak to his book Post Carbon Cities Planning for Energy and Climate Uncertainty. This request has been added as Item 5.2

Referral item from the Economic Development and Planning Committee respecting possible designation of 225 James Street South.

Accompanying this referral is a request by Committee that representatives of St. Joseph’s Healthcare be entertained as a delegation today. This matter has been noted as Item 7.4 on today’s agenda.

The agenda was adopted as amended.
(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

(d) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 September 26, 2007

The Minutes of September 26, 2007 were adopted as presented.

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS

(i) Hamilton Port Authority Security Changes

The delegation request by the Hamilton Port Authority was approved.

(ii) Delegation Request by Daniel Lerch

The delegation request by Don McLean on behalf of Daniel Lerch was approved.

(f) PRESENTATIONS

(i) City of Hamilton Agricultural Action Plan – Economic Viability for the Long-Term (PED07255) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)

Sue Coverdale introduced the consultant Margaret Walton from Planscape and introduce members of the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee

Ms. Walton provided an overview of the Agricultural Action Plan. Included were highlights of the following:
- Process followed
- Vision for agriculture
- Criteria for success
- Overview of recommended actions

Councillors Mitchell and Pasuta thanked the delegation and expressed their appreciation on behalf of council for the hard work and dedication of the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Councillor McHattie requested the terms of reference for the economic impact study which was addressed during the presentation.
The presentation was received.

(ii) 225 James Street South – Referral by the Economic Development and Planning Committee (Item 7.4)

A delegation from St. Joseph’s Healthcare addressed committee. The delegation consisted of Colin Millar – SJHH Board of Trustees Member, Rebecca Repa – Vice President, Planning, Development and Diagnostics and Karen Langstaff, Director, Redevelopment.

The delegation provided a powerpoint presentation highlighting the current state of the building, decision making process (monies spent to date, analysis of options), short and long term plans

The motion which was referred by the Economic Development and Planning Committee to designate 225 James Street South was moved by Councillor McHattie who later withdrew his name as the mover of the motion and suggested that discussions be allowed to continue with representatives of St. Joseph’s Healthcare over the next two weeks.

In the absence of any other mover and seconder to the motion, it remained silent.

A subsequent motion to not approve the designation was then put and approved.

Staff were further directed to report back to the 2008 budget process with a workplan to comprehensively evaluate all the listed heritage buildings.

(iii) Hamilton Port Authority Security Changes (Item 6.2)

A delegation consisting of members of the Hamilton Port Authority addressed Committee. Included in the delegation were: Vice President of, Operations Linda MacDonald and Hamilton Port Authority Manager of Marine Operations Danny Slade

The delegation provided an overview of the following:
- About the Port
- Reason for Security Upgrade
- Planning process
- Timeline for implementation
- Examples of upgrades
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- Informing the public

The presentation was received with thanks.

(iv) Lead Service Extension Replacement Program (City Wide) (FCS07087/PW07121)

Staff provided highlights to the amended regulations for lead in drinking water and an overview of the staff report.

(v) Update on Lead in Tap Water in Hamilton (City Wide) (BOH07049) (Item 6.3)

Staff provided an overview of the report. A power point presentation highlighted the following:

- sources of and health effects of lead
- lead services in Hamilton
- schools and daycares
- Public Health Services actions and next steps

Communication strategy – Staff will attempt to include information on water bills in high risk areas as quickly as possible to provide information on this issue to the community.

Staff will also report back on water consumption for the affected areas

(g) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

(i) Closed session Minutes of September 11, 2007

The closed session Minutes of September 11, 2007 were adopted as presented.

(ii) Closed session Minutes of September 12, 2007

The closed session Minutes of September 12, 2007 were adopted as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Council – October 10, 2007
Committee of the Whole

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Mayor F. Eisenberger

M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator
October 9, 2007