THE HAMILTON UTILITIES CORPORATION JOINT ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 13-002 TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:


That staff be directed to finalize agreement terms and leasing arrangements for the sale of the City of Hamilton’s District Cooling System (DCS) Assets to Hamilton Utilities Corporation to be presented for approval through the Hamilton Utilities Corporation Joint Advisory Committee and then Council for final approval.

2. Expanding District Energy in Hamilton

(a) That staff from the City of Hamilton’s Public Works and Planning and Economic Development Departments and Hamilton Community Energy investigate and report back to the Hamilton Utilities Corporation Joint Advisory Committee on programs or policies that will enhance, promote, encourage or mandate the
installation of district energy (heating and cooling) systems in the City’s new Harbourfront Development and Downtown Core;

(b) That staff be directed to identify the environmental, social, economic and energy efficiency benefits to the City of Hamilton and the community as part of recommendation (a);

(c) That staff report back to Hamilton Utilities Corporation Joint Advisory Committee with an update and recommendations by March 2014.

FOR INFORMATION

(a) Welcome - Introductions
Mayor Bratina called the meeting to order and welcomed new Co-Chair Paul Benson and new Sub-Committee Member Ed Minich.

(b) Changes to the agenda
The Clerk advised there were no changes to the agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented.

(c) Declarations of Interest
There were none declared.

(d) Approval of Previous Minutes – February 19, 2013 Meeting
The Minutes of the February 19, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

Geoff Lupton, Director of Energy, Fleet and Traffic addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and copies of the hand-out were distributed.

He provided an overview of the following Items and his comments included but were not limited to the following:
(e) Court House District Energy Proposal (Item 5)

- Court House Proposal;
- Previous direction;
- Why district energy makes sense;
- Court House Project Review;
- Proposed HCE Funded Systems;
- Proposed City Funded Items;
- Energy Efficiency & Savings;
- Proposal – Key Details;
- Approval of the Court House Proposal by the HUC Joint Advisory Committee is premature as the relocation of the Provincial Offences Act (POA) Court Rooms and Offices needs first to be approved by the General Issues Committee in order to provide the necessary funding.

The HUC Joint Advisory Committee expressed willingness to approve the Court House proposal subject to the approval by the General Issues Committee on November 20, 2013 of Report PED13204/ PW13079/ LS13035/ FCS13090 respecting the Relocation of Provincial Offences Act (POA) Court Rooms and Offices which would provide the necessary funding.

In order to expedite the matter, staff were requested to amend the aforementioned report before it is presented to the General Issues Committee to include a recommendation that senior staff be delegated the authority to execute all related agreements in relation to the Court House proposal.

On a motion, the HUC Joint Advisory Committee received the staff presentation respecting the Court House Proposal.

(f) Sale of District Cooling System (Update) (Item 6)

- Sale of District Cooling System (DCS) Assets
- Previous direction
- Sale of DCS:
  - The Process;
  - City's Objectives;
  - HCE Objectives;
  - Components;
  - Where we’re at;
  - Examples of changes to the analysis;
  - Considerations;
  - Why do this?
• Recommendation – sale of the City of Hamilton’s District Cooling System (DCS) Assets to Hamilton Community Energy (HCE).

The Advisory Committee noted that the sale would be to Hamilton Utilities Corporation rather than Hamilton Community Energy. On a motion, the recommendation was approved as outlined in Item 1 with the noted change.

(g) Expanding District Energy (Item 7)

• Healthy Communities;
• Economic Development;
• Energy Efficiency;
• Environmental/Emission Reductions;
• Leadership & Innovation;
• Comfort/Reliability/Security;
• Return on Investment;
• Liability.

On a motion, the HUC Joint Advisory Committee approved the recommendation as outlined in Item 2.

(h) Adjournment

The meeting of the Hamilton Utilities Corporation Joint Advisory Committee was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

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