General Issues Committee
MINUTES
9:30 a.m.
Monday, June 13, 2011
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor B. Clark – Personal
Councillor B. McHattie – Illness
Councillor M. Pearson – Vacation

Also Present: C. Murray, City Manager
M. Zegarac, A/General Manager, Finance and Corporate
Services
G. Rae, A/General Manager, Public Works
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning & Economic
Development
V. Woodcox, A/General Manager, Community Services
H. Hale Tomasik, Director, Human Resources and
Organizational Development
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
N. Everson, Director, Economic Development & Real Estate
P. Barkwell, City Solicitor
C. Biggs, Co-ordinator, Committee Services/Council/Budgets

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR COUNCIL:

1. Request for Funding – 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812 (Item 9.1)

(Ferguson/Powers)
(a) That $2,000 be made available to the Ancaster 1812 Committee, through
the Ancaster Township Historical Society, to support the development of
2011 public programming on a theme relating to the commemoration of
the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, to be sourced from capital
account 7101058702;
(b) That staff be directed to develop and implement the guidelines for a one-time seed funding program for community collaboratives that include the local historical society to undertake public programming on a theme relating to the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, to be sourced from capital account 7101058702.  CARRIED

2. Verbal Updates respecting PFO Testing and Report on PFO’s from the Ministry of the Environment (Items 7.2(a) and (b))
   
   (Ferguson/Whitehead)
   That the verbal updates respecting PFO Testing and Report on PFO’s from the Ministry of the Environment, be received.  CARRIED

3. PFOs on City-owned Lands (Hamilton International/John C. Munro Airport) (Added Item 12.5)
   
   (Jackson/Partridge)
   (a) That the City of Hamilton exercise its first option under the Lease Agreement to retain an independent consultant to ensure that TradePort is meeting their environmental obligations under the law, or identify where it is not, the cost to be covered by TradePort;
   
   (b) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to retain its own independent consultant to review all environmental practices at the airport, including sediment analysis, looking at the age of contamination for potential litigation, and that the City Solicitor be directed to report back on the cost and source of funding of the review prior to retaining the consultant.  CARRIED

4. Delegation Request from Dave Barnett, on behalf of Abuse Prevention & Awareness Campaign, to address the issues that foster child abuse in the City (Item 4.2)
   
   (Collins/Powers)
   That the request from Dave Barnett on behalf of Abuse Prevention & Awareness Campaign, to address the issues that foster child abuse in the City, be received.  CARRIED
5. Declaration of Surplus Property and Sale of Land to 1521130 Ontario Inc. (Anthony DiCenzo) – Block 77, Plan 62M-747, former Township of Glanford, now City of Hamilton (PED11118) (Ward 8) (Item 5.2)

(Jackson/Farr)

(a) That a vacant parcel of land described as Block 77 on Plan 62M-747, as shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED11118, be declared surplus to the requirements of the City of Hamilton in accordance with the “Procedural By-law for the Sale of Land”, being By-law No. 04-299;

(b) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to sell the subject lands shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED11118, to the developer, 1521130 Ontario Inc. (Anthony DiCenzo), at the nominal consideration of $2.00;

(c) That the sale price of $2.00 does not include the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST); should HST be applicable and collected by the City, that the amount be credited to Account No. 22828009000 (HST Payable);

(d) That the proceeds of the sale be deposited to Account No. 477023560150200 (Property Purchases and Sales);

(e) That the following condition be included in the Offer to Purchase:

“The Purchasers acknowledge and agree that the lands being sold shall be included in the lands being dedicated as a public highway in the approved plan of subdivision.”;

(f) That the City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute and issue a Certificate of Compliance for this transaction in the form prescribed pursuant to Section 268 of the Municipal Act, incorporating the following, if required:

(i) That the subject lands be declared surplus by inclusion of Report PED11118 to Council; and

(ii) That in accordance with the approved methods of giving Notice to the Public in the Real Property Sales Procedural By-law No. 04-299, Section 12(a)(6), sufficient notice to the public is given by way of Report PED11118 to City Council.  

CARRIED
6. **2011 Green Venture Base Funding and Authority to Enter into Agreement (PED11114) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

   **(Jackson/Farr)**
   
   (a) That the City of Hamilton renew its agreement to provide base funding for Hamilton-Wentworth Green Venture Incorporated (Green Venture) in the amount of $40,000 per year for the 2011 budget year;
   
   (b) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff be authorized and directed to enter into agreements with Hamilton-Wentworth Green Venture Incorporated (Green Venture) to deliver projects to further Clean Air Hamilton strategic objectives, as outlined in individual project agreements, with each project agreement not to exceed $20,000, and with the total value of the agreements not to exceed the funding approved in the annual budget process. **CARRIED**

7. **Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDSB) Surplus Land located at 50 Greenhill Avenue, described as Part of Lots 1 and 2, Concession 5, former Township of Barton, now City of Hamilton (PED11110) (Ward 5) (Item 5.4)**

   **(Jackson/Farr)**
   
   (a) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to advise the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDSB) that the City of Hamilton has no interest in acquiring the land located at 50 Greenhill Avenue, legally described as Part of Lots 1 and 2, Concession 5, former Township of Barton, now City of Hamilton, as shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED11110;
   
   (b) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to advise the HWCDSB of the City’s requirements to the development of the site as outlined in the “Relevant Consultation” Section of Report PED11110;
   
   (c) That the Niagara Escarpment Commission be notified that the subject land is being declared surplus by HWCDSB;
   
   (d) That the Real Estate Section of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to advise the HWCDSB of the need to provide all potential purchasers of the subject lands with the development commentary of the City and the NEC policies. **CARRIED**
8. Request for Extension of Building Covenants from Heather Robson (Owner) of 908 Beach Boulevard, Hamilton (PED11109) (Ward 5) (Item 5.5)

(Jackson/Farr)
(a) That a request to extend building covenants imposed by the City upon Heather Robson, owner of 908 Beach Boulevard, a building lot described as Part 5 on Plan 62R-17407, being all of PIN 17568-0215 (LT) and shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED11109, be approved;

(b) That the date for commencement of construction be extended from June 29, 2011 to June 29, 2012 and that the date for completion of construction be extended from June 29, 2012 to July 2, 2013;

(c) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

9. Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application ERG-11-02 – Union Gas Limited, 420 Glover Road and 918 South Service Road, Stoney Creek (PED11099) (Ward 11) (Item 5.6)

(Jackson/Farr)
(a) That Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application (ERG-11-02), submitted by Union Gas Limited, owner of the property at 420 Glover Road and 918 South Service Road, Stoney Creek for an ERASE Redevelopment Grant not to exceed $629,751.94, payable to Union Gas Limited over a maximum of ten (10) years, be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the ERASE Redevelopment Agreement;

(b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City, the ERASE Redevelopment Grant Agreement Union Gas Limited, referred to in subsection (a) with respect to the redevelopment of 420 Glover Road and 918 South Service Road, Stoney Creek and all necessary associated documents, all in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED
10. City of Hamilton/Ministry of Transportation Dedicated Gas Tax Funding Agreement (FCS11055) (City Wide) (Item 5.7)

(Jackson/Farr)
(a) That the Mayor and City Treasurer be authorized and directed to enter into an Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Province of Ontario, related to the funding commitment made by the Province of Ontario to the Municipality under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Hamilton’s Public Transportation Program;

(b) That the Mayor and City Treasurer be authorized and directed to execute the Letter of Agreement attached as Appendix “A” to Report FCS11055;

(c) That the By-law attached as Appendix “C” to Report FCS11055 authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Treasurer to sign a Letter of Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Province of Ontario with respect to funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program, be passed;

(d) That, upon being passed, a certified copy of the By-law together with a signed Letter of Agreement be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation.  

CARRIED

11. Annual Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek Budget History (CS11058) (Ward 9) (Item 5.8)

(Jackson/Farr)
That Report CS11058 respecting Annual Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek Budget History, be received.  

CARRIED

12. Memorandum of Understanding with ServiceOntario (CM11010) (City Wide) (Item 5.9)

(Jackson/Farr)
(a) That the City Manager be authorized and directed to enter into a non-legally binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the CEO/Deputy Minister of ServiceOntario to investigate and pursue inter-jurisdictional service partnerships;

(b) That the City Manager report back to Council prior to the implementation of any joint initiatives.  

CARRIED
13. **Air Quality Progress Report 2010 (Item 7.1)**

(Farr/Jackson)
That the presentation from Dr. Brian McCarry, Chair of Clean Air Hamilton, respecting Air Quality Progress Report 2010, be received. CARRIED

14. **Clean Air Hamilton 2010 Progress Report (PED11089) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

(Brataina/Powers)
(a) That the 2010 Clean Air Hamilton Progress Report, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED11089, be received;

(b) That Staff from the Planning & Economic Development, Public Health and Public Works Departments be directed to consider the recommendations of the Clean Air Hamilton Progress Report attached as Appendix “A” to PED11089 in health, land-use, transportation and quality of life projects, initiatives and activities that impact local air quality and climate change. CARRIED

15. **Infrastructure Stimulus Projects Update (FCS09052(k)/PW110034(c)/CS10039(c)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

(Collins/Whitehead)
(a) That Report FCS09052(k)/PW10034(c)/CS10039(c) respecting Stimulus Infrastructure Projects Update, be received;

(b) That a request be submitted for consideration to the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Joint Committee to permit the Federal and Provincial funding commitment to be fully cash flowed by October 31, 2011 for ISF funded projects Westmount Recreation Centre # 2380 and Lower Stoney Creek Recreation Centre # 2296 that are not projected to be substantially completed by the revised substantial completion deadline of October 31, 2011, recognizing the City of Hamilton has previously committed to ensure the projects will be fully completed, albeit not by October 31, 2011;

(c) That the motion in subsection (b) of Report FCS0952(k)/PW10034(c)/CS10039(c) be forwarded to Prime Minister Harper, Premier McGuinty, Minister Lebel, Minister Chiarelli and Minister Mitchell to consider flexibility in the provision of stimulus funding to the City of Hamilton for ISF-funded projects Westmount Recreation Centre #2380 and Lower Stoney Creek Recreation Centre #2296;

(d) That copies of Report FCS09052(k)/PW10034(c)/CS10039(c) be forwarded to local MP’s and MPP’s. CARRIED
16. Green Roofs and Living Walls (PW11037) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(Merulla/Collins)
That Report PW11037 respecting Green Roofs and Living Walls, be received.  
CARRIED

17. B-Line Transit Project Assessment Process (PW11042) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(Partridge/Pasuta)
That Report PW11042 respecting B-Line Transit Project Assessment Process, be received.  
CARRIED

18. Service Delivery Review Plan (CM11009) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)

(Whitehead/Bratina)
(a) That the Service Delivery Review Plan, as described in Report CM11009, with its timelines, resource requirements and deliverables, be approved;

(b) That the financial support for the Service Delivery Review in the amount of $350,000 be approved and funded from the Working Fund General Reserve (112400) Service Delivery Review;

(c) That the Service Delivery Review initiative report on progress and seek direction, input and approval regularly through the General Issues Committee of Council.  
CARRIED

19. Report 11-001 of the Pan Am Stadium Sub-Committee – June 1, 2011 (Item 8.6)

(a) Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

(Jackson/Partridge)
That Councillor L. Ferguson and Councillor B. Morelli be appointed Co-Chairs of the Pan Am Stadium Sub-Committee.  
CARRIED

(b) Terms of Reference

(Jackson/Powers)
That the Terms of Reference, attached hereto as Appendix “D”, be approved.  
CARRIED
20. Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) Surplus Land located at 155 Macassa Avenue, legally described as Concession 5, Lot 7 Barton, Hamilton (PED11082/CS11047) (Ward 6) (Item 12.3)

(Jackson/Duvall)
(a) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to submit a bona fide offer to the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) to acquire the property (land only) identified in Appendix “A” attached to Report PED11082/CS11047, being the 2.59 acre parcel of land forming part of 155 Macassa Avenue, situated at the intersection of East 37th Street and Seventh Avenue, at fair market value, subject to severance and environmental investigations;

(b) That the funding source be an area rated charge to the former City of Hamilton, Wards 1 to 8.

(c) That the financial details of the acquisition remain confidential until the completion of the transaction, and that the balance of Report PED11082/, remain a confidential document and not be released as a public document

(d) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents in a form satisfactory to the City Clerk. **CARRIED**

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

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

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The following report has been **withdrawn**:

5.1 Canadian Country Music Week – Application to Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (PED11092) (City Wide)

**PUBLIC DELEGATION WITHDRAWN**

6.1 Bruce Wood, President and CEO, and Mel Hawkrigg, Chairman of the Board, Hamilton Port Authority, to present update on Port Activity and progress of major initiatives
ADDED STAFF PRESENTATIONS

7.2(a) Verbal Update on PFO Testing – Public Health

7.2(b) Verbal Update – Ministry of the Environment Report on PFO’s

7.3 Provincial Offences and Municipal Law Enforcement Workload Challenges (PED11122/LS11007/FCS11049) (City Wide) (Previously Item 8.1)

DISCUSSION AGENDA

8.6 Revised Report 11-001 of the Pan Am Stadium Sub-Committee

ADDED PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

12.5 Potential Litigation – City-owned Lands at John C. Munro/Hamilton International Airport (Added as Item 12.5)

(Ferguson/Partridgge)
That the agenda be approved, as amended. CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Item 3)

(Farr/Powers)
That the following Minutes of the General Issues Committee, be approved as presented:

(i) May 9, 2011
(ii) May 10, 2011 (Special Meeting – Service Delivery/Financial Sustainability)
(iii) May 12, 2011 (Special Meeting – Continuation of May 9 GIC)
(iv) May 18, 2011 (Special Meeting – Liberty Energy)
(v) May 19, 2011 (Special Meeting – Labour Relations Update)
(vi) May 24, 2011 (Special Meeting – Labour Relations Update) CARRIED
(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

(i) Delegation Requests from Don Jaffray and Sara Mayo, Social Planning and Research Council, respecting major findings from the new SPRC and United Way Report, “Hamilton’s Social Landscape”, and the social trends investigated (Item 4.1)

(Ferguson/Collins)
That the request from Don Jaffray and Sara Mayo, Social Planning and Research Council, respecting major findings from the new SPRC and United Way Report, “Hamilton’s Social Landscape”, and the social trends investigated, be approved. CARRIED

(e) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Verbal Update on PFO Testing – Public Health (Item 7.2(a))
Verbal Update – Ministry of the Environment Report on PFO’s (Item 7.2(b))

(Collins/Partridge)
That the Rules of Order be waived to allow the Committee to deal with these matters. CARRIED

Rob Hall, Director, Health Protection, provided an update using power point to present results of PFOS and Glycols testing. The presentation included the following:

- What has been tested: 25 water wells tested for 13 variants of Perfluorochemicals, which includes PFOS; 3 different types of Glycols, which includes Propylene glycol; wells were selected in consultation with the MOE; 6 ponds and 1 swimming area have been testes for the same parameters; 5 ponds remain to be tested;
- What are acceptable levels of PFOS in drinking water
- What are the effects of exposure to PFC’s
- What are the results
- What does this mean
- Map showing locations of City of Hamilton Public Health Well and Irrigation Pond Sampling for PFOS and Propylene Glycol

The Committee requested that the information presented be shared with the Region of Niagara for information purposes.

A copy of the power point presentation was submitted to the Clerk for the public record.
(Ferguson/Whitehead)
That the presentation from Rob Hall, Director, Health Protection, respecting the update on PFO testing, be received.  

CARRIED

Guy Paparella, Director of Growth Planning, provided information on the report prepared by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) on PFOS in the Welland River and Lake Niapenco.

Mr. Paparella advised that meetings have been held with TradePort and the MOE.  Tradeport has hired a consultant to seal off the pond before the end of the month, and are looking to develop a longer-term plan to deal with the pond and the ditch on the airport property in terms of remediation.  The MOE is satisfied with this as long as progress is being made.

Mr. Paparella provided the Committee with some history in terms of previous ownership of the Airport prior to the City operating the Airport and then transferring the operation to TradePort in 1996.

Mr. Paparella’s comments included, but were not limited to, the following, and responded to questions of the Committee:

- Environmental audit was done when Transport Canada transferred the Airport to the City; included many elements, but PFOS was not one of them in the environmental reports
- MOE is looking to resolve what is known
- Should another environmental audit be conducted because of changes i.e., 10 years since Airport was transferred; need to look at entire Airport and its impact on the community
- Suggested to TradePort in terms of an environmental study to determine if there are any components that might be of concern; however, suggestion dismissed
- Did the City, as landowner, have any idea that there was something wrong with the watershed or watercourses around the Airport; staff responded that they were not aware of any major concerns in dealings with the Conservation Authority (CA); was mentioned occasionally, but not a major focus until this situation came to light
- Members of the Committee expressed concern over the length of time it took and how the situation was brought to their attention
- Staff to provide information to Council members in terms of how this was communicated
- Need to have full discussion in terms of where to go from here respecting the PFOS issue and provide assurances to citizens and community as soon as possible
- Need to have chronology of events that led up to current situation and want to be kept informed of situation
• Is there a cost to remediate all the areas of concern? Pond and ditch remediation is in the area of $20,000 to $30,000 (temporary); long term goal is to clean out and get rid of substance; TradePort is picking up this cost; only two options – dredge and burn or bury; looking to consultant to come up with resolution; should know cost by the end of this month

Members of the Committee expressed their disappointment that representatives from the Ministry of the Environment were not in attendance at this meeting to respond to their questions and asked staff if an invitation was extended to them to attend today's meeting. Staff advised that throughout their meetings with MOE staff, they have indicated their willingness to attend a meeting with the Committee. However, as the report presented today is an interim report, they did not feel that their attendance would be required.

A copy of the MOE Report was submitted to the Clerk for the public record.

(Jackson/Farr)
(a) That the presentation from Guy Paparella respecting the Ministry of the Environment Report on PFOS, be received;

(b) That representatives from the Ministry of the Environment be invited to attend a future meeting of the General Issues Committee to respond to their questions respecting PFOS. CARRIED

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(Jackson/Farr)
That the Committee move into Closed Session at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to Sub-sections 8.1(d) and (e) of the City’s Procedural By-law and the Municipal Act as the subject matters pertain to labour and/or employee negotiations respecting the Collective Bargaining Strategy and potential litigation respecting City-owned Lands (Hamilton International/John C. Munro Airport). CARRIED

(Jackson/Collins)
That the Committee reconvene in Open Session at 1:50 p.m. CARRIED

(aa) PFOS on City-owned Lands (Hamilton International/John C. Munro Airport) (Added Item 12.5)

See Item 2 for the disposition of this item.
(bb) Collective Bargaining Strategy (Item 12.4)

Direction provided to staff In Camera.

(ii) Clean Air Hamilton 2010 Progress Report (PED11089) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Brian Montgomery, Air Quality and Climate Change Co-ordinator, introduced Dr. Brian McCarry, Chair of Clean Air Hamilton.

Dr. McCarry thanked all staff for their assistance in gathering information to complete the report. Dr. McCarry provided a power point presentation, which included the following:

- Background information – list of community-based initiatives, stakeholders
- Clean Air Hamilton Strategic Plan 2010-2013
- Clean Air Hamilton funding of $80,000 and how funds are used, including programs
- Air quality activities in 2010 – overview of what is being done
- What is included in the 2010 Clean Air Hamilton Report
- Hamilton Air Quality Health Assessment, 2003
- Air Quality Information: decreases of 3 to 50% in levels of major air pollutants (except ozone) over past decade
- Comparisons of Hamilton's air quality to some Ontario cities and cities around the world
- Hamilton Air Monitoring Network
- Air Quality Index (AQI) vs Air Quality Health Index (AQHI)
- Poor air days and smog advisory days
- Climate Change and greenhouse gases in Hamilton
- Chapter 6: Urban Planning Linkages to Air Quality
- Upwind/Downwind Conferences 2010 and 2012
- Actions needed within the City
- Clean Air Hamilton's plans for the future

A copy of the presentation was submitted to the Clerk for the public record.

(Farr/Jackson)

that the presentation from Dr. Brian McCarry respecting Air Quality Progress Report 2010, be received. CARRIED
(iii) Provincial Offences and Municipal Law Enforcement Workload Challenges (PED11122/LS11007/FCS11049) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

Power point presentation from Marty Hazell, Senior Director, Parking and By-law Enforcement, included:

- Transformation of Municipal Law Enforcement
  - 2007 – Operations review revealed dysfunctional Section; 48 recommendations to correct operational/management deficiencies
  - Operational Review coincided with management changeover in January, 2007 and Department Restructuring, effective June 1, 2007
  - December 2009 – Sub-Committee concluded (former) Standards & Licensing Section transformed; dismissed OBL Items

- Mayor changes included:
  - Instilling new workplace values
  - Implementing fundamental management practices
  - Organizational re-structuring
  - Establishing workforce priorities/service levels
  - Improved technology initiatives

- 800% increase by-law charges annually since 2007
- 500+ business licences since 2008
- increased revenue generating capacity ($924,186)
- 200% increase in Animal Services charges
- contribution to quality of life and public health and safety
- improved effectiveness created challenges for PBS back-end support and for other supporting areas of Corporation

Power point presentation from Peter Barkwell, City Solicitor, included:

- Success rate on all charges – police, municipal law, building, fire
- Ticket Conviction Rate 2008 to 2010
- Charges to 2008 to 2010 – charges field by all enforcement agencies (primarily Police) have increased by 39.5% from 2008 to 2010
- MLE/AC 2008 to 2010 – 158% increase from 2008 to 2010; 10% increase projected for each of 2011 and 2012
- Police Charges 2008 to 2010 – 29% increase from 2008 to 2010; police project 15% increase over next three years (total 45% increase)
- Deeds/Corporate Searches 2008 to 2010 – 58% increase from 2008 to 2010
- Trial Requests 2008 to 2010 – 98% increase from 2008 to 2010
- Court Operating Hours – increased court time squeezed even more preparation and other out-of-court time for prosecutors and POA court administration, clerks and court reporters
- POA Revenues – 32.5% increase (gross)
- Police and MLE/AC – projected increase in charges and revenue line over last 3 years – revenues are tracking fairly parallel to number of charges; if resources cannot be increased, tracking will stop
- Charges per staff member in POA office and other municipalities
- Projection of 2010 to 2012 if anticipated charges are laid
- POA offices and MLE additional FTE’s – outline of staff recommendations
- Additional staff costs
- Without increase in staff, charges will not get to trial in timely fashion; will create snowball affect

(Jackson/Merulla)

a) That Report PED11122/LS11007/FCS11049 respecting Provincial Offences and Municipal Law Enforcement Workload Challenges be referred for to the 2012 budget process for consideration;

b) That staff be directed to report back during the budget process on any revenue losses as a result of the referral of this item.

The Referral Motion CARRIED on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Bratina, Johnson, Collins, Duvall, Farr, Jackson, Merulla
Total Yeas: 7
Nays: Pasuta, Powers, Whitehead
Total Nays: 3
Absent: Clark, Ferguson, McHattie, Pearson, Morelli, Partridge
Total Absent: 6

(i) DISCUSSION AGENDA

(i) Service Delivery Review Plan (CM11009) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)

Sub-section (b) CARRIED on the following vote:

Yeas: Bratina, Johnson, Farr, Jackson, Duvall, Whitehead, Partridge, Pasuta, Powers
Total Yeas: 9
Nays: Collins
Total Nays: 1
Absent: Clark, Ferguson, McHattie, Merulla, Morelli, Pearson
Total Absent: 6
(g) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

(Pearson/Powers)
That the following items be removed from the Outstanding Business List:

(i) Annual Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek (Item 5.8)
(ii) Green Roofs and Living Walls (Item 8.3)
(iii) Moratorium on Nuclear Power Plants
(iv) City’s Policy respecting Contracting with Parties involved in Litigation
(v) City-wide Peak Oil Study – Employment Growth District
(vi) Operational Oversight Committee
(vii) International Year for Culture of Peace
(viii) Multi-Stakeholder Fundraising Strategy for Flood Victims
(ix) Specific mandate, governance structure, staffing and financial-legal funding model for a Hamilton Waterfront Development Corporation
(x) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 09-007
(xii) Area Rating Citizens Forum Membership Appointments
(xiii) Golden Horseshoe Innovation Centre: Building an Entrepreneurial Community
(xiv) Conservation Authorities – Legislation
(xv) Wireless Cellular Services and Device Agreements
(xvi) Greening of Municipal Parking Lots
(xvii) Timelines for Social Awareness Campaign – Bottled Water

CARRIED

(h) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

(i) Minutes of Closed Session Meetings

(Powers/Partridge)
(aa) That the Minutes of the Closed Session Meetings of the General Issues Committee held on May 9, 12, 19, 24 and June 2, 2011, be approved as presented;

(bb) That these Minutes remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with the exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED

The Committee was advised that Item 12.2 respecting Joint Rapid Transit Maintenance and Storage Facility and Centralized Water and Wastewater Operations Centre is being withdrawn as new information has been provided to staff which will necessitate revisions to the report.
(Duvall/Whitehead)
That the Committee to move into Closed Session at 4:55 p.m. pursuant to Sub-section 8.1(b) of the City’s Procedural By-law and the Municipal Act as the subject matter pertains to the acquisition or disposition of City-owned land respecting and Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Surplus Land located at 155 Macassa Avenue, legally described as Concession 5, Lot 7 Barton, Hamilton.

(Powers/Pasuta)
That the Committee reconvene in Open Session at 5:32 p.m. CARRIED

(iv) Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) Surplus Land located at 155 Macassa Avenue, legally described as Concession 5, Lot 7 Barton, Hamilton (PED11082/CS11047) (Ward 6) (Item 12.3)

See Item 20 for the disposition of this item.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor B. Johnson, Deputy Mayor
General Issues Committee

Carolyn Biggs, Co-ordinator
Committee Services/Council/Budgets
June 13, 2011