THE STEEL COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 13-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Appoint of Chair for the Steel Committee.

   That Councillor Scott Duvall be named Chair of the Steel Committee for the 2010 – 2014 term of Hamilton City Council.

2. Appoint of Vice Chair for the Steel Committee.

   That Councillor Sam Merulla be named Vice Chair of the Steel Committee for the 2010 – 2014 term of Hamilton City Council.

3. Request for Action Respecting the U.S. Steel Announcement

   Whereas U.S. Steel signed an agreement with the Province of Ontario and the Federal Government of Canada to continue operating in Hamilton with conditional incentives;

   Whereas the terms of the agreement are confidential and,
Where as the details of the agreements are essential in protecting U.S. Steel pensioners and the City of Hamilton;

That the City of Hamilton seek action from the Provincial Government of Ontario, the Federal Government of Canada and U.S. Steel accordingly.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The agenda was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) U.S. Steel Announcement (no copy) (Item 5.1)

The Committee indicated that the pensioners of U.S. Steel should be the main priority throughout this process. The Committee indicated that other areas of concern lie with the confidential agreements that U.S. Steel has made with both the Federal and Provincial governments. The Committee discussed the tax implications, as well as the scarcity of available industrial lands in Hamilton and surrounding areas.

Mayor Bratina had concern with respect to the possibility that water lots were filled in on the property. Staff indicated that the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation should have knowledge of any changes to the property. It was also suggested that upper levels of government should make it a priority to procure Canadian made steel for infrastructure projects.

The Committee indicated that a number of individuals need to be consulted in order to obtain more information on what can be done by this Committee.

Please see item 3 for disposition.
(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 7)

The Steel Committee meeting, adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Powers, Chair
Governance Review Sub-Committee

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