Committee of the Whole
MINUTES
10:00 a.m.
September 26, 2007
Council Chambers, Hamilton City Hall

Present: Deputy Mayor D. Mitchell


Absent with regrets: Mayor F. Eisenberger, City Business

Also Present: G. Peace, City Manager
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development
M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

   Added Staff Report respecting the Niagara-GTA Corridor Economic Impact Study – added as Item 7.1

   (Morelli/McHattie)
   Be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

   None
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 September 11, 2007
(Pearson/Pasuta)
Be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

3.2 September 12, 2007
(McHattie/Duvall)
Be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

None

5. DELEGATION REQUESTS

5.1 Susan McMaster, Citizens Opposed to Paving the Escarpment
(Ferguson/McHattie)
That the delegation request be approved. CARRIED.

6. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Niagara to GTA Corridor Opening New Economic Opportunities
Final Report

Neil Everson introduced the consultant Paula Dowell, PhD., Vice President, Economics, Freight and Finance, Wilbur Smith Associates who provided committee with a power point presentation.

Highlights in the presentation included the following:
- How is the global economy changing?
- How does the region compete in a global economy
- What is the role of the Niagara to GTA corridor
- What are the potential economic benefits of the corridor
- What are the keys to success

(Whitehead/McCarthy)
That the presentation and report be received. CARRIED.
Councillor McHattie expressed concerns that the report was lacking in TBL analysis (social, economic and environmental aspects)

Councillor Clark expressed concerns that the report was released to the public prior to council having received the report.

6.2 Susan McMaster, Citizens Opposed to Paving the Escarpment
(copy of presentation will be provided)

Susan McMaster addressed the following issues:
- report is a repeat of what has already been done
- using an American firm
- mandate of the firm
- highway as being the main option
- economics information are insufficient
- doesn’t address climate change
- report is premature
- concerns with recommendations
- need copy of appendix g
- asked Council to not go forward with the 5 step plan at this time.
- use Canadian source of expertise
- consider a stakeholder group from Hamilton, business, residents
- develop a long term strategy

Ms. McMaster was thanked for her presentation.

(Whitehead/Powers)
That the presentation be received. CARRIED.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Niagara – GTA Corridor Economic Impact Study (PED07266)

(McCarthy/Morelli)
That the report be received. CARRIED.
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8. MOTIONS

(Bratina/McCarthy)

That the rules of order be suspended to allow the introduction of a motion respecting the temporary closure of streets for the filming of The Incredible Hulk CARRIED.

8.1 Temporary Closure of Main Street East, John, Hughson and Bowen Streets nightly for Filming of The Incredible Hulk – October 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 2007 - (Ward 2)  
(Bratina/Pearson)

That the application by MVL Incredible Productions Canada Inc. to temporarily close Main Street East between James Street and Catharine Street, Hughson Street between Jackson and King Streets and, Bowen Street from Jackson Street to Main Street West, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. nightly and, John Street from King to Jackson nightly from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., Thursday and Friday October 4 and 5, Tuesday through Friday, October 9 to 12, 2007 for the filming of scenes from the Incredible Hulk be approved subject to the following conditions:

a) That the prior approval of the Chief of Police or his designate be received and that such permits or authorizations as may be required by the Chief of Police or his designate be obtained.

b) That the applicant provide proof of $10,000,000 liability insurance, naming the City of Hamilton as an added insured party with a provision for cross liability and holding the City harmless from all actions, causes of action, interests, claims, demands, costs, damages, expenses and loss.

c) That all barricading, detour signing and traffic control be subject to the direction of the General Manager, Public Works or his designate.

d) That all barricading be provided by and at the expense of the applicant.

e) That “Temporary Road Closure” signs be installed in advance by the Public Works Department on the affected roadways, if deemed necessary by the General Manager, Public Works and at the expense of the applicant.

f) That the applicant ensure that clean up operations are carried out immediately before the re-opening of the road at 7:00 sharp, to the satisfaction of the City of Hamilton and at the expense of the applicant.

g) That no property owner or resident within the closure area be denied access to their property upon request.
h) That all property owners and tenants within the closure area be notified by the applicant, prior to the closure, in a form acceptable to the General Manager of Public Works.

i) That the applicant inform residents and businesses affected by the temporary closures through the Hamilton Spectator. CARRIED.

(McCarthy/Pearson)

That the meeting be adjourned – 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor D. Mitchell

M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator

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