AIRPORT IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

REPORT 07-001

January 23, 2007
10:00 a.m.
Room 110, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present:
Chair D. Mitchell
Mayor F. Eisenberger
Vice Chair L. Ferguson
Councillors M. Pearson, C. Collins, T. Whitehead

Also Present:
N. Everson, G. Paparella, S. Renshaw, R. Sabo, J. Spiler,
D. Hull, C. Biggs
R. Koroscil, Frank Scremin, R. West of TradePort

THE AIRPORT IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE PRESENTS REPORT 07-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

   (a) That Councillor D. Mitchell be appointed Chair of the Airport Implementation Task Force for 2007;

   (b) That the Chair of the Task Force be rotated annually to coincide with the Chair of the Economic Development and Planning Committee for 2008 and 2009;

   (c) That Councillor L. Ferguson be appointed Vice Chair of the Airport Implementation Task Force for the 2006-2010 term of Council.

2. Noise Impact and Evaluation Study (PED07035) (City Wide)

   (a) That the Noise Impact and Evaluation Study (December 2006) for the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport be received;

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(b) That the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department, be authorized and directed to incorporate and implement the 2010 Noise Exposure Forecast with Extended Runway 06 – Figure 8, attached as Appendix C to Report PED07035, as part of all land use planning approvals for the City of Hamilton including the Airport Influence Area and the new Official Plan and Zoning By-Law;

(c) That the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department, be authorized and directed to revise Appendix D of the Rural Hamilton Official Plan and that the Minister of Municipal Affairs be requested to modify the Rural Hamilton Official Plan accordingly;

(d) That the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to incorporate into any approved residential Draft Plans of Subdivision or severances a condition to erect a Public Notice on the development site indicating that the area falls within the Airport Influence Area;

(e) That the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department, in consultation with the Legal Services Division, investigate the feasibility and cost of registering a covenant on title for each property within the Airport Influence Area, hence providing additional awareness for existing landowners and future purchasers;

(f) That the General Manager, Public Works Department, be authorized and directed to erect appropriate signage on major arterial roadways entering the Airport Influence Area indicating its presence.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

On a motion Councillor L. Ferguson was nominated as Chair of the Airport Implementation Task Force.

On a motion, Councillor T. Whitehead was nominated as Chair of the Airport Implementation Task Force.

Nominations were declared closed.
The appointment of Councillor Ferguson was defeated on the following vote:

Yeas: Mitchell, Pearson, Ferguson  
Total Yeas: 3  
Nays: Eisenberger, Collins, Whitehead  
Total Nays: 3  

The appointment of Councillor Whitehead was defeated on the following vote:

Yeas: Eisenberger, Collins, Whitehead  
Total Yeas: 3  
Nays: Mitchell, Pearson, Ferguson  
Total Nays: 3  

Item 1 of this report is the motion approved by the Task Force respecting the appointment of a Chair.

Councillor Mitchell assumed the Chair and called for nominations for Vice Chair.

(a) **Declarations of Interest**

None

(b) **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the June 19, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

(c) **Request for HSR Bus Service to HIA – Richard Koroscil, CEO and President, TradePort International**

Richard Koroscil addressed the Task Force to request that consideration be given to reinstating HSR service to the Airport, primarily for the 1700 employees working there, and for passenger services which are growing and expanding.

Don Hull, Transit Director, advised that staff is in the process of submitting transit service enhancement plans for consideration during budget deliberations. Permanent service to the Airport is anticipated to be in the 2008 service enhancement plan. Phase 1 would be to extend the existing Route 27, which currently terminates at the Mountain Transit Centre, on a dedicated basis to the Airport, and Phase 2, in accordance with the Transportation Master Plan, contemplates that the extended route be designated as a bus rapid transit corridor. Staff will be requesting Council support to explore co-funding of this initiative with the Airport. Implementation for this would be 2008.
Mr. Koroscil reported that Airport staff is exploring the idea of a shuttle service between the Airport and various locations i.e., GO station/hotels, until such time as permanent HSR service is in place, and are in the process of putting together a proposal call for this service. Mr. Koroscil also indicated that he has had discussions with GO Transit, and they are prepared to subsidize some of the cost. Mr. Hull indicated that a meeting has been scheduled to look at the logistics of starting a shuttle service to the Airport.

Questions arose as to why the transit service would not be implemented until 2008, rather than starting in 2007. Staff responded that in accordance with the service plan prepared by the Transit Master Plan Steering Committee and as a result of focus groups, various plans have been prioritized by the Steering Committee and as a result, the extended transit service to the Airport was earmarked as a 2008 priority. Also, lead time is required for implementation i.e., fleet requirements, labour/union issues, etc.

The Committee suggested that a presentation by Airport staff be made to the Gas Tax Transit Master Plan steering Committee to find out if there is consensus or agreement that transit to the Airport is a priority issue, and should therefore be considered in 2007.

The Committee directed that a meeting be arranged as soon as possible with staff from the HSR and Airport in order to prepare a report to the Committee of the Whole for consideration during budget deliberations, such report to include financial implications. The Committee agreed that Councillor T. Whitehead also be invited to the meeting.

Hamilton International Airport advised that based on the fact that bus service to the Airport is not scheduled until 2008, they will be issuing a Request for Proposal for shuttle service for a period of one year between the Airport and various downtown locations.

(d) Noise Impact and Evaluation Study (PED07035) (City Wide)

Guy Paparella outlined the Report and distributed maps from the Hamilton Official Plan (Appendix D – Noise Exposure Forecast Contours and Primary Zoning Regulation Area; Schedule F – Airport Influence Area; Volume 3, Map A – Special Policy Areas) for discussion purposes.
(e) Updates (Item 5)

Guy Paparella, Director of Industrial Park and Airport Development

(i) Ontario Municipal Board Hearing – Airport Employment Growth District

The Committee was circulated minutes of the OMB hearing and final amendment to Council. Mr. Paparella gave an update of the appeals by Province and by Hamiltonians for Progressive Development. As part of the OMB Hearing, one of the strategies was to ask for dismissal of the appeals because they were unfounded. As a result, both parties have indicated that they are interested in a settlement.

(ii) 2006 Revenue from Hamilton International Airport (HIA) Lease

Mr. Paparella reported that as part of the lease agreement, the City collected revenue in the amount of $82,606, and the projected revenue for 2007 is $75,000.

Following discussion of this issue, the Committee directed staff to bring a report back which investigates the feasibility of setting up a separate reserve for revenue collected from the Airport, and also requested information with respect to revenues collected in the past.

(iii) 2007 Budget Proposal

Mr. Paparella distributed a summary of Airport projects, and advised that the only additional item included in the 2007 budget is a request for $5 million for land acquisition purposes.

The Committee requested that the issue of parking be placed on a future agenda for further discussion i.e., is parking an operational aspect of the airport; operational needs to be clearly defined; concerned about land ownership; looking at the long term.

James Goodram, Business Development Consultant

(iv) Airport Employment Growth District Terms of Reference and Community Liaison Committee

Mr. Goodram advised that as the OMB Decision established a Special Policy Area, he is working on preparing a Terms of Reference for a land use study. It is anticipated that a Request for Proposal for the study will be issued in March, with the study commencing in April. One of the requirements of the OMB Decision is the establishment of a Community Liaison Committee (CLC), which mandates that a number of parties have membership on the CLC. A request has also been received from Six
Nations to participate in the CLC. The Committee was distributed with a draft composition of the membership on the CLC.

The Committee requested that there be at least one at-large representative from the City of Hamilton on the CLC because of the broader implications to the City.

Mr. Goodram advised that the Terms of Reference for the Community Liaison Committee will be brought back to this Committee for approval.

The Committee requested a breakdown of the split between development charges and capital funds – how will development be paid for.

**Sylvia Renshaw, Business Development Consultant:**

(v) Move-on-Up Initiative

Ms. Renshaw distributed the final report of the “Move On Up” initiative and advised that it has been well received. Also, posters promoting this initiative have been distributed to all secondary schools, both in the public and Catholic school systems.

(vi) TIACA Summary

Ms. Renshaw advised that the Economic Development Department and Hamilton International Airport partnered and participated very successfully in this international event which was held in Calgary in 2006. TIACA is a conference as well as a trade show which is held every 2nd year. Attendance at the trade show resulted in making contacts from many different countries.

The Committee was distributed with a memory stick which contains the presentation which was displayed in the booth during the event, together with a brochure which was handed out. Ms. Renshaw advised that arrangements will be made to show the presentation at a future meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Ms. Renshaw acknowledged the costs-in-kind from Hamilton International Airport and funding from other levels of government which contributed to the success of both the Move On Up Initiative and attendance at TIACA.

On a motion, the verbal updates were received.
(f) Other Business

(i) Airport Implementation Task Force – Terms of Reference

Councillor Whitehead expressed concern with respect to reference made in Section 2(d) of the Mandate of the Task Force to “Secondary Plan”. Staff responded that the reference is made within the context of the operational needs of the Airport.

The Terms of Reference for the Airport Implementation Task Force, as distributed, were approved.

The motion CARRIED on the following vote:

Yeas: Mitchell, Eisenberger, Ferguson, Pearson, Collins
Total Yeas: 5
Nays: Whitehead
Total Nays: 1

(g) Private and Confidential – Verbal Update re: Property Acquisitions/Negotiations

On a motion, the Committee move into Closed Session at 12:15 p.m. to deliberate Item 8(a) of the agenda in order to receive a verbal update respecting property acquisitions/negotiations.

On a motion, the Committee reconvene in Open Session.

(i) Verbal Update re: Property Acquisitions/Negotiations – Guy Paparella

On a motion, the verbal update was received, with direction to staff to continue with the property acquisitions/negotiations.

(h) New Business

None
(i) Adjournment

There being no further business the Airport Implementation Task Force meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor D. Mitchell, Chair
Airport Implementation Task Force

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
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