Committee of the Whole
REPORT 10-005

9:30 a.m.
January 20, 2010
Southwest Ballroom
Sheraton Hotel

Present:
Mayor F. Eisenberger
Deputy Mayor B. McHattie

Also Present:
C. Murray, City Manager
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
G. Davis, General Manager, Public Works
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development
J.A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
J. Kay, General Manager, HES, Fire Chief
M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator, Council and Committee of the Whole/Budgets

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PRESENTS REPORT 10-005 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Property Acquisition (New Business)

   (a) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development and Real Estate Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized to submit an Option to Purchase for those lands outlined in the Confidential Appendix “A”;

   (b) That the Option to Purchase be conditional upon:
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(i) a period of 45 days from the date of acceptance of the Option to allow the City to undertake at its own expense a Conditional Building Assessment, all to the satisfaction of the city, in the City’s sole, absolute and unfettered discretion, failing which the Option shall be null and void and of no further effect;

(c) That the financial details and funding options outlined in Appendix B and the information contained in Appendix A remain confidential until final disposition by Council and the completion of the transaction;

(d) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all requisite documents.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Added Private and Confidential Matter respecting a property acquisition which will require committee to move into closed session. As well, should Committee approve a recommendation on this matter in open session, the rules of procedure will be waived to allow a special meeting of City Council to be convened to approve the recommendation.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

(c) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None

(d) CAPITAL PRIORITY SESSION – FACILITATOR: TIM DOBBIE

Tim Dobbie provided an overview of the session. Focus of today’s session:

1) to set priorities for the spending of the $5m that is available from Council Strategic Capital Projects reserve; and
2) to obtain comments from Council with respect to preliminary suggestions for the use of $5m from the Economic Development Initiatives fund

Councillors provided their list of priorities:

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

1. Waterfront Economic Development Corporation
2. Creative Catalyst
4. Waterfront Development East and West
5. Shelter Blue print
6. Economic Development Proposals
7. Brownfields
8. Waterfront Rink/Restaurant

**CAPITAL PRIORITIES**

1. Highlander Games ($30,000)
2. Outdoor Rinks
3. Rollerblade/skateboard BMCX
4. Parkland Acquisition
5. Roads/Infrastructure including side streets
6. Lynden well
7. Central city seniors facility
8. 95 King Redevelopment ($900,000)
9. Infrastructure renewal – pedestrian and traffic signals $1.5 million
10. Flamborough Trust Fund $500,000
11. Waterfront Development

12. Westbound access to 403

Direction:

Staff will report back on the suggested items and will provide information and clarity on how the projects coincide with the strategic and priority plan.

Committee will then vote on the individual proposals.

(e) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Committee moved into closed session further to sections 8.1(d) of the City’s Procedural By-law and Municipal Act as the matter relates to a pending or proposed acquisition of land.

(i) Property Acquisition (New Business)

Committee reconvened in Open Session.

Committee approved a recommendation noted as Item 1 of this report.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger

M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator
Committee of the Whole
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