Committee of the Whole
MINUTES

2:00 p.m.
May 22, 2009
Albion Room
Hamilton Convention Centre

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Present:
Mayor F. Eisenberger

Absent with regrets:
Councillor S. Merulla – Personal Business
Councillor R. Pasuta – Personal Business

Also Present:
C. Murray, City Manager
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
T. Sergi, Acting General Manager, Public Works
D. LaPointe-Kay – Acting General Manager, Community Services
M. Zegarac, Corporate Services
M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator, Council and Committee of the Whole/Budgets

THE FOLLOWING WAS REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1.  CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(Pearson/Clark)
That the agenda be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None

4. CONSENT ITEMS

None

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Overview - Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program in Ontario and Ontario Recreation Funding Program

Rob Rossini and Mike Zegarc provided an overview.

Highlights of the presentation included:
- Recreation Infrastructure Stimulus Plan Overview
- Capital Projects summary and potential impacts
- Approval of Capital Project List
- Approval of Recommendations and By-law

(Pearson/Collins)
That the presentation be received. CARRIED.

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program in Ontario and Ontario Recreation Funding Program (FCS09061) (City Wide)

(Pearson/McCarthy)

(a) That the Recreation Projects, as listed in Appendix “A” of report FCS09061, be approved for consideration under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program in Ontario and Ontario Recreation Funding Program;

(b) That the Recreation Projects, as listed in Appendix “A” of report FCS09061, be submitted in the amount of $84.2 million, in accordance with the terms and conditions
associated with the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program in Ontario and Ontario Recreation Funding Program;

(c) That By-Law 09-XXX, attached as Appendix “B” to report FCS09061, be approved and enacted; and

(d) That copies of report FCS09061 be forwarded to local MP’s and MPP’s.

(Clark/Collins)

(a) That staff be directed to meet with owners of the Stoney Creek Warriors to discuss what is required to continue playing at the Stoney Creek Recreation Centre Arena to ensure compliance with the league rules.

(b) That staff be directed to review surplus from other capital projects which have not moved forward to date and report back on funds available for renovations of Stoney Creek Arena.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.

7.2 Purchasing Policy Exemptions for Infrastructure Stimulus Fund and Recreational Infrastructure Canada Projects (FCS09052(a) (City Wide)
(Powers/Pearson)
That the City of Hamilton Purchasing Policy for projects that are accepted under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, the Recreational Infrastructure Canada in Ontario Program or the Ontario Recreation Program be amended as follows:

(a) That the upset limit of $100,000 be waived for assignments requiring the use of the Consultant Roster (Purchasing Policy #9);

(b) That the requirement to issue a formal Request for Proposals to the entire vendor community be waived and that Request for Proposals will be issued on an invitational basis only and staff will invite at least two firms to bid for each Request for Proposals (Purchasing Policy #5.5);

(c) That for Request for Tenders (Purchasing Policy #5.4) requiring a PreQualification process (Purchasing Policy #2), that the requirement to issue a formal Request for Tenders
to the entire vendor community be waived and that Request for Tenders will be issued on an invitational basis only and staff will invite at least two firms to bid for each Request for Tenders; and

(d) That for projects requiring the use of Purchasing Policy exemptions related to the above-captioned recommendations (a), (b) and (c), staff will provide information updates on the assignments exempted from these purchasing policy requirements.

(Powers/Pearson)
That (b and c) be amended to read:
“At a minimum of” prior to the words “two firms”

Amendment CARRIED.
Motion as Amended CARRIED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger

M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator
Council, Committee of the Whole/Budgets