THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE FORWARDED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Air Quality Initiatives and Issues Summary (SPH05060) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(Merulla/Jackson)
(a) WHEREAS THE City of Hamilton is challenged as a direct result of over-intensification of industry leading to poor air quality;
AND WHEREAS the Niagara Region has less intensification of industry and/or other facilities or issues related to poor air quality;

AND WHEREAS the City of Hamilton and Region of Niagara have agreed to build an incinerator to deal with waste management challenges.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any proposal to construct an incinerator facility within the City of Hamilton boundaries be rejected.

(b) That Report SPH05060 respecting Air Quality Initiatives and Issues Summary, be received that this item be removed from the Outstanding Business List of the Social and Public Health Services Committee. CARRIED

2. The 2005 Social and Health Issues Report (SPH05063) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Bratina/Jackson)
That Report SPH05063 respecting the 2005 Social and Health Issues Report, be received. CARRIED

3. Residential Snow Removal Program Implementation (SPH05048/PW05152) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Merulla/Jackson)
(a) That the City adopt the Hamilton Snow Angels Program which would include both a social marketing campaign and a volunteer matching component;

(b) That the funding in the amount of $130,000 to implement this program in 2005 be established immediately, using surplus from the 2005 operating budget;

(c) That funding for this program in 2006 and beyond be incorporated into future budgets;

(d) That an Implementation Committee be established which would include three members of Council and an invitation to major stakeholders to participate;

(e) That item D – Compassionate Hardship Fund for Sidewalk Snow Clearing of the Social & Public Health Services Committee outstanding business list be removed. CARRIED
4. **Update on the 1994 Roomers and Boarders Task Force**
   (SPH05066/ PED05215) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

   (Jackson/Bratina)
   (a) That Report SPH05066/PED05215 respecting the Update on the 1994 Roomers and Boarders Task Force, be received;

   (b) That staff be directed to prepare a response to the concerns expressed in the presentation by the Housing Help Centre for the January 24, 2006 meeting of the Social and Public Health Services Committee. **CARRIED**

5. **Proposed Redevelopment of Surplus City-Owned Land by CityHousing Hamilton: 87-89 King Street East** (SPH05062/PED05210) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

   (Merulla/Jackson)
   (a) That the development of a mixed residential/commercial development by CityHousing Hamilton (Hamilton Housing Corporation), comprised of two ground floor commercial units and sixteen rental residential units and registered as condominium by utilizing City-owned surplus lands at 87-89 King Street East, be endorsed;

   (b) That the City-owned lands, municipally known as 87-89 King Street East, be declared surplus to the requirements of the City of Hamilton in accordance with the Procedural By-law for the Sale of Land, By-law No. 04-299, as shown on Appendix “A” to Report SPH05062/PED05210;

   (c) That the total cost of $2.1 million be funded from the Downtown Housing/Construction Reserve (Account #112249);

   (d) That as this affordable housing project by Hamilton Housing Corporation is deemed by Council to be in the public interest, that the $50,000 market value sale price be waived. **CARRIED**

6. **Homemakers and Nursing Services Program Update** (HCS03012(d)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

   (Jackson/Bratina)
   (a) That staff be directed to implement an intake freeze on new referrals for Homemakers and Nursing Services;

   (b) That staff be directed to implement a “one off, one on” waiting list until the program is transitioned to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care targeted for April 1, 2006;
(c) That this item be removed from the Outstanding Business List of the Social and Public Health Services Committee.  CARRIED

7. Report 05-003 of the Pesticides Sub-Committee (Item 8.3)

(i) Green Venture Communication Plan

(Bruckler/Bratina)
That the Green Venture Communication Plan, as amended, attached hereto as Appendix A, be approved.  CARRIED

(ii) Green Venture Logo (Item 4.2)

(Bruckler/Bratina)
That the “Naturally Hamilton” Logo, attached hereto as Appendix B, be approved for use in the Community Education Program.  CARRIED

(iii) Green Venture- 2006 Education Program Budget (Item 4.3)

(Bruckler/Bratina)
(a) That the budget plan submitted by Green Venture, as amended, to continue a Pesticide Education Program in 2006, attached hereto as Appendix C, be approved subject to approval during the 2006 City of Hamilton Budget process;

(b) And that the proposed funding for the Pesticide Education Program in the amount of $60,000.00 be forwarded to Committee of the Whole for consideration during the 2006 City of Hamilton Budget deliberations.  CARRIED

(iv) Motion from the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee

(Bruckler/Bratina)
That the motion submitted by the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee to exempt all agriculturally zoned lands within the City of Hamilton from any proposed Pesticide Reduction Strategy be endorsed.  CARRIED
8. Tweedsmuir School, 50 Victoria Avenue North: Potential Acquisition by Options for Homes Hamilton (SPH05069/PED05221/PW05153) (Ward 3)

(Bratina/Jackson)
(a) That Council confirm the “Notice to Delay Demolition” dated December 1, 2005 for Contract No. C11-143-05 forwarded to Bel-Air Excavation & Grading Ltd. until January 31, 2006;

(b) That staff be authorized to enter into negotiations with Bel-Air Excavation & Grading Ltd. and Options for Homes Hamilton with respect to the costs associated with the potential termination of Contract No. C11-143-05;

(c) That staff report back in January, 2006 on the results of these negotiations and potential next steps.;

(d) That Report SPH05069/PED05221/PW05153 remain confidential.

CARRIED

9. Election of Vice Chair (2006) (Item 11.1)

(Jackson/Bratina)
That Councillor S. Merulla be appointed Vice Chair of the Social and Public Health Services Committee for 2006.

CARRIED

10. Review of Residential Health Care Facilities By-law 01-156 (20) (SPH05032) (City Wide) (Item 11.2)

(Merulla/Jackson)
That Councillor B. Bratina be appointed to the Review of Residential Health Care Facilities Advisory Group.

CARRIED

(Bratina/Jackson)
That Councillor S. Merulla be appointed to the Review of Residential Health Care Facilities Advisory Group.

CARRIED

(Merulla/Bratina)
That staff be directed to report with the intent to move subsidy from residents to actual individual and bring forward recommendations.

CARRIED
11. **Cancellation of January 2006 Meeting of Committee (New Business)**
   *(No Copy)*

   *(Merulla/Bratina)*
   That the January 10, 2006 meeting of the Social and Public Health Services Committee be cancelled as there are no time-sensitive issues requiring the immediate attention of the Committee.  
   **CARRIED**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**

(a) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

- Item 4.2 – Added Delegation Request from Mr. Carl Turkstra, Options for Homes Hamilton
- Item 6.1- Delegation by McMaster University Students Re: Poverty for Residential Care Home Tenants - Delegation Cancelled
- Item 7.3.1 – Request from Mr. Bob Wood to speak to the 1994 Roomers & Boarders Task Force Report
- Item 8.3 – Tweedsmuir School: Potential Acquisition by Options for Homes Hamilton - Report is Confidential (Item 12.1) and will be removed from the Discussion area and moved to Private & Confidential.
- (New) Item 8.3 – Pesticide Sub-Committee Report 05-003

   *(Bratina/Jackson)*
   That the agenda be approved, as amended.  
   **CARRIED**

(b) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

None

(c) **CHAIR**

During the course of the meeting, Chair McHattie relinquished the Chair on several occasions to Vice Chair Bratina in order to join in the debate.

(d) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)**

   *(Bratina/Jackson)*
   That the Minutes of the November 22, 2005 meeting of the Social and Public Health Services Committee be approved, as presented.  
   **CARRIED**
(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Wey Robinson, respecting Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits

(Jackson/Bratina)
That the request of Wey Robinson to appear before the Committee, be approved. CARRIED

(ii) Mr. Carl Turkstra, Options for Homes Hamilton respecting Proposal for Tweedsmuir School Building

(Jackson/Bratina)
That the delegation request from Mr. Carl Turkstra, Chairman and CEO, Turkstra Lumber Company Limited, on behalf of Options for Homes Hamilton, be approved and that the rules of order be waived to allow Mr. Turkstra to address the Committee at this meeting. CARRIED

Mr. Turkstra addressed the Committee, accompanied by Messrs. Mark Chamberlain, President, Trivaris Ltd., Frank Passaro, Manager, Scotiabank (Centre Mall), and Conrad Zurini, Associate Broker, RE/MAX- Del Mar Realty Inc.

The Committee was shown a video outlining the goals and purpose of “Options for Homes”, and the delegation expanded on the program in terms of what the program offers, and the diverse scope of the population that the program targets in terms of eligibility i.e., homes to suit needs of specific individuals such as students, single parent families, senior citizens, etc.

(Bratina/Jackson)
That the presentation with respect to Option for Homes Hamilton, be received. CARRIED

Councillor Merulla requested an update from staff with respect to the status of Hillsdale School vis-à-vis Options for Homes. Staff advised that a status report will be provided in February, 2006.

(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(i) Air Quality Initiatives and Issues Summary (SPH05060) (Item 5.1)

The Committee received a power point presentation from Rob Hall, Director, Health Protection Branch, with respect to the Air Quality Initiatives and Issues Summary Report.

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(ii) **The 2005 Social and Health Issues Report (SPH05063) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

The Committee received a power point presentation from Barbara Powell, Manager, Program Policy and Planning, with respect to the 2005 Social and Health Issues Report. The presentation included People of Hamilton; socio economic profile; general health, chronic conditions, healthy lifestyles, injury prevention; family health; prevention/control of infectious diseases; health and the environment; and peer comparators. A copy of the presentation has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

(iii) **Residential Snow Removal Program Implementation (SPH05048/ PW05152) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

The Committee received a power point presentation from Carmen Bian, Senior Policy Analyst, Program Policy and Planning, with respect to the residential snow removal program. The presentation included the harmonization of the snow clearing by-law; consultation process; residential snow clearing programs in other municipalities; municipal comparators; recommended models – consultant; staff-suggested models; and the establishment of the "Hamilton Snow Angels". A copy of the presentation has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

(iv) **Update on the 1994 Roomers and Boarders Task Force (SPH05066/ PED05215) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)**

The Committee received a presentation from David Brodati, Manager, Policy Program and Planning, with respect to the 1994 Roomers and Boarders Task Force Report. The presentation outlined the Committee direction resulting in this report; definition of “rooming house”; Hamilton rooming house stock; 1994 Task Force recommendation; comprehensive definition; licensing and inspections; social supports; education; implementation; issues and current status. A copy of the presentation has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

(g) **PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF SURPLUS CITY-OWNED LAND BY CITYHOUSING HAMILTON: 87-89 KING STREET EAST (SPH05062/ PED05210) (CITY WIDE) (ITEM 8.1)**

(Merulla/Jackson)
That sub-sections (c) and (e) be deleted in their entirety and the balance of the recommendations renumbered accordingly. 

Amendment CARRIED
(Bratina/Merulla)
That the following be added as sub-section (d):

(d) That as this affordable housing project by Hamilton Housing Corporation is deemed by Council to be in the public interest, that the $50,000 market value sale price be waived. Amendment CARRIED
Motion as amended CARRIED.

(h) TWEEDSMUIR SCHOOL, 50 VICTORIA AVENUE NORTH: POTENTIAL ACQUISITION BY OPTIONS FOR HOMES HAMILTON (SPH05069/PED05221/PW05153) (WARD 3)

(Bratina/Jackson)
That the following be added as sub-section (d):

(d) That Report SPH05069/PED05221/PW05153 remain confidential. Amendment CARRIED
Motion as amended CARRIED

(i) REVIEW OF RESIDENTIAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES BY-LAW 01-156 (20) (SPH05032) (CITY WIDE) (ITEM 11.2)

(Merulla/Bratina)
That staff be directed to report with the intent to move subsidy from residents to actual individual and bring forward recommendations.

(j) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

(Jackson/Bratina)
That the Committee move In Camera to allow for the discussion of an item with respect to the potential disposition of property and possible litigation. CARRIED

(Jackson/Bratina)
That the Committee reconvene in Open Session. CARRIED
(k) **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor B. McHattie  
Chair

C. Biggs  
Legislative Assistant  
December 13, 2005