Committee of the Whole
MINUTES

9:30 a.m.
February 9, 2007
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Deputy Mayor C. Collins

Absent with regrets: Councillor R. Powers – illness

Also Present: G. Peace, City Manager
J. Rinaldo, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
S. Stewart, General Manager, Public Works
Dr. E. Richardson, MOH
C. Graham, General Manager, Human Resources
J.A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
L.A. Coveyduck, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief HES
M. Gallagher, Coordinator, COW

Deputy Mayor C. Collins assumed the chair.

9:30 a.m. Public Works – Capital

Committee continued with deliberations on the Public Works Capital Budget.

Gerry Davis provided a power point presentation on the Capital Budget. Highlights included the following:
- 2006/06 Capital Project Successes
- 2007 Key Capital Projects
- Capital Program Delivery (Gross and Net Budget)
- Rehabilitation/Replacement Measures
- ROW Coordination
- Integrated Decision Support system
- Capital Planning and Implementation
- Sustainable Asset Management
- State of the Infrastructure Report – 2006 Update
- Scope of the Hamilton SOTI Report 2006
- 2005-2006 Report Card
- Cost of City Services vs. Typical Daily Household Costs
- Next Steps for 2007

10:30 a.m.  Public Health Services

Dr. Richardson began the presentation of the Public Health Services Department

Included in the presentation were highlights of the following:
- Organizational Charts (Public Health, Medical Officer of Health, Family Health, Health Protection, Healthy living
- 2006 Accomplishments – Highlights
- 2007 Objectives/Initiatives
- 2007 Net Operating Budget by Division
- 2007 Funding Transition Impact
- Public Health Services Revenues for 2007
- Influencing Factors that will contribute to fulfilling the services mandate over the next four years

Committee requested the following information:

1. Report back on public health reform – health funding/governance

2. Breakdown for costs of Administration for Health Protection Division

Committee recessed at 12:30 for lunch.

1:00 p.m.  Community Services Presentation

Joe-Anne Priel provided an overview of the Community Services Budget. Highlights of the budget included:

- 2006 Accomplishments – Highlights
- Influencing factors that will contribute to fulfilling the Department’s Mandate over the next 4 years.
- Net Operating Budget
- Strategic Services Cost Drivers
- Social Development and Early Childhood Services cost drivers
- Employment Income support cost drivers
- Benefit Eligibility cost drivers
- Housing cost drivers
- Macassa Lodge cost drivers
- Wentworth Lodge cost drivers
- Culture and Recreation cost drivers
- Community Services program reductions

Committee requested the following information:

1. Benchmarking to track absenteeism with lodges/long term care facilities in comparison to other communities with like facilities

2. Fuel assumptions across the corporation.

3:30 p.m. Human Resources

Catharine Graham provided an overview of the Human Resources Budget.

Highlights of the budget included:

- 2006 Accomplishments / 2007 Objectives
- 2007 Major Cost Drivers
- Influencing factors that will contribute to fulfilling the Department’s mandate over the next four years
- Administration of Employment and Client Services
- Organizational Development and client services
- Employee and Labour Relations

Committee requested the following information:

1. Benchmarking network – identification of participants – How many HR staff per employee – cost per capital
2. Raw data from other municipalities – Cost per capital for police, fire, recreation, HR
3. Total of how many staff on WSIB – return to work services – cases vs. specialists servicing the cases

(Whitehead/Jackson)
That staff be directed to report back on impact of a 3% or less target for Human Resources CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 4p.m.