Economic Development and Planning Committee
MINUTES 09-004
Tuesday, February 3, 2009
9:30 am
Albion Room
Hamilton Convention Centre
1 Summer’s Lane, Hamilton

Present:  Chair L. Ferguson
Mayor Eisenberger, Councillors:  B. Bratina, B. Clark S. Duvall,
B. McHattie, D. Mitchell, R. Pasuta T. Whitehead

Absent
With regrets:  Councillor M. Pearson-Bereavement

Staff Present:  T. McCabe, General Manager – Planning and Economic
Development
P. Mallard, T. Sergi, B. Janssen, J. Spolnik, M. Hazell,
N. Everson, G. Paparella, R. Marini, D. Cuming, T.Rosa..
J. Hickey-Evans, T.Horzelenberg, D. Barnett- Planning and
Economic Development
A. Rawlings, Co-ordinator, City Clerk's Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL:

1. Demolition Permit – 403 McNeilly Road (Stoney Creek) (PED09026) (Ward 11) (Item 5.1)
   (Clark/McHattie)
   That the Director of Building Services be authorized and directed to issue a demolition
permit for 403 McNeilly Road (Stoney Creek) in accordance with By-Law 08-226
pursuant to Section 33 of The Planning Act as amended.
   CARRIED

2. Demolition Permit – 617 Garner Road East (Ancaster) (PED09034) (Ward 12)
   (Item 5.2)
   (Clark/McHattie)
   That the Director of Building Services be authorized and directed to issue a demolition
permit for 617 Garner Road East, Ancaster in accordance with By-law 08-226 pursuant
to Section 33 of The Planning Act as amended.
   CARRIED
3. Demolition Permit – 17 Park Street East (Dundas) (PED09036) (Ward 13) (Item 5.3)

(Clark/McHattie)
That the Director of Building Services be authorized and directed to issue demolition permits for 17 Park Street East (Dundas) in accordance with By-Law 08-226 pursuant to Section 33 of The Planning Act, as amended.

CARRIED

4. Transfer of Funds – Greenhouse Gas Inventory (PED09038) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(Clark/McHattie)
That the unused funds in the Contractual Services account in the amount of $40,000 in the Strategic Services and Special Projects budget “814005” be transferred to the existing Capital Account 8099655601 which is to be used for the Air Pollutants and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory and Research Services Study to be completed by June 2009.

CARRIED

5. Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application (ERG-09-01) – 1201159 Ontario Limited (Martin Hotz), 201 Robert Street and 194-200 Barton Street East, Hamilton (PED09040) (Ward 2) (Item 5.5)

(Bratina/McHattie)
(a) That Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application ERG-09-01, submitted by 1201159 Ontario Limited (Martin Hotz), owner of the property at 201 Robert Street and 194-200 Barton Street East, Hamilton, for an ERASE Redevelopment Grant not to exceed $1,908,381.04 payable to 1201159 Ontario Limited over a maximum of ten (10) years, be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the ERASE Redevelopment Agreement.

(b) That the City enter into an ERASE Redevelopment Agreement with 1201159 Ontario Limited regarding the terms and conditions governing the payment of an ERASE Redevelopment Grant for, and redevelopment of, 201 Robert Street and 194-200 Barton Street East, Hamilton, ON, with such agreement to be satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

6. Ancaster Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) Appointment of the 2009-2010 Board of Management (PED09042) (Ward 12) (Item 5.6)

(Ferguson/Mitchell)
That the following individuals be appointed to the Ancaster B.I.A.’s Board of Management:

- Councillor Lloyd Ferguson, Ward 12
- Doug Kloet
- Mary Lou Ciancone
7. Locke Street Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) - Proposed Budget and Schedule of Payment for 2009 (PED09043) (Ward 1) (Item 5.7)  
(Clark/McHattie)  
(a) That the 2009 operating budget for the Locke Street B.I.A. (attached as Appendix ‘A’ to Report PED09043) be approved in the amount of $10,250.00.

(b) That the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services be hereby authorized and directed to prepare the requisite by-law pursuant to Section 208, The Municipal Act, 2001, to levy the 2009 budget as referenced in sub-section (a) above.

(c) That the following schedule of payments for 2009 be approved:

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Assessment appeals may be deducted from the levy payments.  

CARRIED

8. Locke Street Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) Expansion of Boundaries (PED09045) (Ward 1) (Item 5.8)  
(Clark/McHattie)  
(a) That the Locke Street B.I.A. boundaries be expanded as identified in Appendix ‘A’ to Report PED09045.

(b) That the City Clerk’s Division be authorized and directed to circulate the existing and proposed expansion area with the notice of intent to amend the designating by-law in accordance with Sections 209, 210, 212 and 213 of the Municipal Act.

(c) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare the necessary amending by-law.  

CARRIED
9. Minutes of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, September 23rd, 2008 (Item 5.9(a))

(Clark/McHattie)
That the Minutes of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, September 23rd, 2008, be received.

CARRIED

10. Minutes of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee, December 18, 2008 (Item 5.9(b))

(Clark/McHattie)
That the Minutes of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee, December 18, 2008, be received.

CARRIED


(Whitehead/Duvall)
(a) That staff be directed to work with the organizers of the Hamilton Trees and Parks Foundation in providing for flexibility in allowing parkland dedication funds to be used co-operatively with donated funds and donor gifts of lands to foster a larger parkland acquisition partnership for the City of Hamilton and its citizens, and that staff report back to Committee thereafter;

CARRIED

(Clarke/Mitchell)
(b) That the following Ontario resolution 444/98 be reviewed and alternatives or options to require School Boards to transfer parkland to the City for a fee of $200, where parkland standards are unmet; and that this matter, including the following, be referred to legal and planning staff for a review and report back;

Whereas, the old policies often forced the former City of Hamilton to originally purchase land at fair market value and provide those lands to the schools boards for $1.00;

Whereas there is only one tax payer and the City is forced to purchase school board property at fair market value to preserve parkland;

Now therefore be it resolved that where the City can demonstrate need for preservation of parkland that the school board has declared surplus that the school board sell it back to the City for $2.00 and that the Province of Ontario be requested to pass the appropriate legislation to permit this to happen, to ensure that the affected school board is compensated for any loss of revenue

CARRIED

(McHattie/Mitchell)
(c) That the subject report, PED09028 be tabled, pending the receipt of a report from planning and legal staff respecting the following matters;
(ii) That consideration be given to exempting affordable housing for both not for profit and for profit affordable housing developments;

(iii) That further consideration be given to using the flat 5% fee of land area option for developments greater than 120 units per hectare, including, but not limited to, purpose built student housing developments.

CARRIED

(Clark/Mitchell)

(d) That the staff report, as noted in Recommendation (c) above, also include consideration by legal and planning staff of the following;

(i) That the Thistle Club residential project as proposed by Dundurn Edge Developments Inc. at 85 Robinson Street be afforded a parkland dedication charge of 5% of the purchase price of the land, provided that Dundurn Edge Developments Inc. continue to own the land and proceed with the development as currently presented

CARRIED

12. Steve Mahoney, representing Ontario Sewer and Watermain Construction Association, and a representative from Hamilton and District Heavy Equipment Association, to discuss Subdivision Agreement conditions respecting pay assurance for servicing contractors (Item 6.2)

(Clark/Mitchell)
That staff be directed to consider the matters raised in the delegation and to meet with appropriate stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the HHHBA and the Ontario Sewer and Watermain Construction Association, and report back to Committee, thereafter.

CARRIED

13. Gan Cappelletti, respecting property at 5085 Trinity Church Road South, Binbrook (Item 6.3)

(Mitchell/Eisenberger)
That the items raised in the delegation be referred to Planning and Legal staff for review and a report back to Committee.

CARRIED

14. Application to Amend the Town of Ancaster Zoning By-law No. 87-57 for Property Located at 1110-1160 Jerseyville Road West, (Ancaster) (PED09037) (Ward 14) (Item 6.4)

(Whitehead/Pasuta)
That Approval be given to **Zoning Application ZAR-08-052, by Mike Freshwater, Owner**, for a change in zoning from the Agricultural “A-174” Modified Zone to the Agricultural “A” Zone, to prohibit a farm help house on a portion of the lands located at 1110 -1160 Jerseyville Road West (Ancaster), as shown on Appendix “A” to Report PED09037, on the following basis:
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(a) That the Draft By-law, attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED09037, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be enacted by City Council.

(b) That the proposed change in zoning is in conformity with the Hamilton-Wentworth Official Plan and Town of Ancaster Official Plan.

CARRIED

15. Application of a Modification in Zoning for the Property Located at 99 Ferguson Avenue North (Dr. Edgar Davey Elementary School) (Hamilton) (PED09035) (Ward 2) (Item 6.5)

Bratina/Whitehead

That approval be given to Zoning Application ZAR-08-055, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, Owner, for a modification to the Downtown Multiple Residential (D6) Zone, and a change in zoning from the Community Park (P2) Zone to the Downtown Multiple Residential (D6) Zone, modified, in order to permit a Community Centre to be located at 99 Ferguson Avenue North (Dr. Edgar Davey Elementary School) (Hamilton), as shown on Appendix “A” to Report PED09035, on the following basis:

(a) That the draft By-law, attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED09035, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be enacted by City Council.

(b) That the proposed changes in zoning are in conformity with the Hamilton-Wentworth Official Plan and the City of Hamilton Official Plan.

CARRIED

16. Proposed Natural Areas Acquisition Fund (PED09007) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Clark/Bratina

(a) That staff be directed to prepare a Natural Areas Acquisition Fund Strategy and report back to Economic Development and Planning Committee by September 2009.

(b) That this strategy in (a) above include an appropriate governance, business and financial model, for a Natural Areas Acquisition Fund, including options which will not have any impact on the levy.

CARRIED

17. Correspondence from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (June 20, 2008) – Employment Land Budget (PED08066(b)) (Item 8.2)

Clark/Bratina

That Report PED08066(b), Correspondence from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (June 20, 2008) – Employment Land Budget, be received for information.

CARRIED
18. Request from Beth Manganelli, respecting the Mark Preece Family House, 191 Barton Street East (Item 8.3)  
(Whitehead/Bratina)  
That the request from Beth Manganelli, respecting the Mark Preece Family House, 191 Barton Street East, to withdraw the proposed heritage designation for the property, due to the recent fire damage, be received, and that the subject item be removed from the Outstanding Business List.  
CARRIED

19. Chronology of Consent Applications GL/B-07:94 and GL/B-08:144(SEPE) 1441 Guyatt Road, Glanbrook (Item 9.1)  
(Clark/Bratina)  
That Report PED 09062 be received for information.  
CARRIED

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)  

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

The following three items have been postponed until the February 17, 09 Meeting, at the request of legal staff.

8.3 Consideration of amending the Interim Control By-law respecting private waste disposal sites  

12.1 Update on OMB Appeals respecting proposed development on the North side of Parkside Drive, Waterdown  

12.2 Update on land disposition respecting the North Glanbrook Industrial park

The following added information report has been distributed and added to the Agenda

9.1.1 Information report respecting a chronology of the severance application at 1441 Guyatt Road (Glanbrook)  

The Agenda for the February 3, 2009, meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)  

None
(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

The Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting of January 20, 2008, were approved.

(d) Tyler McFadden, respecting anti-barking by-law (Item 4.1)

On a Motion, Committee approved the request from Tyler McFadden, to speak at a later meeting.

(e) The Pearl Company, respecting request for total waiver of fees with respect to zoning at 16 Steven Street (Item 4.2)

On a Motion, Committee approved the request from the Pearl Company, to speak at a later meeting.

(f) Ryan Oosterhof, Losani Homes, respecting request to reduce a required radius on a temporary turnaround, Carlson Street Extension (25T200714) (Item 4.3)

On a Motion, Committee approved the request from Ryan Oosterhof, to speak at a later meeting.

(g) Dundurn Edge Developments, respecting request to speak for a second time on Item 6.1 Parkland Dedication / Cash-in-Lieu (Item 4.4)

On a Motion, Committee approved the request from Dundurn Edge Developments, to speak at today’s meeting respecting Item 6.1.

Councillor Clark requested that his opposition be recorded.

(h) Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application (ERG-09-01) – 1201159 Ontario Limited (Martin Hotz), 201 Robert Street and 194-200 Barton Street East, Hamilton (PED09040) (Ward 2) (Item 5.5)

Councillor Bratina noted the importance of the clean up at this site.

Committee approved the staff report.
(i) Ancaster Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) Appointment of the 2009-2010 Board of Management (PED09042) (Ward 12) (Item 5.6)

Chair Ferguson noted that the new BIA would be the thirteenth in the City of Hamilton, but the first, alphabetically.

Committee approved the staff report.

(j) Parkland Dedication / Cash-in-Lieu: Official Plan Amendment, New Implementing By-law and Policy (PED09028) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)

The Chair noted that this Public Meeting was a continuation of the meeting held on January 20, 2009.

On a Motion, Committee received the following added communications;
Dundurn Edge Developments
Sara Matthews, Dundurn Neighbourhood Association
HHHBA

Keith Anderson addressed Committee and gave an overview of the staff recommendation, with the aid of a powerpoint presentation. Copies of the presentation were distributed to Committee.

The Chair noted that as this was a City initiative, there was no applicant to speak to the matter.

John Norris addressed Committee and read from a prepared statement. Copies of the document were provided to the Committee, and to the Clerk for the public record.

Mr. Norris explained his views, which included, but were not limited to, the following;

- Hamilton Parks Foundation, and its predecessor, has been raising money for parkland funding for nearly 25 years

- Other Cities, including Toronto and Calgary have donor-based parkland acquisition foundations

- eager to work with City, need is very strong for additional parkland

- concern that parkland associated with schools is lost to community when schools closed and their lands are sold for housing
-considers that School Boards should not be granted exemptions or reductions on parkland dedication rates, especially when Boards charge City full rate when they sell surplus land to the City Of Hamilton

-recommended that Council request Province to amend Regulation 444/98 and obligate Boards to sell land for parkland to City for $1.00

-recommended that staff be directed to work with his group to use park funding in co-operative manner, to foster larger parkland acquisition partnership with City

Carlo Di Gioacchino, Dundurn Edge, addressed Committee for the second time. His points included, but were not limited to, the following;

-the parkland dedication fees were the one component in the financial consideration of the Thistle Club project which would stop it going ahead

-parkland dedication fees are higher than Burlington, and the selling price per square foot a of a condo is less in Hamilton

-with the higher parkland dedication, and the Development charges increases also proposed, cost of building in Hamilton is unattractive

Requested a cap on fees for at least 3 years

Chair Ferguson asked if there were any members of the public here to address the issue.

Chris Kwiecien, Hillfield Strathallan College, addressed Committee on the matter. His points included, but were not limited to, the following;

- Hillfield, as an independent, not for profit school is interested in the parkland dedication issue and would like to be part of the dialogue.

-not all private schools are the same, should not be treated as one category

-interested in expanding in the near future

Committee discussed the matter in detail, and the following issues were noted;

-consultation with stakeholders was limited, private schools not consulted, no broad based public consultation

-lack of parkland in Downtown core a major issue, how can this be adequately addressed
-need to consider exemptions for all affordable housing

-need to consider flat fee for student housing

Committee discussed the matter and had additional information from staff. Committee considered the possibility of tabling the entire matter, with appropriate direction.

Councillor Whitehead, seconded by Councillor Duvall, moved a Motion respecting the presentation made by John Norris, directing staff to work with the Hamilton Trees and Parks Foundation

Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Mitchell, moved to refer the item to staff for a report back. Committee approved this referral.

Councillor McHattie, seconded by Councillor Mitchell, moved a Motion to table the staff report, pending a staff review and report back on exempting affordable housing, using a flat fee for more intensive developments. Committee approved this tabling.

Councillor Bratina, seconded by Councillor McHattie, moved a Motion to charge parkland dedication to the Thistle Club project of 5% of the value of the purchase price of the land.

Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Mitchell, moved to refer this item to staff for a report back. Committee approved this referral. Councillor Bratina requested that his opposition be recorded.

Councillor Whitehead, seconded by Councillor Duvall, moved a Motion respecting a change in Ontario regulations which would permit the City to buy parkland from school boards at a nominal rate.

Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Mitchell, moved to refer the item to staff for a report back. Committee approved this referral.

(w) Steve Mahoney, representing Ontario Sewer and Watermain Construction Association, and a representative from Hamilton and District Heavy Equipment Association, to discuss Subdivision Agreement conditions respecting pay assurance for servicing contractors (Item 6.2)

The Chair noted that an added communication had been received, and distributed this morning, from HHHBA.
Steve Mahoney addressed Committee, and provided the background to the issue of pay assurance from contractors. He explained that many other municipalities in the area already use this system, and requested that the City review its possible use for Hamilton.

Committee discussed the matter and had additional information supplied by staff.

On Motion, Committee directed staff to meet with the affected parties and report back.

(x) Gan Cappelletti, respecting property at 5085 Trinity Church Road South, Binbrook (Item 6.3)

Gan Cappelletti addressed Committee respecting her farm property in Binbrook., with the aid of a powerpoint presentation. Copies of the presentation were distributed to members of Committee.

The speaker requested that the City support her request to have her property re-designated as a Specialty Crop area. She gave an overview of her organic farming practices, and said that organic farms do qualify as specialty crop areas.

Committee discussed the presentation and had further information supplied by staff. Staff explained that the Province is responsible for deciding where Specialty Crop areas are designated, and that there are currently only 2 in the Province, both of which are in excess of 250 acres in area, being the Niagara Wine area and the Holland Marsh. Staff also confirmed that the delegation has made an appeal respecting the approval of the Rural Official Plan. While staff cannot change their position on the designation of the subject property, Council could take a different approach.

Committee discussed the matter and directed staff to report back on the matter.

(y) Application to Amend the Town of Ancaster Zoning By-law No. 87-57 for Property Located at 1110-1160 Jerseyville Road West, (Ancaster) (PED09037) (Ward 14) (Item 6.4)

Chair Ferguson advised the meeting of the following, in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act,

a) If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council of the City of Hamilton before the Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the City of Hamilton to the Ontario Municipal Board.
b) If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council of the City of Hamilton before the Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

On a Motion (Whitehead/Pasuta), Committee dispensed with the planner's overview.

Daniel Barnett was present to assist Committee

The applicant advised that he supported the staff recommendation.

Chair Ferguson asked if there were any members of the public here to address the issue. None came forward.

Committee approved the staff recommendation.

(z) Application of a Modification in Zoning for the Property Located at 99 Ferguson Avenue North (Dr. Edgar Davey Elementary School) (Hamilton) (PED09035) (Ward 2) (Item 6.5)

Chair Ferguson advised the meeting of the following, in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act,

a) If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council of the City of Hamilton before the Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the City of Hamilton to the Ontario Municipal Board.

b) If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council of the City of Hamilton before the Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

On a Motion (Bratina/Clark), Committee dispensed with the planner's overview.

Trevor Horzelenburg was present to assist Committee

It was noted that this a joint project between the City and the Hamilton Wentworth School Board, and that both parties are in agreement with the report.

Chair Ferguson asked if there were any members of the public here to address the issue. None came forward.
Committee approved the staff recommendation.

(aa) Proposed Natural Areas Acquisition Fund (PED09007) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Tricia Rosa, addressed Committee and gave an overview of the staff recommendation, with the aid of a powerpoint presentation. Copies of the presentation were provided to the Committee.

Committee discussed the matter and had added information supplied by staff.

Councillor Whitehead proposed direction to ensure that the strategy to be considered by staff, would ensure that no tax dollars be spent in the acquisition of these areas.

Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Bratina, proposed an amendment to Recommendation (b) to include the proposals made by Councillor Whitehead.

Committee approved the Motion, as amended.

Councillor Whitehead requested that his opposition be recorded.

Following the completion of this item, at 12.45pm, Committee took a brief lunch break and resumed at 1.20 pm.

(bb) Correspondence from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (June 20, 2008) – Employment Land Budget (PED08066(b)) (Item 8.2)

Tim McCabe and Guy Paparella gave an overview of the situation. They noted that positive discussions are on-going with the Province, with another meeting scheduled for February.

Committee received the correspondence.

(cc) Request from Beth Manganelli, respecting the Mark Preece Family House, 191 Barton Street East (Item 8.3)

Tim McCabe spoke to the issue and noted staff’s support of the request not to proceed with the designation of the property, in view of the recent fire.

Committee received the letter and removed the item from the Outstanding Business list.
(dd) Consideration of amending the Interim Control By-law respecting private waste disposal sites (No copy) (Item 8.4)

The Chair confirmed that the subject item would be considered at a future meeting.

(ee) Proposal to Waive Fees Respecting Severance Application (BI/B-08:144) (Staff chronology to be distributed) (Item 9.1)

Michelle Sergi gave an overview of the staff report.

Committee discussed the report and the Motion from Councillor Mitchell.

Councillor Mitchell withdrew his Motion.

(ff) Notices of Motion- Potential Added Intensification to the Downtown Urban Growth Centre (Item 10.1)

Councillor McHattie spoke to the Notice of Motion.

(a) That staff be directed review the feasibility of increasing the Downtown Urban Growth Centre density from 250 persons and jobs per hectare to 400 persons and jobs per hectare, including potential changes needed to the Downtown Secondary Plan; and, to provide examples from other downtowns such as Guelph, Waterloo and Mississauga, and report back to the Economic Development & Planning Committee;

(b) That staff discuss this initiative with Provincial staff during growth planning discussions;

(c) That copies of this Motion be distributed to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister of Public Infrastructure and Renewal and the Premier of Ontario.

(gg) Notice of Motion- Survey of the City’s Waterfront properties abutting Lake Ontario for potential for acceptable recreational, residential and/or commercial development (Item 10.2)

Councillor Bratina withdrew his Notice of Motion.
(hh) Notice of Motion -Licensed seats (indoor and outdoor) in the Hess Village Entertainment District (Item 10.3)

Councillor Bratina, introduced the following Notice of Motion.

Whereas, there is increasing concern about the number of licensed seats (indoor and outdoor) in the Hess Village Entertainment District; and;

Whereas, the City of Hamilton by-law currently allows additional seating in the Hess Village Entertainment District.

Now Therefore, staff be directed to bring forward a report on bylaw changes that would be necessary to further limit or to set a cap on the number of licensed seats in the Hess Village Entertainment District.

(ii) Notice of Motion -Applicability of the recent St Catharine’s Study on Licensed Establishments, on the Hess Village Entertainment District (Item 10.4)

Councillor Bratina introduced the following Notice of Motion

Whereas, there is increasing concern about the number of licensed seats (indoor and outdoor) in the Hess Village Entertainment District; and;

Whereas, the City of St. Catharines recently completed the St. Catharines Downtown Licensed Establishment Study which included amongst other recommendations, ideas on innovative business licensing.

Now Therefore: staff be directed to report back on the applicability of the City of St. Catharine’s findings on the impact of licensed facilities in the Hess Village Entertainment District.

(jj) General Information (Item 11)

ITEMS HELD OVER FROM JANUARY 20, 2009

(i) Correspondence from Keith Beck, KB Consulting, respecting Unreasonable Timeline for an Economic Development and Planning Report, Referred from Council, November, 2008 (Item 11.1)

Tim McCabe gave an overview of the item.

On a Motion, Committee received the letter and re-confirmed the due date on the Outstanding Business List of December, 2009.
(ii) Potential City loans programme for Films made in Hamilton (from Outstanding Business List, due date December 2, 2008) (Item 11.2)

Tim McCabe advised that this report would be presented to Committee in May, 2009.

(iii) Urban Braille for New Site Plans (from Outstanding Business List, due date January, 2009) (Item 11.3)

David Cuming advised that this report had been delayed, due to further requirements of the Public Works Department, respecting wheelchair ramps. He said that it would be presented to Committee in September, 2009.

(iv) Multiple Licences for Like Businesses Associated with the Same Establishment (from Outstanding Business List, due date January, 2009) (Item 11.4)

Marty Hazell advised that this report would be presented to Committee on February 17, 2009.

(v) Correspondence from Michael Desnoyers, Chair, Hamiltonians for Progressive Development, requesting Council suspend the detailed Phase 2 studies of the proposed Airport Employment Growth District (referred from Council, December 10, 2008) (Item 11.5)

On a Motion, Committee received the letter.

(vi) Correspondence from Susan Rogers, Townsend, Rogers respecting City of Hamilton Urban Structure Plan and Rural Plan (referred from Council, December 10, 2008) (Item 11.6)

On a Motion, Committee received the letter.

(vii) News from the General Manager (Item 11.7)

Tim McCabe distributed a handout entitled SOS- Snow off Sidewalks and spoke to the improvements in enforcement in this area.
Tim McCabe advised that there had been 35 appeals to the Rural Official Plan, some of which to specific parts and some which had appealed the whole Plan.

(viii) Appointment of additional member to the Selection Committee for the ESAIEG members (Item 11.8)

On a Motion, Committee appointed Councillor Mitchell to the Selection Committee for this matter.

(hh) Private and Confidential (Item 12)

The Chair confirmed that the following two items would be considered at the next meeting;

(i) Update on OMB Appeals respecting proposed development on the North side of Parkside Drive, Waterdown (Item 12.1)

(ii) Update on land disposition respecting the North Glanbrook Industrial park (Item 12.2)

(ii) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(McHattie/Whitehead)

The Economic Development and Planning Committee adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd Ferguson, Chair
Economic Development and Planning Committee

Alexandra Rawlings, Co-ordinator
Economic Development and Planning Committee
February 3, 2009