Mayor DiIanni called the meeting to order.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PRESENTS REPORT 06-007 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING FOR INFORMATION:

That Item 1 of Committee of the Whole Report 06-007 respecting Peak Oil be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following in lieu thereof:

1. Peak Oil

   (a) That the “Peak Oil” report be referred to the General Manager of Public Works in order for Staff to further investigate and report back to the Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Standing Committee on the following:
(i) That the General Manager of Public Works be directed to develop an Energy Management Policy, and forward to Council for approval;

(ii) That the Energy Management Policy:

aa) Recommends targets for reduced energy use in City Facilities and timelines for achieving same;

bb) Recommends strategies to achieve those targets;

cc) Recommends a framework for the use of renewable technologies in supplying energy to new City Facilities; and

dd) Provides recommendations to Council on the feasibility of designing new City Facilities to LEEDs standards, or equivalency, including a policy to encourage LEED certification for new buildings to be constructed in Hamilton and that new buildings constructed by the City of Hamilton continue to include requirements for pricing and analysis of LEED certified consultant services within the request for proposal specifications until such time as the design standards are approved by Council;

ee) Provides recommendations to Council on the feasibility of producing energy to operate City Facilities and/or partner facilities (e.g. co-generation facilities, district energy facilities).

(b) That the General Manager of Public Works investigate the feasibility of applying energy conservation measures currently being employed by HES for use in the City’s Central fleet;

(c) That the General Manager of Public Works investigate the feasibility of using trolley buses as part of the HSR fleet.

(d) That staff report to the Planning and Economic Development Committee on the following:

(i) The feasibility of establishing a policy to encourage LEED certification, or equivalency, for all new buildings constructed in Hamilton;

(ii) That staff investigate the feasibility of including an Energy Cluster as a major component of the Economic Development Strategy and that this feasibility research and analysis be conducted as part of three year update and review of the Economic Development Strategy and that it include Hamilton Utilities Corporation/Horizon Utilities Corp. and all other community stakeholders.
(iii) A joint investigation by Planning and Public Works Departments on the feasibility of preparing the Glanbrook Business Park as an Eco-Park, involving possible use of a district energy system, re-use of waste materials amongst industries etc.

(e) That the Peak Oil report be forwarded to Hamilton Utilities Corporation (HUC) and Horizon Boards for their consideration;

(f) That the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development be directed to investigate the feasibility, cost and timelines for the preparation of:

(i) economic development options based on principles outlined in the report “Hamilton: Electric City” prepared by R. Gilbert, to diversify the Hamilton economy (i.e. maximizing employment lands in the Port area, the Downtown area or attracting energy service and energy manufacturing businesses); and,

(ii) the development of a community energy plan.

(g) That staff be directed to report back on available federal or provincial funding for projects, which may emanate from any actions that City Council might take.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none declared.

(c) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of March 28, 2006 were adopted as presented.
(d) PRESENTATIONS

Information Item (d)(i)(a)

Councillor McHattie requested that the information items (d)(i)(a) and (c) be amended to read as follows:

(d)(i)(a) “The number of jobs available in the Port, the downtown and Brownfields which have been created on Brownfield lands.”

(d)(i)(c) “The types of jobs that can be accommodated in the Port, downtown and the Glanbrook Industrial Park.”

(i) "Peak Oil" (CM06012) (City Wide) (Item 4.1)

Steve Robichaud, Manager G.R.I.D.S., noted that there are two main areas of concentration for the City of Hamilton to consider; with respect to Peak Oil. One is for the City to minimize its own costs as a consumer and to seek to sustain the economic, financial and environmental welfare for the citizens and businesses of Hamilton.

Steve Robichaud introduced Dr. Richard Gilbert, who has his PhD in Experimental Psychology, is a former Toronto Councillor and former President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

Steve Robichaud and Dr. Gilbert provided Committee with PowerPoint presentations respecting "Peak Oil" (CM06012) and Hamilton: The Electric City and Peak Oil, respectively. Councillor B. McHattie requested that he be provided with copies of existing reports respecting peak oil, more specifically outlining:

(a) The number of jobs in the downtown, which have been created on Brownfield lands;

(b) The reports that show how rail line will be linked to the airport; and,

(c) The types of jobs that can be accommodated in the Glanbrook industrial park.

The City Manager was asked to investigate the staffing and financial implications of the direction provided in the motion amending Report CM06012 – Peak Oil. Mr. Peace will report back to Committee of the Whole, with his findings, via e-mail.
(e) Chair

Following Item 4.1, Mayor DiIanni relinquished the Chair to Councillor T. Whitehead for the duration of the meeting.

(f) Audit Operational Review - Implementation Plan (CM06001) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

Item 5.1 – Audit Operational Review - Implementation Plan (CM06001), was deferred to an upcoming meeting of Committee of the Whole.

(g) Finance & Administration Organization Review – Implementation Plan (CM05031(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

Item 5.2 – Finance & Administration Organization Review – Implementation Plan (CM05031(a)), was deferred to an upcoming meeting of Committee of the Whole.

Committee of the whole adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

The motion to Adjourn CARRIED on a Recorded Vote as follows:

Yeas: Braden, Bruckler, Collins, Jackson, McHattie, Mitchell, Merulla, Morelli, Pearson, Samson and Whitehead

Total: 11

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Larry DiIanni
Mayor

S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant
April 28, 2006