Committee of the Whole
MINUTES
9:30 a.m.
January 19, 2006
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Mayor L. DiIanni
Councillors D. Braden, B. Bratina, P. Bruckler, C.
Collins, T. Jackson, M. McCarthy, B. McHattie, S.
Merulla, D. Mitchell, M. Pearson, A. Samson, T.
Whitehead

Absent with regrets: Councillors M. Ferguson, B. Morelli - Illness
Councillor B. Kelly – Federal Election

Also Present: G. Peace, City Manager
J. Rinaldo, General Manager, Finance and Corporate
Services
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services and
Public Health
L. A. Coveyduck, General Manager, Planning and
Development
M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator

Mayor DiIanni called the meeting to order

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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(Pearson/McHattie)
That the minutes be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

9:40 a.m. Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit

The delegation addressed Committee on behalf of the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit.

Operating Grant request – Reduced from $55,750 to $53,000

Capital Request: $60,000 and a one time request of $60,000 to replace the storage building which will be deferred at this time while the delegation works with staff to be phased in over 10 year period

Total: $115,000 for operating and a contribution to a reserve to fund capital over an ongoing basis.

(Collins/Pearson)
That the request in the amount of $115,000 be approved subject to final budget approval. CARRIED.

10:00 a.m. Festival of Friends

The delegation addressed Committee on behalf of Festival of Friends.

(Jackson/Pearson)
That the request in the amount of $77,250 be approved subject to final budget approval. CARRIED.

Staff were directed to report back on differences and similarities between the other festivals in Hamilton with respect to attendance, total costs, in kind services (i.e. Peach Festival)

10:20 a.m. Opera Hamilton

The delegation addressed Committee on behalf of Opera Hamilton.

(Collins/Jackson)
That the request in the amount of $115,000 be approved subject to final budget approval. CARRIED.
Mayor Dilanni relinquished the chair. 
Deputy Mayor McHattie assumed the chair.

**10:40 a.m.  Boris Brott Music Festival**

The delegation addressed Committee on behalf of Boris Brott Music Festival.

(Collins/Dilanni) 
That the request in the amount of $81,600 be approved subject to final budget approval. CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor McHattie relinquished the chair and Mayor Dilanni assumed the chair.

**11:00 a.m. Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra**

The delegation addressed Committee on behalf of HPO.

(Jackson/Bruckler) 
That the request in the amount of $103,000 be approved subject to final budget approval. CARRIED.

**11:20 a.m. Royal Botanical Gardens**

The delegation addressed Committee on behalf of HPO.

(Bruckler/Jackson) 
That the request in the amount of $558,000 be approved subject to final budget approval. CARRIED.

Staff were directed to indicate the funding source in the 2006 budget for the one time contribution in the amount of approx. 500,000 to the RBG.

**12:08 p.m.  Recessed for Lunch**

Reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

**1:00 p.m. Conservation Halton**

Deputy Mayor McHattie assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order.

The delegation addressed Committee on behalf of Conservation Halton.
Staff advised that a meeting would be arranged with Conservation Halton and Halton staff and other contributors to address City of Hamilton’s budget pressures and contributions by the municipality.

(Merulla/Collins)
The following motion was split for voting purposes:

(a) That the increase to Conservation Halton be maintained at 3%. CARRIED.

    Councillor B. McHattie opposed.

(b) That City Council appeal the increase of Conservation Halton’s budget to the Mining and Lands Commissioner. CARRIED.

    Councillor B. McHattie opposed.

(Braden/Whitehead)
That Council forward correspondence to all appropriate Conservation Authorities and corresponding municipalities to which they report to that the City of Hamilton’s expectation for 2007 is a maximum limit of 3% and only under extenuating circumstances would anything up to 5% be accepted. CARRIED.

Councillor Mitchell Opposed.

1:20 p.m. Grand River Conservation Authority

(Merulla/Collins)

(a) That the increase to Grand River Conservation Authority be maintained at 3%. CARRIED.

    Councillor B. McHattie opposed.

(b) That City Council appeal the increase of Grand River Conservation Authority’s budget to the Mining and Lands Commissioner. CARRIED.

    Councillor B. McHattie opposed.

1:40 p.m. Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

The delegation addressed Committee on behalf of Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.
That the request in the amount of $212,216 be approved subject to final budget approval. CARRIED

2:00 p.m. Hamilton Conservation Authority

The delegation addressed Committee on behalf of Hamilton Conservation Authority.

(Collins/Whitehead)
That the Hamilton Conservation Authority be requested to reduce their budget to 3% and report back to Committee with a final budget amount. CARRIED.

2:30 p.m. Hamilton Public Library

The delegation addressed Committee on behalf of Hamilton Public Library.

(Whitehead/Braden)
That the Hamilton Public Library be requested to review their budget and determine if any further reductions can be made to the Budget and report back to committee with all impacts resulting from suggested reductions. CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor McHattie relinquished the Chair and Mayor DiIanni assumed the chair.

2:50 p.m. HECFI

The delegation addressed Committee on behalf of HECFI

(Merulla/Whitehead)
That HECFI be requested to review their budget and reduce to 3% and report back to committee with all impacts resulting from suggested reductions. CARRIED.

3:30 p.m. Hamilton Police Services

The delegation addressed Committee on behalf of Hamilton Police Services.
(McCarthy/Collins)  
That the Police Services Budget be approved in the amount of $107,177,830 subject to final budget approval. CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.