Deputy Mayor B. Kelly called the meeting to order

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PRESENTS REPORT 05-020 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None
(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Revised Agenda was circulated to Committee.

(c) PRESENTATIONS

The Rules of Order were invoked to allow delegations the opportunity to address Committee of the Whole:

(i) Joanna Chapman respecting the audit of Mayor Larry Dilanni’s campaign finances (Item 6.1)

Ms. Chapman addressed council and provided an overview of the outstanding items in her initial audit request. Ms. Chapman noted that the audit is not complete and does not comply with the court order. Many issues have remained unresolved. Ms. Chapman requested that Council provide additional $15,000 to the Auditor to complete the necessary work to address the issues raised in the audit.

(ii) Margaret Robertson respecting audit of Mayor Larry Dilanni’s campaign contributions (Item 6.2)

Ms. Robertson addressed Council and provided her comments on the recent audit. She asked Council to move on with the work of the City.

(iii) Mark-Alan Whittle respecting the election audit (Item 6.3)

Mr. Whittle addressed Council from a candidate’s perspective. He also found same evidence similar to what has been found in the present audit. Massive campaigns and number of volunteers handling funds may lead to sloppy bookkeeping. It’s up to the councillors to know their campaign volunteers know the rules with respect to campaign contributions.

Committee received the delegations.

(d) Anne Tennier – Vice President, Environmental and Manufacturing Services for Maple Leaf Foods.

Committee wished to continue asking questions of the proponent. Ms. Tennier was invited to the podium.

Members of Council continued with the question period:
If we move ahead expeditiously at what point would production begin?
Would you explore other areas within easy commuting distance of Hamilton if our facility proposal didn’t go through to allow workers to keep working for MLF.

Is it safe to say the further to your move away, you could lose the employee or the employee moves from Hamilton. Can you clarify what renderings Rothsay deals with. Is there consideration by MLF to enhancing or bringing in other jobs other than the MLF plant.

The outstanding issues with C of A what are the technical issues? Are other businesses attracted to your Burlington plant?

Waste products go the original Rothsay plant, with the expanded business in Hamilton will it continue to go the original plant? Where do the pigs currently come from for the Burlington operation? What steps does MLF take to ensure that the hog farms adhere to environmental standards, and best practicing principles? Has MLF undertaken the triple bottom line process? How many trucks per day would be coming to Hamilton? Current and expanded?

If you get the land sale approval are you coming back for a zoning amendment for a slaughter house?

The issue of jobs, can you tell us what the double shift would mean in terms of jobs, and also from your history from other plants what slippage there has been if you have that information.

(e) **Additional Delegation – Mr. DiCienzo**

Committee of the Whole invoked the Rules of Procedure to allow Mr. DiCienzo the opportunity to address Committee.

Mr. DiCienzo wished to address the fears and assumptions raised from the previous Committee of the Whole meeting. He has lived at the location for 30 years. Mr. DiCienzo asked Council if they have had the opportunity to visit the North Glanbrook Industrial park and whether they consider it to be a prestigious industrial park. He is the most affected by the move by MLF to this location. Mr. DiCienzo addressed the noise, dust, fumes from other plants which impact his home as well. In his closing comments Mr. DiCienzo noted that MLF will be an enhancement to the Park.
(f) That the following items were deferred to a special Committee of the Whole meeting to be scheduled prior to City Council on November 23, 2005

(i) Sale of City Owned Property – 863 Nebo Road to 6323812 Canada Inc. (Maple Leaf Foods Inc.) and Giuseppe DiCienzo and Vittoria DiCienzo. (PED05092/PW05104/FCS05093) (Ward 11) (Item 7.1)

(ii) Supplementary Report to PED05092a/PW05104a/FCS05093a; Sale of City Property to 6323812 CANADA INC. (Maple Leaf Foods Inc.) and Giuseppe and Victoria DiCienzo (Item 11.1)

(g) Private and Confidential Items

Committee moved In Camera to deliberate a property matter noted as Item 11.1 and reconvened in Open Session.

(h) General Information

Members of Council used this time to raise matters of General Information including the following:

(i) GRIDS Workshop, November 9, 2005
(ii) Correspondence from the Minister respecting declaring Hamilton as a disaster area due to the flooding of August.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor B. Kelly

M. Gallagher
Co-ordinator
November 9, 2005