Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee

MINUTES
Thursday, September 6, 2007
2:00 p.m., Room 205
Hamilton Convention Centre
Hamilton, Ontario

Present:
Mayor F. Eisenberger (Ex Officio), Councillor B. Clark (Chair),
T. Cooper (Vice-Chair), Councillor B. Bratina R. Adams and
J. Dolbec

Absent
with regrets:
Councillor M. McCarthy and J. Wingard, previous commitments

Also Present:
A. Tokaci, Chamber of Commerce
J. Rinaldo, T. Tollis, M. Zegarac, Finance and Corporate Services
Department
M. Devorski, Mayor’s Office
I. Bedioui, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR
CONSIDERATION:

1. Financial Impact of Provincial Downloading (City Wide) (FCS07086)
   That Report FCS07086 respecting Financial Impact of Provincial Downloading and
   attached hereto as Appendix A be received for information.

2. Net Property Tax Impact Per Household
   (a) That Finance staff be directed to calculate the net property tax impact per
       household as a result of the Provincial downloading.
   (b) That staff from the Mayor’s office be directed to develop a strategy to
       communicate the impact that Provincial downloading has on the property
       tax per household to the public and to the leaders of the Provincial parties
       and the local candidates of the upcoming Provincial elections.

3. Long Term Public Relations Strategy
   That appropriate staff be directed to develop a long term public relations strategy
   to communicate the issues relating to the Provincial downloading and the impact
   this has on the Hamilton property tax payers including but not limited to developing
   a web site.
FOR INFORMATION

(a) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**
   The Clerk advised that the Minutes from the August 15, 2007 meeting were added for approval by the Sub-Committee.

(b) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
   None declared.

(c) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Added Item)**
   That the Minutes of the August 15, 2007 meeting be approved as presented.

(d) **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
   (i) **Draft staff report respecting Financial Impact of Provincial Downloading (Item 3.1)**
       Mike Zegarac provided a verbal overview of the draft report highlighting the financial information in the various tables and appendices and explaining that the report is still in draft form.

       The Sub-Committee discussed the contents of the report and staff responded to questions. The Sub-Committee also discussed how this information could be provided to the public and the Provincial candidates prior to the upcoming election.

       Staff were directed to break down the budget impact of the Provincial downloading to determine the cost for each household.

       Staff agreed to submit the final copy of the report to the September 11, 2007 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

(e) **ADJOURNMENT**
   There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Brad Clark, Chair
Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Assistant
Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee
September 6, 2007