Committee of the Whole  
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9:30 a.m.  
June 8, 2009  
Hamilton Sheraton Hotel

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger  
Councillors B. Bratina, B. Clark, C. Collins, T. Jackson, L. Ferguson, M. McCarthy, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, B. Morelli, D. Mitchell, M. Pearson

Absent with regrets: Councillors S. Duvall, R. Pasuta, R. Powers and T. Whitehead – City Business

Also Present: C. Murray, City Manager  
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services  
G. Davis, General Manager, Public Works  
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development  
J.A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services  
J. Kay, General Manager, HES, Fire Chief  
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health  
M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator, Council and Committee of the Whole/Budgets

THE FOLLOWING WAS REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Eisenberger introduced and welcomed the Deputy Mayors for the Month of June, 2009 - Shakerrah Calliste and Nico Stepan

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk noted the following changes to the agenda:
Added report respecting Infrastructure Funding Announcement – currently being printed – this will be added as Item 8.2

Added Verbal update on a Labour Relations Matter which will be added as Item 11.5

(Mitchell/Pearson)
That the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(Mitchell.Collins)
That the Minutes be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

3.1 May 11, 2009
3.2 May 21, 2009
3.3 May 26, 2009
3.4 May 27, 2009

4. CONSENT ITEMS

4.1 Sustainable Infrastructure Needs (PW09057) (City Wide)

(Pearson/Merulla)
That Report PW09057 respecting Sustainable Infrastructure Needs be received. CARRIED.

6. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

6.1 SIMPLY TREE-MENDOUS” CHALLENGE by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

Ms. Mary Stack, Director of Communications, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority presented information on the “Simply Tree-mendous” Challenge.
Highlights included:
- Overview of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority’s jurisdiction
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- 50th Anniversary
- Planting of 50 trees at Balls Falls
- Goal is to plant 50,000 trees across the watershed
- Encourage residents and businesses to get involved in the planting challenge

Councillor Mitchell suggested and staff will look into including a link through the city’s website to inform the public.

(Mitchell/Morelli)
That the following recommendation be endorsed:

That the City of Hamilton hereby approves the participation in the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority’s Simply Tree-mendous Challenge to achieve the planting of 50,000 trees and shrubs throughout the Authority’s watershed area of jurisdiction; and to encourage our resident, groups, service clubs and businesses to take up this challenge/competition in the City of Hamilton;

That the NPCA be so advised in writing. CARRIED.

6.2 Report on the Economic Summit 2009 – Hamilton and District Chamber of Commerce (to be distributed)

Tyler McLeod, Chair of the Hamilton and District Chamber of Commerce presented highlights of the Economic Summit 2009.

(Pearson/Morelli)
That the presentation be received. CARRIED.

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Planning and Economic Development Performance Measures (PED09168) (City Wide)

Neil Everson provided an overview of the report. Highlights included:
- The Economy – the bad news
- The Economy – the good news
- Performance Measures
- P&ED Budget Enhancements
8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 09-005

(Pearson/Mitchell)
That Item 1 be referred to staff for review and follow up to Committee of the Whole in September and that Item 2 and 3 be approved.

CARRIED.

8.2 Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Announcement (FCS09052(b))
(City Wide)
(Pearson/Collins)
That Report (FCS09052(b) respecting Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Announcement be received.

CARRIED.
9. MOTIONS

None

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

11. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

(Collins/Jackswn)
That the following Closed Session Minutes be approved.  CARRIED.

11.1 Minutes of the May 11, 2009 closed session meeting

11.2 Minutes of the May 26, 2009 closed session meeting

11.3 Minutes of the May 27, 2009 closed session meeting

(Collins/Jackson)
That committee move into Closed Session further to Section 8.1(d) of the city’s procedural by-law as the subject matters pertains to labour relations and employee negotiations.  CARRIED.

11.4 Labour Negotiations – ONA Lodges (HUR09010)

11.5 Labour Relations Matter

(Jackson/Collins)
That Committee reconvene in Open Session at 12:15 p.m.  CARRIED.

Committee provided direction in closed session for both Items 11.4 and 11.5

12. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

(Bratina/Clark)

(a) That the Mayor make direct contact with the McMaster Medical Centre negotiating team on the current status of the proposed Faculty and Clinic, including all sites under discussion,
13. 2010 BUDGET DISCUSSION

13.1 2008 - 2011 Corporate Strategic Plan Annual Report (CM09009) (City Wide)

City Manager Chris Murray provided an overview of the Corporate Strategic Plan Annual Report.

(Pearson/Jackson)
(a) That the 2008-2011 Corporate Strategic Plan Annual Report, attached hereto as Appendix A, be received and that the results be considered as part of the 2010 budget process;

(b) That Staff review the Desired End Results and bring forward recommended changes, in conjunction with a process to review and determine the top priorities of Council.

CARRIED.

The Mayor requested and staff advised that the Key activity/Action items for each desired result will be reported to the Standing Committees.

13.2 Proposed 2010 Budget Process (CM09010/FCS09065)

General Manager of Finance Rob Rossini provided an overview of the options for the 2010 Budget Process. Highlights included:
- Feedback from Council
- Options for consideration
- Draft Timeline for budget approval
- 2010 Potential Pressures
- Public Engagement

Staff were directed to provide an update to committee as soon as possible on the Service Inventory.

(Collins/Clark)
That Option 3 be approved for the 2010 Budget Process.

CARRIED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger

M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator

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