The following items were reported to City Council for information:

1. Changes to the Agenda

The Clerk noted the following change to the speakers list:

Added delegation noted as 3.6 – Roman Sarachman
That the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

2:00 p.m. Session

3.1 Stan Haworth

Mr. Haworth provided a written submission for the public record and it is attached hereto. Highlights of the submission include:
- City’s reserve
- HECFI – running a deficit for running a professional hockey team
- Area Rating
- CVA
- Amalgamation

Staff will respond to the inquiries that Mr. Haworth posed in his written submission.

3.2 Lenore Lukasik-Foss, and Pauline Cajura, Sexual Assault Centre (Hamilton & Area)

The delegation presented an overview of the programs offered by the Sexual Assault centre including, counseling, crisis line, outreach services to over 900 men and women

In addition to the $30,000 received through the community partnership program the delegation requested continued support and request consideration for a one time ask of $18,000 to address urgent service needs at the Centre. Difficult times means added pressures and a growing waiting list for counseling. The additional monies will be directed to counseling services.

(Whitehead/Merulla)
That the request for funding be referred to Emergency and Community Services Committee for consideration as well as discussion on provincial funding assistance. CARRIED.
3.3  Charles Eleveld

On behalf of the Hamilton Taxpayers Coalition.

The delegation outlined the following concerns:

(1)  operation of Taro Landfill without city and community overview. It operated for six years without community overview against the C of A. Requests ignored to have this addressed. July 25, 2002 the MOE, City and Community reps were dismissed by the company. No open public meetings for 6 years. Taro Community Liaison committee – the record shows no city reps attended meetings.

Following the delegation’s presentation, Councillor Clark did provide clarification that the Liaison committee has been operational for some time and it was at the insistence of city council that it be re-activated.

(2)  Court Action for Asset-Backed Commercial Paper

Staff will provide the Taxpayers Coalition with the information on this matter.

3.4  Brian Lane

Mr. Lane was not in attendance for the meeting.

(Powers/Duvall)
That Mr. Lane’s written submission be received.  CARRIED.

3.5  Hamilton Association of Business Improvement Areas (H.A.B.I.A)

Patty Despinic, Ottawa Street B.I.A.
Neil Hughes, Westdale Village B.I.A.
Shelly Wonch, Barton Village B.I.A.

- Update of what is a Business Improvement area
- Impact on the community
- Issues affecting All BIA's
- Highlights of the Barton Village, Ottawa Street, Ancaster, Ottawa, Downtown, International Village, Waterdown BIA's
- Excellence in Property Award
- City of Hamilton Program
- Commercial Property Improvement Grant Program
- Gateways to the BIA’s
- Festivals and Special Events

3.6 Roman Sarachman – was not in attendance

3.7 David Cohen

Mr. Cohen addressed issues including:

- Parking issue – agree with decision to increase parking rates.
  Hamilton needs more on street parking – Locke Street is a good example.

- Affects of One way - Two way traffic to downtown core and other areas.

3:00 p.m. recess to 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Session

3.8 Roman Sarachman

Mr. Sarachman addressed the following issues:

- Hamilton home prices is $6,000 more and that’s the problem; have not addressed fact of raising Flamborough taxes to Hamilton or reducing Hamilton to Flamborough
  Only other town with problem is Oshawa due to shut down of General Motors
- Town of Flamborough only spent what they made; as soon as regional government came in, bigger is better; regional government started hiring
- Flamborough’s skyrocket taxes since 2000
- Bigger is not better and find way to reduce manpower crunch
- No growth in Hamilton since 2001
- Lower Hamilton taxes to much lower levels
- More reasons why Flamborough will subsidize Hamilton: Pan Am Games; Red Hill Expressway; Harbourfront project; airport sewage; bus service to Waterdown
- 98% of Flamborough wants out of Hamilton
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- Slander Lawsuit against Councillor Terry Whitehead

(Jackson/Pearson) that the presentation be received. CARRIED.

There were no other members of the public who wishes to address council.

(Pearson/Mitchell)
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger

M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator
Committee of the Whole
Carolyn Biggs, Legislative Assistant
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