Committee of the Whole
REPORT 05-025
9:30 a.m.
November 28, 2005
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

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

Absent with regrets: Councillor B. Morelli - Illness

Also Present: G. Peace, City Manager
J. Rinaldo, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
C. Graham, General Manager, Human Resources
L. A. Coveyduck, General Manager, Planning and Development
J.A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services and Public Health
J. Kay, General Manager, HES/Fire Chief
K. Christenson, City Clerk
M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator

Mayor Dilanni called the meeting to order

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PRESENTS REPORT 05-025 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. 2006 Tax Supported User Fees (FCS05122) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)
   
a) That the 2006 User Fees contained in Attachment One to FCS05122, be approved and implemented effective January 1, 2006;
b) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, for the purposes of establishing the user fees contained within the report.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Revised User Fee Schedule was circulated
Written Correspondence was received from Wey Robinson and Peter Hutton noted as Items 6.2 and 6.3 respectively

(c) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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The Minutes were received and adopted as presented.

(d) DELEGATIONS

(i) Diane Elms, Steel City for God

Ms. Elms provided a written presentation to members of council in which she provided suggestions and reasons for the proposed user fees for meeting rooms at City Hall.

Ms. Elms correspondence was referred to staff for review. A staff report is expected in the future for committee’s consideration on charging fees for use of city hall meeting rooms.

The Staff report is to also address profit/not for profit, ability to pay

(e) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was received:

(i) Wey Robinson requesting deferral of any decision on HSR and DARTS fares

(ii) Peter Hutton requesting deferral of any decision on HSR fares
(f) PRESENTATIONS

(i) 2006 Tax Supported User Fees (FCS05122) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Mr. Rinaldo provided a power point presentation to committee which outlined the adoption timeline for the increase of the user fees.

A motion to defer the staff recommendation pending a further report from staff addressing the following during the budget process was DEFEATED:
- Impact of fees on residents
- Dollar numbers generated by increased fees by category
- Percentage increase from last year and dollar impacts

The main Motion CARRIED on a Recorded Vote as follows:
Yeas: Dilanni, Braden, Bruckler, Ferguson, McCarthy, Mitchell, Pearson, Samson
Total: 8
Nays: Collins, Jackson, McHattie, Merulla, Whitehead
Total: 5

Staff was also directed to verify all user fee numbers and any discrepancies to be reported to council prior to the council meeting.

(ii) Consideration of a Transit Fare Increase (PW05125) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

Mr. Hull provided a power point presentation to committee which outlined the following:
- Review of Options for council’s consideration
- Financial, Social issues
- Provincial Gas Tax – 2005
- Program Performance
- Analysis/Rationale
- Policies affecting proposal including subsidized user fees
- Consultation

A motion that the transit fare increase for 2006 not be implemented was DEFEATED on a Recorded Vote as follows:
Yeas: McHattie, Merulla
Total: 2
Nays: Dilanni, Braden, Bratina, Bruckler, Collins, Ferguson, Jackson, McCarthy, Mitchell, Pearson, Samson, Whitehead
Total: 12
A motion to adopt Option 5 which defers the item for consideration to the overall budget process was APPROVED.

The deferral includes a referral of the issue to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities and the Seniors Advisory Committee for comment as well as the issues raised with regard to increasing HSR ridership to be referred to the Provincial Gas Tax Transit Master Plan Steering Committee.

Councillors M McCarthy, D. Mitchell opposed.

(iii) **Tipping Fees for waste from other Municipalities**

The following resolution was referred to staff for review and report back to Committee of the Whole during budget deliberations:

(a) That should Hamilton be required by the MOE to accept waste from another municipality, for whatever reason, that the City establish a tipping fee to fully recover its waste management costs, including, but not limited to, current waste management costs, capital financing costs related to site preparation activity at the Glanbrook landfill site and future replacement costs of the Glanbrook landfill site. This external source tipping fee is currently established at $256 per tonne based on the following:

101.50 current waste disposal cost as of January 1/06
$89 per tonne for landfill replacement costs (high cost of new landfill from Waste Plan)
$71 per tonne for financing costs at Glanbrook to open new phases of the landfill
$40 per tonne landfill liability
10% contingency

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor L. Dilanni

M. Gallagher
Co-ordinator, COW/Council
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