



General Issues Committee

REPORT 11-034(a)

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 8, 2011

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Deputy Mayor R. Pasuta (Chair)
Mayor B. Bratina
Councillors B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall, J. Farr,
L. Ferguson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, B. Morelli, T. Jackson,
B. Johnson, J. Partridge, M. Pearson, R. Powers,
T. Whitehead

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 & Economic
Development
J. A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
C. Biggs, Co-ordinator, Committee Services/Council/Budgets

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 11-034(a) AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. 2012 Tax Supported Capital Budget

That the presentation respecting the 2012 Tax Supported Capital Budget, be received.

2. 2012 Tax Supported Capital Budget

- (a) That the \$86,727,000 2012 Tax Supported Capital Levy as identified in Table 1 of the Executive Summary of report FCS11111, be approved;
- (b) That the 2012 Tax Capital Budget & Financing Plan in the amount of \$226,667,000, as amended, and attached hereto as Appendix "A", be approved;

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- (c) That the Tax Supported Discretionary Net Capital Funding Forecast 2012 – 2021, as amended and attached hereto as Appendix “B”, which assumes a 0.5% levy increase in each year from 2012 to 2021, be approved, in principle, and re-visited by Council each budget year;
- (d) That the operating and FTE impacts of the 2012 capital budget, estimated to be \$2,631,000 and 8.35 FTE's, attached as Appendix C to Report FCS11111, be received, and incorporated into the 2013 Tax Supported Operating Budget submission for Council's consideration;
- (e) That staff investigate options to mitigate the financial impact identified in Recommendation (d) during the 2013 tax supported operating budget process.

3. The Municipal Infrastructure Deficit (Item 5.1)

- (a) That the Minister of Infrastructure for Ontario and the Minister of Infrastructure Canada establish plans to eliminate the municipal infrastructure deficit through the provision of long term funding strategies and annual fund allocations dedicated to municipal infrastructure;
- (b) That the funding allocation from senior levels of government be distributed on a needs-based model, which takes into consideration age/condition of infrastructure for older urban municipalities and/or on a per capital basis;
- (c) That this resolution be forwarded to AMO, FCM, local MP's and MPP's and municipalities in Canada with a population of over 250,000 for their support.

4. Funding for Land Acquisition Project – Cootes Paradise to Escarpment

That the \$50,000 be freed up as a result of the tabling of the Elfrida project to be used as funding for the Cootes Paradise to Escarpment land acquisition project.

5. HECFI Request for Proposal

That the verbal update respecting the HECFI Request for Proposal, be received.

6. HECFI Labour Negotiations

That the verbal update respecting the HECFI labour negotiations, be received.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 HECFI Request for Proposal (Verbal Update)

ADDED PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

7.1 Labour Negotiations – HECFI (Verbal Update)

On a motion, the agenda was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Clerk advised that the Minutes of the December 1, 2011 meeting of the Committee indicate Councillor M. Pearson as Deputy Mayor. This was done in error and the records have been amended to show Councillor R. Pasuta as Deputy Mayor.

On a motion, the Minutes of the December 1, 2011 meeting of the General Issues Committee was approved as amended.

(d) PRESENTATIONS**(i) 2012 Tax Supported Capital Budget (FCS11111) (City Wide)**

Mike Zegarac, Director of Financial Planning and Policy, provided a power point presentation updating the Committee on the position of the Capital Budget, as follows:

- Parked Projects from December 1 meeting, including Recycling Program – Vehicle Acquisition and Facility Modifications; KRONOS (Workforce Management Software); IS Process Audit Improvements
- Also additional commitments, including War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration; Westdale Tennis Courts Construction

- Unallocated 2012 Capital funding
- Revised 2012 Net Capital by Program (Discretionary)
- Revised Recommendations

Comments of the Committee included, but were not limited to, the following:

Councillor B. Clark

- Would be willing to defer \$710,000 for Pan Am Special Events and Programming for future years to free up some monies now
- Police Armoured Cars
- Fire Services – computer systems installed in fire vehicles two years ago have not been utilized; staff to confirm
- Truck Wash Bay for Resource Recovery Centre – require verification in terms of whether this is required or not
- Centennial Parkway – want to confirm that staff is aware of the festivities occurring in conjunction with the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration and the tourists/visitors that would be attending the various functions and it would not be a good thing to have Centennial Parkway under construction during this time.

Councillor B. McHattie

- Do not want to lose the importance of doing a significant Brownfields project next year or the year after; want to make sure that monies are available when projects come forward

Councillor B. Johnson

- Staff to provide more detail respecting Stoney Creek City Hall – RCMP Lease Capital Replacement Program (Book 2 Page 274)

Councillor R. Powers

- Do not want surplus from projects in 2011 shifted to 2012; would rather capitalize in current year

Councillor J. Partridge

- Staff to provide chart of cash flow of \$100 million of Hamilton Future Fund money
- Support funds around Elfrida being deferred for another year

On a motion, the following recommendation was put forward:

That the Elfrida Urban Boundary Expansion Background Studies (\$500,000) (Project ID 8121255605) be tabled.

The Motion to table **CARRIED** on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: McHattie, Farr, Morelli, Merulla, Collins, Jackson, Duvall, Whitehead, Partridge, Pasuta Powers, Ferguson, Johnson, Pearson, Clark

Total Yeas: 15

Total Nays: 0

Absent: Bratina

Total Absent: 1

On a motion, staff was directed to continue to meet with staff of the Hamilton Police Service to develop the design portion of the forensic unit and report back to Committee.

The motion CARRIED.

Infrastructure Ontario – Confidentiality Agreements

On a motion, the City Manager was directed to contact the Privacy Commissioner to review Infrastructure Ontario's request to have Councillors sign Confidentiality Agreements and report back to the Committee.

The motion CARRIED.

(e) MOTIONS

(i) The Municipal Infrastructure Deficit

The following is the preamble:

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton, as per municipalities across the country, owns a diverse portfolio of infrastructure assets that provide a diverse number of municipal services to our citizens;

AND WHEREAS the City of Hamilton, as per municipalities across the country, has a significant infrastructure deficit that is expanding ever larger on an annual basis due to the lack of available funds;

AND WHEREAS the 2007 FCM – McGill University Municipal Infrastructure Survey established the municipal infrastructure deficit to be \$123.6 billion across the nation in 2007;

AND WHEREAS Canada's future prosperity, economic development, international competitiveness, and overall quality of life is at stake if the infrastructure deficit remains unaddressed.

See Item 3 for the recommendation on this item.

(f) OTHER BUSINESS

(i) HECFI Request for Proposal – Update

Art Zuidema provided a verbal update with respect to the HECFI Request for Proposal (RFP) process. His comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- When the parameters were set, one of the requirements was for staff to report back at the end of 2011
- Staff are pleased with the extent of the market interest and because of this, a request to extend the time for the RFP's to be submitted to KPMG from December 13 to January 13
- Representatives from HECFI and the Steering Committee have met to discuss the extension, and are recommending this to the General Issues Committee and Council to allow this opportunity
- Staff will be reporting back to the General Issues Committee on the RFP process on February 15, 2012, rather than the end of this year
- All of the candidates will be given an extension until January 13 for submission

Mr. Zuidema advised that an appropriate motion to amend the date for submission will be presented at the December 14, 2011 meeting of Council.

See Item 4 for the disposition of this item

Prior to moving into closed session, the Chair advised the Committee of an additional item for discussion In Camera respecting the Code of Conduct and an identifiable individual.

(f) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

On a motion, the Committee moved into Closed Session at 11:35 a.m. pursuant to Sub-sections 8.1(b) and (d) of the Procedural By-law and Sections 239.2(b) and (d) of the Municipal Act as the subject matters pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations with respect to HECFI and personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees.

On a motion, the Committee reconvened in Open Session at 1:55 p.m.

(i) HECFI Labour Negotiation

See Item 5 for the disposition of this item.

(ii) Code of Conduct

On a motion, the Clerk was directed to convene a meeting of the General Issues Committee at the earliest possible opportunity in order to continue discussions on this issue.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor R. Pasuta
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs, Co-ordinator
Committee Services/Council/Budgets
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