



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 13-013

5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor B. Morelli – Illness
Councillor T. Jackson - Vacation

Mayor Bratina called the meeting to order and called upon Reverend Chris Schoon, Senior Pastor at First Hamilton Christian Reformed Church to lead Council in prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

1. ADDED CORRESPONDENCE

5.5 Correspondence from property owners respecting residences located on the north side of Airport Road

Recommendation: Be received and referred to staff for a report to the Airport Implementation Taskforce.

2. MOTIONS

The Clerk indicated that item 7.1 has been withdrawn from the Council agenda.

(Merulla/Collins)

That Correspondence respecting the appointment of Councillor Ferguson to the Police Services Board, be added to the agenda as Item 5.6.

CARRIED

(Merulla/Collins)

That the added Correspondence respecting the appointment of Councillor Ferguson to the Police Services Board, be withdrawn.

CARRIED

(Pearson/Ferguson)

That the agenda for the June 26, 2013 meeting of Council be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Pearson declared a conflict of interest for Item 4 of Planning Committee Report 13-010, Rental Housing Supplementary Findings of December 11, 2012 Special Planning Committee Meeting (PED10049(I)) (City Wide), as she is involved in the rental housing industry.

CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 June 12, 2013

(Pearson/Johnson)

That the Minutes of the June 12, 2013, meeting of Council be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

(Clark/Powers)

That Council Communications 5.1 through 5.5 be approved as amended, as follows:

5.1 Correspondence from Joe Minor respecting PFCs/PFOS/PFOA/PFECHS at the Hamilton International Airport – Part Two

(Johnson/Powers)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development for appropriate action.

CARRIED

5.2 Correspondence from the Ontario Ombudsman respecting the complaint about the January 23, 2013 Closed Council Meeting

(Whitehead/Johnson)

Recommendation: Be received.

CARRIED

5.3 Correspondence and a petition from Konstantine Takis respecting merchants, property owners and residents of King St. W. in opposition to the bus lane only changes

(Farr/McHattie)

Recommendation: Be received.

CARRIED

5.4 Correspondence from the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care respecting the land ambulance service grant

(Farr/Whitehead)

Recommendation: Be received.

CARRIED

5.5 Correspondence from property owners respecting residences located on the north side of Airport Road

(Johnson/Pearson)

Recommendation: That correspondence item 5.5 from property owners respecting residences located on the north side of Airport Road, be referred to the discussion of General Issues Committee Report Item 17 as the items are related.

CARRIED

(Whitehead/Duvall)

That Council move into Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Committee Reports. (attached hereto)

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT 13-008

(Ferguson/Powers)

That the EIGHTH Report of the Public Works Committee be adopted, and the information section received. (attached hereto)

CARRIED

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT 13-005

(Bratina/Partridge)

That the FIFTH Report of the Board of Health be adopted, and the information section received. (attached hereto)

CARRIED

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT 13-010

(Whitehead/Farr)

That Item 2 of the Planning Committee Report 13-010 respecting Parked Facing the Wrong Way (PED13109), be referred back to the Planning Committee for discussion.

The referral **CARRIED** on the following Vote:

Yeas: Bratina, McHattie, Farr, Merulla, Collins, Duvall, Whitehead, Clark,
Ferguson, Powers, Pasuta,
Total: 11
Nays: Pearson, Partridge, Johnson
Total: 3
Absent: Morelli, Jackson
Total: 2

5. Rental Housing Supplementary Findings of December 11, 2012 Special Planning Committee Meeting (PED10049(I)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That Report PED10049(I), Rental Housing Supplementary Findings of December 11, 2012 Special Planning Committee Meeting, be received.

The motion **CARRIED** on the following vote:

Yeas: McHattie, Farr, Merulla, Collins, Duvall, Whitehead, Clark, Partridge
Total: 8
Nays: Powers, Ferguson, Bratina, Pasuta, Johnson
Total: 5
Absent: Morelli, Jackson
Total: 2
Abstain: Pearson
Total: 1

(Farr/Duvall)

That Item 6 of the Planning Committee Report 13-010, respecting Report LS13017, Settlement of claims made under the Expropriations Act arising from the expropriation of part of 1496 Upper Gage Avenue being Parts 3 and 4 on Expropriation Plan LT494229 – OMB File No. LC110037 be deleted and replaced with the following:

6. Settlement of claims made under the Expropriations Act arising from the expropriation of part of 1496 Upper Gage Avenue being Parts 3 and 4 on Expropriation Plan LT494229 – OMB File No. LC110037 - LS13017(City Wide)) (Item 12.1)

- (a) That a settlement of OMB Appeal File No. PL070019 relating to the severance of 1496 Upper Gage of Applications B169/06;B170/06;B171/06;and B172/06 Consent/Land Severance, entered into by counsel for the City of Hamilton, as Minutes of Settlement subject to Council approval and subsequent OMB approval, be approved;
- (b) That Condition 6 of the Committee of Adjustment Decision in each of the above-noted matters be amended to add as follows, for further clarification:
 - (i) The City acknowledges that no development costs will be imposed for the Elmore St. flankage in the servicing costs as agreed below;
 - (ii) The Appellants acknowledge that contributions to the development servicing costs of Royal Vista Drive include flankage for the second lot (retained) fronting on Upper Gage Avenue;
 - (iii) The Appellants acknowledge that the daylighting triangle provided for in Condition 5, is included within the calculation of the City development costs to be borne by the developer as per standard City policy;
 - (iv) That the City and the Appellants jointly agree that the total outstanding servicing costs for Royal Vista Drive to be paid hereunder, which include the costs for storm and sanitary sewers, watermains, sewer and water connections and road works, but excluding any land acquisition cost for Royal Vista Drive, is to be paid at the January 2007 rate in the sum of \$130,278.04 based upon 6 connections, and shall be paid on a pro-rated basis for those connections actually used. In the event that the City requires that the Appellants decommission any laterals not used, the cost of decommissioning may be deducted from the payment schedule;
 - (v) The above conditions represent good land use planning.
- (c) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any necessary documents in regards to items 1 and 2 above in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Amendment CARRIED

(Farr/McHattie)

That Item 7 of the Planning Committee Report 13-010, respecting Report LS13017, Settlement of the Appeal before the OMB, being OMB File No. PL070019 relating to the

Consent/Land Severance of 1496 Upper Gage Avenue by Applications B169/06;B170/06;B171/06;and B172/06 Consent/Land Severance- OMB Case No.PL070019 - (City Wide), be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following in lieu thereof:

7. Settlement of the Appeal before the OMB, being OMB File No. PL070019 relating to the Consent/Land Severance of 1496 Upper Gage Avenue by Applications B169/06;B170/06;B171/06;and B172/06 Consent/Land Severance- OMB Case No.PL070019 - LS13017(City Wide)) (Item 12.1)

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 - (v) The above conditions represent good land use planning.
- (c) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any necessary documents in regards to items 1 and 2 above in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Amendment CARRIED

(Ferguson/Powers)

That Information item h(i) of Planning Committee Report 13-010 be added as item 8.

The motion **LOST** on the following vote:

Yeas: Bratina, Johnson, Ferguson, Powers, Pasuta, Partridge
Total: 6
Nays: Clark, Whitehead, Duvall, Collins, Merulla, Farr, McHattie
Total: 7
Absent: Morelli, Jackson
Total: 2
Abstain: Pearson
Total: 1

(Farr/McHattie)

That the TENTH Report of the Planning Committee be adopted as amended, and the information section received. (attached hereto)

CARRIED

GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 13-013

(Merulla/Collins)

That sub-section (c) to Item 14 of General Issues Committee Report 13-013 be amended by deleting the words "two (2) members of City Council" with "Councillor B. McHattie and T. Whitehead" to read as follows:

- (c) That the Committee include Councillors B. McHattie and T. Whitehead, one (1) member from the Hamilton Historical Board and one (1) member from the Tourism Advisory Committee;

**Amendment Carried
Motion as Amended CARRIED**

16. Alternative Voting Solutions for Municipal Elections (FCS12046(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

- (a) That \$150,000 be funded from the City's Unallocated Capital Reserve #108020 for alternative voting solutions for the 2014 Municipal Elections;
- (b) That a \$100,000 Capital Project be submitted in the 2014 Tax-supported Capital Budget process.

The motion **CARRIED** on the following vote:

Yeas: Bratina, McHattie, Farr, Merulla, Collins, Duvall, Whitehead, Clark, Pearson, Johnson, Powers, Pasuta, Partridge
Total: 13
Nays: Ferguson

Total: 1
Absent: Morelli, Jackson
Total: 2

(Johnson/Powers)

That item (a)(ii) of Item 17 of the General Issues Committee Report 13-013 be amended by deleting “six” before the word “delegations” and include after the word “delegation” “and those noted in the June 26, 2013 Council Correspondence Item 5.5”

**17. Report 13-001 of the Airport Implementation Task Force – May 27, 2013
(Item 8.5)**

- (ii) That Planning and Economic Development Staff be directed to investigate the possible acquisition of the properties owned by the delegations and those noted in the June 26, 2013 Council Correspondence Item 5.5, including a negotiated cost and possible funding source and report back to the Airport Implementation Task Force;

**Amendment Carried
Motion as Amended Carried**

(Johnson/Pearson)

That item 17 of the General Issues Committee Report 13-013 be amended by adding (a)(iv) to read as follows:

**17. Report 13-001 of the Airport Implementation Task Force – May 27, 2013
(Item 8.5)**

- (iv) That the Ward Councillor meet with TradePort International Corporation to show the residents the revised cargo facility design plans.

**Amendment Carried
Motion as Amended Carried**

(Pasuta/Partridge)

That item 21 of the General Issues Committee report 13-013 sub-section (b) be amended by deleting the words “of this position” and inserting the words “to fund the Hamilton Conservation Authority's Westfield Heritage Village Volunteer Co-ordinator Position” to read as follows:

21. Westfield Heritage Village – Volunteer Co-ordinator Pilot Project (Item 9.3)

- (b) That the cost to fund the Hamilton Conservation Authority's Westfield Heritage Village Volunteer Co-ordinator Position be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve.

(Bratina/Pasuta)

That the THIRTEENTH Report of the General Issues Committee be adopted, as amended, and the information section received. (attached hereto)

CARRIED

(Whitehead/Duvall)

That the Committee of the Whole Rise and Report.

CARRIED

MOTIONS

None

NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1 Public Release of Appendices “A” and “B” to Report LS12019, respecting Litigation – Development Charges By-law Appeals

Item 7.1 was withdrawn as per the Changes to the Agenda.

7.2 Change in Membership Newalta Landfill Community Liaison Committee – Amendment to Item 20 sub-section (c) of General Issues Committee Report 11-002

(Pearson/Collin)

That Item 20 subsection (c) of General Issues Committee Report 11-002 approved by Council on January 12, 2011 respecting appointment to the Newalta Landfill Community Liaison Committee, be amended by deleting the name of Councillor R. Powers and inserting the name of Councillor B. Johnson in lieu thereof.

CARRIED

7.3 Special Occasion Permit – TALL SHIPS Hamilton

(Farr/McHattie)

WHEREAS, City Council has received Notice (attached as Appendix “A” hereto) from Schooner Liana’s Ransom Limited that they wish to obtain a Special Occasion Permit to sell alcohol;

AND WHEREAS, the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario requires that if a permit holder is not a registered charity or non-profit organization or association, that a resolution of the Council is required to designate the event as one of municipal significance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton hereby deems the TALL SHIPS Hamilton event being held on June 28, 29 and 30, 2013 at Pier 8, 57 Discovery Drive, West Face Dock, Hamilton, as municipally significant and alcohol may be sold from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- (b) That once all compliance letters have been received from Fire, Health, Police and Building, the Applicant be provided a copy of this resolution for inclusion with their application to the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario.

CARRIED

7.4 Special Occasion Permit – Westover Ball Tournament

(Pasuta/Partridge)

WHEREAS, City Council has received Notice (attached as Appendix “A” hereto) from Westover Ball Tournament that they wish to obtain a Special Occasion Permit to sell alcohol;

AND WHEREAS, the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario requires that if a permit holder is not a registered charity or non-profit organization or association, that a resolution of the Council is required to designate the event as one of municipal significance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton hereby deems the Westover Ball Tournament being held on July 5, and 6, 2013 at 1430 6th Concession W, Flamborough, as municipally significant and alcohol may be sold from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
- (b) That once all compliance letters have been received from Fire, Health, Police and Building, the Applicant be provided a copy of this resolution for inclusion with their application to the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario.

CARRIED

7.5 Special Occasion Permit – Hamilton Cardinals Baseball

(Collins/Merulla)

WHEREAS, City Council has received Notice (attached as Appendix “A” hereto) from Hamilton Cardinals Baseball Club Inc. that they wish to obtain a Special Occasion Permit to sell alcohol;

AND WHEREAS, the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario requires that if a permit holder is not a registered charity or non-profit organization or association, that a resolution of the Council is required to designate the event as one of municipal significance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton hereby deems the Hamilton Cardinals Baseball Games being held on the dates and times noted in the attached Appendix “A” at Bernie Arbour Stadium, 1100 Mohawk Road East, Hamilton, as

municipally significant and alcohol may be sold on the times indicated in the attached Appendix "A";

- (b) That once all compliance letters have been received from Fire, Health, Police and Building, the Applicant be provided a copy of this resolution for inclusion with their application to the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario.

CARRIED

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS

Members of Council used this opportunity to discuss matters of general interest.

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

10.1 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees (no copy)

(Partridge/Ferguson)

That Council move into Closed Session at 6:20 p.m. pursuant to sub-section 8.1(b) of the City's Procedural By-law and Section 239.2 of the Municipal Act as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED

Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:30 p.m.

Direction was given to staff in closed session.

BY-LAWS

The Bills were Split for voting purposes:

(Clark/Powers)

That Bills No. 13-169 to 13-176 be passed, as amended, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto, and that the By-laws be numbered and signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk to read as follows:

Bill No.

- 169** To Establish Certain 2013 User Fees and Charges for Services, Activities or the Use of Property
- 170** To Delegate the Power to Appoint Risk Management Officials and Risk Management Inspectors under the Clean Water Act, 2006
- 171** To Amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended, To Regulate On-Street Parking: Schedule 5 – Parking Meters

Schedule 6 – Time Limit Parking
Schedule 8 – No Parking Zones
Schedule 10 – Alternate Side Parking
Schedule 12 – Permit Parking Zones
Schedule 13 – No Stopping Zones
Schedule 14 – Wheelchair Loading Zones
Schedule 15 – Commercial Loading Zones
Schedule 16 – Taxi Zones

- 172** To Amend By-law No. 01-215, To Regulate Traffic:
Schedule 5 – Stop Control
- 173** Respecting Removal of Part Lot Control, Blocks 131-137, Registered Plan No. 62M-1186 “Ancaster Glen Phase 1”
- 174** To Amend Zoning By-law No. 90-145-Z (Flamborough), as amended, Respecting Lands Located at 99 Wellington Street (Flamborough)
- 175** To Adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 46 to the former Region of Hamilton-Wentworth Official Plan
and
Official Plan Amendment No. 177 to the City of Stoney Creek Official Plan
Respecting:
The Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan
CARRIED on the following vote:
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| Yeas: | Bratina, McHattie, Farr, Merulla, Collins, Duvall, Whitehead, Clark, Pearson, Ferguson, Powers, Partridge |
| Total: | 12 |
| Nays: | Johnson, Pasuta |
| Total: | 2 |
| Absent: | Morelli, Jackson |
| Total: | 2 |
- 176** To Confirm the Proceedings of City Council

CARRIED

(Pearson/Johnson)

That there being no further business, the City Council meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor B. Bratina

R. Caterini
City Clerk



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT 13-008

9:30 a.m.

Monday June 17, 2013

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Councillor L. Ferguson (Chair)
Councillors C. Collins, S. Merulla, T. Jackson, R. Pasuta, R. Powers,
B. McHattie, S. Duvall

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillors T. Whitehead (Vice Chair) – Personal

THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 13-008 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Review of Suggested Improvements and Changes to the City of Hamilton (City Wide) (PW13046) (Item 5.2)

That Report PW13046 respecting Review of Suggested Improvements and Changes to the City of Hamilton, be received.

2. Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of the Road Allowance of Hazelwood Avenue, Ancaster (PW13045) (Ward 12) (Item 6.1)

(a) That the application to permanently close and purchase the unopened road allowance known Hazelwood Avenue, Ancaster, as shown on Appendix A, to Report PW13045 (the "Subject Lands"), be approved, subject to the following conditions:

(i) That the applicant makes an application to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, under Section 88 of the Registry Act, R.S.O. 1990, for an order to permanently close and purchase the Subject Lands;

- (ii) That the General Manager, Public Works or his designate sign the appropriate documentation confirming that no public funds have been expended on the Subject Lands to be permanently closed;
 - (iii) That the documentation regarding the application to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice be prepared by the applicant, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor;
 - (iv) That the applicant register a reference plan under the Registry Act showing the required portions of the Subject Lands to be transferred and that said plan be prepared by an Ontario Land Surveyor to the satisfaction of the Manager, Geomatics and Corridor Management Section and that the applicant deposit a reproducible copy of said plan with the Manager, Geomatics and Corridor Management Section;
- (b) That provided the application to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice to permanently close the Subject Lands is approved:
- (i) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare the by-law to permanently close the Subject Lands;
 - (ii) That the appropriate by-law be introduced and enacted;
 - (iii) That the Economic Development and Real Estate Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to sell a portion of the Subject Lands to the applicant and a portion of the Subject Lands to the owner of 1269 Mohawk Road West in accordance with the Procedural By-law for the Sale of Land, By-law No. 04-299 at fair market value;
 - (iv) That the appropriate right-of-way agreement over the Subject Lands be given in perpetuity to the owner of 1263 Mohawk Road West for the purposes of vehicular access to Mohawk Road West prior to the transfer of the Subject Lands to the applicant, with all associated costs to be paid by the applicant;
 - (v) That a sufficient portion of the Subject Lands be transferred to the owner of 1269 Mohawk Road West, to eliminate the encroachment and satisfy the side-yard setback requirements for the appropriate zoning designation, with all associated costs to be paid by the applicant;
 - (vi) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to register a certified copy of the by-law permanently closing the highway in the proper land registry office;
 - (vii) That the by-law permanently closing the Subject Lands does not take effect until a certified copy of the by-law is registered in the proper land registry office;

- (viii) That the Public Works Department publish a notice pursuant of the City's intention to pass the by-law pursuant to City of Hamilton By-law 04-299 being a By-law to Establish Procedures, including the Giving of Notice to the Public, Governing the Sale of Land Owned by the City of Hamilton.

3. Appointment of Risk Management Official and Inspectors under Part IV of the Clean Water Act, 2006 (PW13044) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

- (a) That the General Manager of Public Works be delegated the power to appoint Risk Management Officials and Risk Management Inspectors under subsection 47(6) of the Clean Water Act, 2006;
- (b) That the City Clerk be directed to issue Certificates of Appointment to Risk Management Officials and Risk Management Inspectors under subsection 47(7) of the Clean Water Act, 2006;
- (c) That the delegation -by-law attached as Appendix A to Report PW13044, be passed;
- (d) That the City Clerk be directed to circulate; as they are completed, Report PW13044, the Certificates of Appointment, and the by-law once passed to the Chairs of the local Source Protection Committees, Source Protection Authorities, and the Director of Source Protection Programs Branch, Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

4. Truck Route Designation Deletions - Kenilworth Access, Dundurn Street North (PW13049) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

- (a) That the Kenilworth Access, including the following sections of arterial roads leading to the Kenilworth Access, remain permanently deleted from the posted truck route network in the City of Hamilton:
 - (i) Upper Ottawa Street, between Fennell Avenue West and Mountain Brow Boulevard.
 - (ii) Concession Street / Mountain Brow Boulevard, between Upper Gage Avenue and the Kenilworth Access.
 - (iii) Kenilworth Avenue South, between Main Street East and the Kenilworth Access.
- (b) That Dundurn Street North, between York Boulevard and King Street West, remains permanently deleted from the posted truck route network in the City of Hamilton.

5. Interview Sub-committee (to the Public Works Committee) Report 13-001 (Item 12.1) - Waste Management Advisory Committee Appointments

- (a) That the following applicants be appointed to the Waste Management Advisory Committee for the balance of the 2010-2014 term of Council or until such time as successors are appointed by Council:
 - (i) Peter Hargreave
 - (ii) Kevin Hunt
- (b) That the following Councillors, who were previously appointed to the Solid Waste Management Master Plan Steering Committee, be approved to continue with the Waste Management Advisory Committee for the balance of the 2010-2014 term of Council:
 - (i) Councillor M. Pearson;
 - (ii) Councillor J. Partridge; and,
 - (iii) Councillor R. Powers

6. Appeal of Technical Standards and Safety Act Inspector Order (Ward 11) (LS13023/PW13050) (Item 12.2)

- (a) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to continue the appeal of the Inspector's Order and take all necessary steps to appeal any fees invoices issued against the City of Hamilton under the *Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000* as described in Report LS13023/PW13050;
- (b) That the City Solicitor and General Manager of Public Works be authorized, if and when they deem appropriate, to enter into discussions with the Technical Standards and Safety Authority and with any other relevant persons to attempt to resolve the issues related to the Inspector's Order as described in Report LS13023/PW13050, and any fees invoice issued.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 4.2 Delegation Request from James Burnett to provide information the benefits of garbage and waste incineration (Referred from General Issues Committee – June 5, 2013)

PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Asset Management (No Copy) – WITHDRAWN

ADDED ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE RELATED TO ITEM 8.2

- 8.2 (i) Letter of support for a permanent Truck Use Ban on the Kenilworth Access. (Referred by Council – June 12, 2013)
- (ii) Correspondence from the East Hamilton Mountain Community group in support of a permanent Truck Use Ban on the Kenilworth Access.
- (iii) Letter from Sherry Revesz, Chair of Environment Hamilton, in support of a permanent Truck Use Ban on Dundurn Street and the Kenilworth Access.

The June 17, 2013 Public Works Committee Agenda was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) June 3, 2013 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the June 3, 2013 Public Works Committee meeting were approved as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (ITEM 4)

(i) Delegation Request from Jonathan Valencia, Ontario Public Interest Research Group at McMaster (OPIRG) respecting enhancements to the Hamilton Street Tree Program (Item 4.1)

The Delegation Request from Jonathan Valencia, Ontario Public Interest Research Group at McMaster (OPIRG), respecting enhancements to the Hamilton Street Tree Program, was approved.

(ii) Delegation Request from James Burnett to provide information the benefits of garbage and waste incineration (Referred from General Issues Committee – June 5, 2013) (Added Item 4.2)

The Delegation Request from James Burnett to provide information the benefits of garbage and waste incineration, was approved.

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Minutes of Various Sub-Committee (FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY) (Item 5.1)

The following Advisory and Sub-committee Minutes were received for information:

- (a) Clean City Liaison Committee – May 21, 2013 (Item 5.1.1)

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of the Road Allowance of Hazelwood Avenue, Ancaster (PW13045) (Ward 12 (Item 6.1)

Chair Ferguson announced that the proposed closure and sale of the road allowance was a Public Hearing. He indicated that notice of the meeting was advertised in the Hamilton Spectator on June 7, 2013. The Committee Clerk indicated that no one had registered to speak. Chair Ferguson asked if there were any members of the public who wished to speak to this matter. No one came forward.

On a Motion the staff presentation respecting Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of the Road Allowance of Hazelwood Avenue, Ancaster, was waived.

For disposition on this matter refer to item 2.

(g) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Asset Management (No Copy) (Item 7.1)

This item was withdrawn under changes to the agenda.

(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Truck Route Designation Deletions - Kenilworth Access, Dundurn Street North (PW13049)(City Wide)(Item 8.2)

The following items of correspondence respecting Report PW13049, were received:

- (i) Letter of support for a permanent Truck Use Ban on the Kenilworth Access. (Referred by Council – June 12, 2013)

- (ii) Correspondence from the East Hamilton Mountain Community group in support of a permanent Truck Use Ban on the Kenilworth Access.
- (iii) Letter from Sherry Revesz, Chair of Environment Hamilton in support of a permanent Truck Use Ban on Dundurn Street and the Kenilworth Access.

(ii) Queen Street South at Stanley Avenue - Part-time Left Turn Restriction (PW13036) (Ward 1) (Item 8.3)

Report PW13036 respecting, Queen Street South at Stanley Avenue - Part-time Left Turn Restriction, was tabled pending discussions between the Ward 1 and Ward 8 Councillors.

(i) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

1. Item Requiring Approval for Removal

On a Motion the following item was approved for removal from the Outstanding Business List:

Item G - Delegation by Alex Sears respecting improvements and changes

2. Item Requiring Revised Due Date

On a Motion the following revised due date was approved:

Item N - Increased Street sweeping in industrial and surrounding residential areas

Current Date – June 17, 2013

Revised Date – August 15, 2013

(j) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

(i) Interview Sub-committee (to the Public Works Committee) Report 13-001 (Item 12.1)

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 5.

**(ii) Appeal of Technical Standards and Safety Act Inspector Order (Ward 11)
(LS13023/PW13050) (Item 12.2)**

On a Motion Committee move into Closed Session at 9:54 a.m. to consider a matter regarding the Appeal of Technical Standards and Safety Act Inspector Order pursuant to Sub-Section 8.1 (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law and Sub-Section 239 (e) and (f) of the Municipal Act 2001, as the subject matter pertains Litigation or potential litigation including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose.

The Committee reconvened in Open Session and delivered their recommendations as shown in Item 6.

(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor L. Ferguson Chair
Public Works Committee

Andy Grozelle
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk



**BOARD OF HEALTH
REPORT 13-005
1:30 p.m.
Monday June 17, 2013
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall**

Present: Mayor R. Bratina, Chair
Councillors B. McHattie, J. Farr, S. Merulla, C. Collins, T. Jackson,
S. Duvall, T. Whitehead, M. Pearson, L. Ferguson, R. Pasuta

Absent with
regrets: Councillor B. Morelli – Sick Leave
Councillor J. Partridge – City Business
Councillor R. Powers – City Business
Councillor B. Clark – Personal Business
Councillor B. Johnson – City Business

**THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 13-005 AND RESPECTFULLY
RECOMMENDS:**

**1. Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care 2013 Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy
Funding Agreement (BOH12020) (Item 5.1)**

That the 2013 Smoke-Free Ontario budget which is 100% funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, for the 2013 fiscal year in the amount of \$1,087,500 be approved.

**2. Choices and Changes and Other Funding Grants Budget - 2013-2014
(BOH13027) (Item 5.2)**

- (a) That the 2013-2014 Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Services Choices and Changes Program budget as outlined in Report BOH13027, funded by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services be approved;
- (b) That the 2013-2014 Community Funding/Grants, Back on Track, Remedial Measures cost recovery budget as outlined in this report be approved by the Board;

- (c) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to sign the Service Agreement for the Choices and Changes Program between the City and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, and the Children's Aid Societies in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (d) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to submit reports as required by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health to meet accountability agreements.

3. Extension of the Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Methadone Case Manager to the Hamilton Family Health Team (BOH11002a) (Item 5.3)

- (a) That the City continue to deliver substance use services addressing the issue of opiate misuse on-site at the Family Health Team of Hamilton Inc., one day per week;
- (b) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to execute an extension of the current agreement between the City and the Family Health Team of Hamilton Inc., in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to implement recommendation (a);
- (c) That the 0.2 FTE for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Services, funded by the Family Health Team of Hamilton Inc., to deliver the above program, be approved.

4. Renee Wetselaar and Kerry Cranston representing the City of Hamilton Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Advisory Committee (LGBTQ), respecting the need for a suicide prevention strategy (Item 6.1)

- (a) That the Public Health Services Department give consideration to the feedback provided to the Suicide Prevention Council in their work in the mental health and suicide prevention fields;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton LGBTQ Advisory Committee request that the public health nurses and public health staff working with community members take positive space training.

5. School Program Services (BOH13021) (Item 7.1)

That Board of Health Report BOH13021, respecting School Program Services, be received.

6. 2012 Annual Report to the Community and 2012 Research & Evaluation Report (BOH13025) (Item 8.1)

That Board of Health Report BOH13025, respecting the 2012 Annual Report to the Community and 2012 Research & Evaluation Report, be received.

7. Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Sub-Committee Report – 13-001 (Item 8.2)

(a) Key Performance Indicators (Item 5.1)

That the Key Performance Indicators, be received.

(b) Current Statistics Summary (Item 5.2)

That the Current Statistics Summary, be received.

8. Universal Dental Plans (Item 9.1)

WHEREAS oral diseases, including dental caries and periodontal disease are the among the most prevalent chronic diseases in humans;

AND WHEREAS oral diseases can lead to infection, pain, abscesses, chewing problems, poor nutritional status and gastrointestinal disorders; can affect individuals' sense of self-esteem, ability to learn, and potential to thrive; and are linked to serious health conditions including respiratory infections, cardiovascular disease (heart disease and stroke), diabetes, low birth weight babies, and bone-related and inflammatory conditions in seniors including osteoporosis and rheumatoid arthritis;

AND WHEREAS in Canada, approximately 60 percent of the dental services are paid through employment insurance plans, 5 percent are publicly funded through government programs like Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT), Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO), and Ontario Works Children; leaving 35 percent of dental services being paid out-of-pocket, which can result in inequitable access to oral health services, as well as oral health outcomes; and, a lower percentage of city of Hamilton residents than Canadians have dental insurance, putting our population at higher risk of unchecked dental decay;

AND WHEREAS better access to oral health services could result in savings to the health care system;

AND WHEREAS the basic minimum standard of care must include examinations, x-rays, preventive services (topical fluoride, sealants and scaling), restorations, extractions and root canal on anterior teeth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the findings of Oral Health - More Than Just Cavities, a report by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, 2012 attached as Appendix "A" to Board of Health Report 13-005, be supported;
- (b) That the Province of Ontario be requested to adopt the four recommendations for action; supporting improved and equitable access to oral care services in Ontario, contained in the More Than Just Cavities, a report by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, 2012 attached as Appendix "A" to Board of Health report 13-005;
- (c) That the Province of Ontario be requested to unify all of the provincially funded dental programs for children (Children in Need of Treatment, Healthy Smiles Ontario, Ontario Works for Children, and Ontario Disability Services Plan) under one Provincial plan that would include the same eligibility criteria, fee guides and administration; focusing on those that are marginalized, self-employed and/or under-employed and offering the basic minimum standard of care;
- (d) That the Province of Ontario be requested to implement a universal dental plan for seniors, under one Provincial plan that would include the same eligibility criteria, fee guides and administration; focusing on those that are marginalized, self-employed and/or under-employed and offering the basic minimum standard of care;
- (e) That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care; the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion; the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA); the Ontario Public Health Association; Local Members of Parliament and Provincial Parliament; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and, all Boards of Health in Ontario.

9. Correspondence (Item 11.1):

- (a) **Transportation Priorities and Investment for a Healthy Toronto – Item No. HL20.2**

Recommendation: That Public Works, Planning and Economic Development and Public Health staff review the City of Toronto's Board of Health and Equity criteria for consideration in Hamilton's Master

Transportation Plan and report back to the General Issues Committee

(b) Transportation Priorities and Investment for a Healthy Toronto – Item No. HL21.8

Recommendation: Be Received

(c) Menu Labelling – Making Key Nutrition Information Readily Available in Restaurants – Item No. HL21.2

Recommendation: (a) That the recommendation for the Provincial Government to develop Provincial menu labelling legislation as outlined in the correspondence be endorsed;

(b) That correspondence be sent to the Right Honourable Premier Kathleen Wynne; the Honourable Debra Matthews, Minister of Health and Long Term Care; and local Members of Provincial Parliament to support the development of a provincial menu labeling legislation.

(d) Middlesex-London Health Unit: Artificial Tanning Legislation Update – Government Bill 30 Introduced to Ban Youth Under 18 from Access to Tanning Beds

Recommendation: Be Received

(e) Call for Provincial Action on Youth Access to Tanning Beds – Niagara Region Board of Health

Recommendation: (a) That Bill 30 Act to Regulate the Selling and Marketing of Tanning Services and Ultraviolet Light Treatments, be endorsed;

(b) That correspondence be sent to the Right Honourable Premier Kathleen Wynne; the Honourable Debra Matthews, Minister of Health and Long Term Care; and local Members of Provincial Parliament, to commend the Ontario Government for Introducing Bill 30.

10. Request for a Presentation from the Children's Aid Society (Item 11.2)

The Children's Aid Society be requested to make a presentation to the Board of Health respecting how funding cuts have affected children within Hamilton.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)****1. ADDED DELEGATION REQUESTS**

- (i) Bob Drew representing the SMILE Wellness Program respecting Provincial funding cuts to Physiotherapy based programs for Seniors and the impact it will have on City Housing Hamilton residents (added item 4.1)

The agenda was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)**(i) May 16, 2013 (Item 3.1)**

The minutes from the May 16, 2013 Board of Health meeting, were approved.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

- (i) **Bob Drew representing the SMILE Wellness Program respecting Provincial funding cuts to Physiotherapy based programs for Seniors and the impact it will have on City Housing Hamilton residents (added item 4.1)**

The delegation by Bob Drew representing the SMILE Wellness Program respecting Provincial funding cuts to Physiotherapy based programs for Seniors and the impact it will have on City Housing Hamilton residents, was approved to speak at the July 11, 2013 meeting of the Board of Health.

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

- (i) Renee Wetselaar and Kerry Cranston representing the City of Hamilton Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Advisory Committee (LGBTQ), respecting the need for a suicide prevention strategy (Item 6.1)**

Committee members Renee Westlarr and Kerry Cranston presented to the Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of the presentation was retained for the record.

The presentation discussed the needs of the LGBTQ community, and proposed ways in which public health could support those needs. The presenters thanked members of Council for their continued support.

Please refer to item 4 for disposition.

- (ii) Christopher Savard representing the Academy of Nurse Practitioners Association, respecting the use of Nurse Practitioner led clinics to alleviate the primary care crisis (item 6.2)**

The delegation by Christopher Savard representing the Academy of Nurse Practitioners Association, respecting the use of Nurse Practitioner led clinics to alleviate the primary care crisis, was received.

(f) PRESENTATION (Item 7)

- (i) School Program Services (BOH13021) (Item 7.1)**

Dr. Richardson and School Program Public Health Nurse, Ann Tyrrell introduced the program, and students involved with the program. Those in attendance were:

- Students and staff from St. Michael Catholic Elementary School Health Action Team
- Students and staff from Cathedral Catholic Secondary School Health Action Team
- Students and staff from Saltfleet District High School Health Action Team

Please refer to item 4 for disposition.

(ii) Community Food Security Stakeholder Sub-Committee respecting an update on the Committee's work (no copy) (Item 7.2)

Committee member David Carson presented to the Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of the presentation was retained for the record.

Committee member David Carson, gave an overview of the Committee's activities, achievements, and outlined their work moving forward.

The presentation by the Community Food Security Stakeholder Sub-Committee respecting an update on the Committee's work, was received.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

The Board of Health adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor R. Bratina
Chair, Board of Health

Christopher Newman
Legislative Coordinator

Oral Health – More Than Just Cavities

A Report by Ontario's
Chief Medical Officer of Health

April 2012

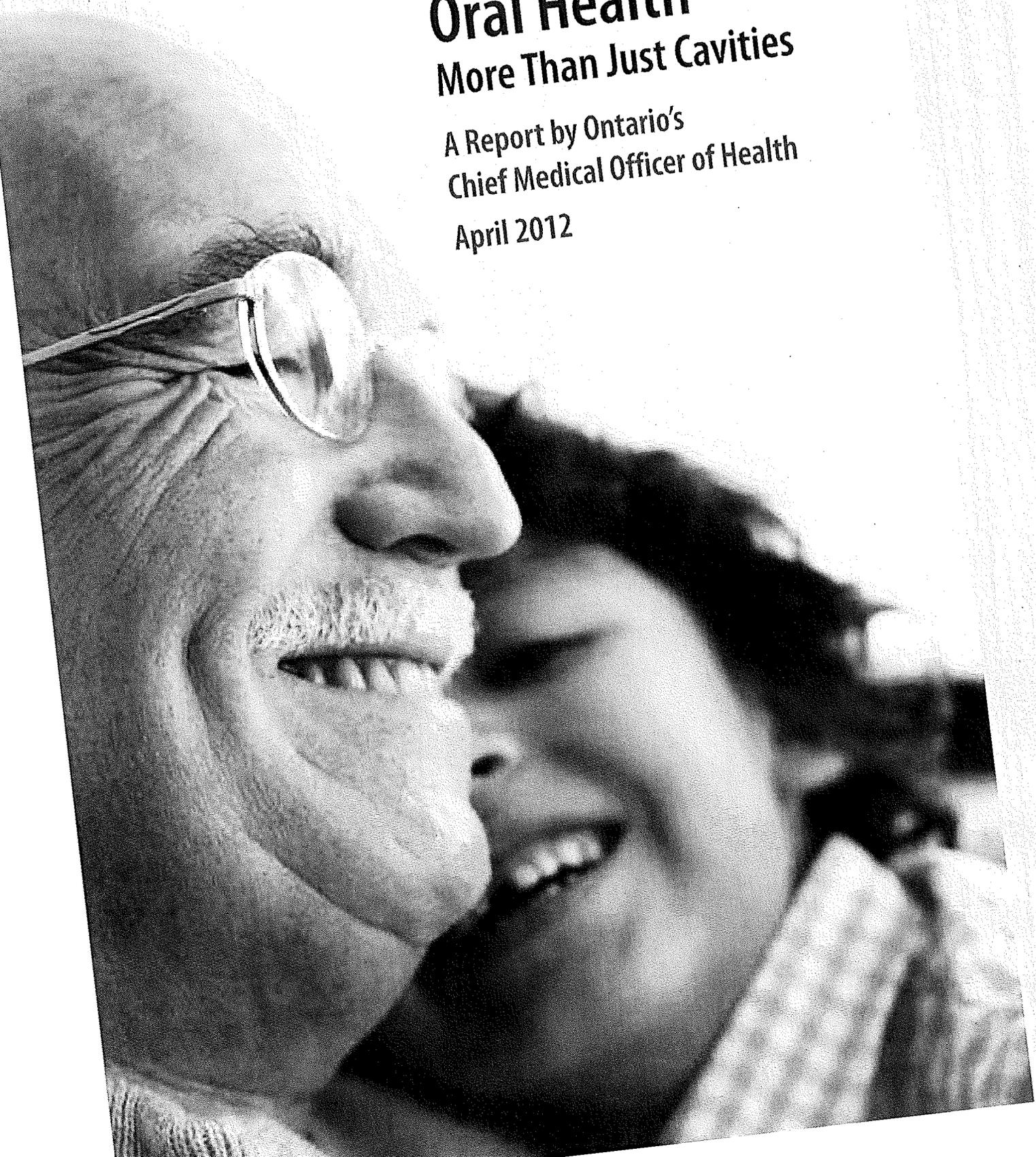


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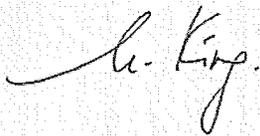
Executive Summary

I have written this report to raise awareness of the importance of oral health and equitable access to oral health services. Many Ontarians are not aware of the connection to overall health. In addition, many Ontarians do not have access to affordable dental care.

The issues that concern me the most are:

- lack of awareness and knowledge among both the public and health care professionals of the importance of oral health and its links to overall health;
- risks associated with poor oral health, including its links to other diseases and serious health conditions;
- lack of understanding that better access to preventive oral health services could result in savings to the health care system;
- current publicly funded programs, while admirable in many respects, amount to a patchwork of services that are complex for clients to navigate, and difficult to assess in terms of health outcomes achieved and return on investment; and,
- low-income Ontarians, including children and seniors, do not have adequate access to preventive oral health services or treatment when and where they need it.

In Ontario we have made significant strides in providing dental services to people who struggle to pay from their own pockets. But current efforts are not enough. Opportunities exist for improved alignment and integration of publicly funded programs. Better monitoring and evaluation must also be done. I am hopeful that this report will bring more attention to the importance of dental health, and prompt a review of the effectiveness and efficiency of current publicly funded programs, within the current fiscal framework. I am also hopeful that an increased focus on these issues will result in improved access to oral health services for Ontarians, particularly low-income families and children, seniors and First Nations communities.



Arlene King, MD, MHSc, FRCPC
Chief Medical Officer of Health

Report Recommendations

I have made four recommendations for action and review by an expert advisory committee.

Recommendation 1

Conduct a review of current policies and mechanisms to ensure that all Ontarians have access to optimally fluoridated drinking water.

Recommendation 2

Conduct a review of how publicly funded oral health programs and services for Ontarians are monitored and evaluated. The review should include the quality, availability and appropriateness of current data and identification of missing data in order to improve programs and services.

Recommendation 3

Explore opportunities for better integration and/or alignment of low-income oral health services in Ontario, including integration and/or alignment with the rest of the health care system. This relates predominantly to the client journey, including making it easier for the client to access the care that is needed, when it is needed.

Recommendation 4

Explore opportunities to improve access to oral health services as well as awareness of oral health services available to First Nations people in Ontario, with a focus on better integration and/or alignment of the variety of available dental programs.

Introduction

Why We Should Care About Oral Health

*"Look, Mom – no cavities!"*¹

Advertisement for Crest Toothpaste – 1958

Today in Canada, most people know they should brush and floss. Many of us were taught since childhood that regular brushing is the key to having healthy teeth and the best way to avoid cavities. The good news is that more than eight in ten Ontarians report brushing their teeth at least twice a day.² What is less well known is that there are dangers associated with poor oral health that extend beyond cavities and well beyond the cosmetic inconvenience of discoloured teeth.

Dental caries, also known as tooth decay or cavities, is one of the most prevalent chronic diseases in humans. It is a disease in which the mineralized tissues of the tooth undergo progressive destruction from the surface of the tooth. Dental caries are caused by bacteria that colonize the tooth surface and produce sufficient acids to demineralize the enamel covering of the tooth crown or the cementum covering the root, and then the underlying dentin.

Apart from structurally weakening teeth, dental caries can lead to infection, pain, abscesses, chewing problems, poor nutritional status and gastrointestinal disorders. Specifically, in young children, there is a relationship between dental caries and childhood obesity.^{4,5,6} In young children, dental caries can contribute to poor nutritional status⁷ and affect the growth of adult teeth.³ In addition, children with extensive dental caries may need to undergo treatment under general anesthesia in hospital.⁸ Equally alarming is the fact that caries, particularly in serious cases, can damage a child's sense of self-esteem, which in turn may affect his or her school performance, ability to learn, and potential to thrive.⁹ This is a significant side effect of childhood caries that is widely acknowledged by the experts.³

Dental Caries in Children

- Dental caries affect 60 to 90 per cent of school children and the vast majority of adults in most industrialized countries¹⁰
- Among five- to 17-year-olds, dental decay is five times as common as asthma and seven times as common as hay fever.¹¹

An equally significant threat to health is periodontal disease, also known as gum disease, which is also caused by oral bacteria. Gum disease can be extremely serious. There is also a growing body of scientific research suggesting that a relationship exists between periodontal disease and a number of serious health conditions.¹¹

For example, in 2010, the Ontario Dental Association released a report that described a very interesting link between oral health in seniors and the prevention of certain bone-related and inflammatory conditions.²⁹

Oral health, in other words, is about more than cavities and clean white teeth. Oral health is about the diagnosis and treatment of oral diseases, including dental caries, periodontal disease, temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders, soft tissue injuries and oral cancer. It's about preventing respiratory infections,

Serious health conditions linked to periodontal disease

diabetes and other chronic diseases, and improving our overall health and well-being. As the World Health Organization has said, oral health is an important part of overall health, and a determinant of quality of life.¹⁰ **In Canada, 57 per cent of children, 59 per cent of adolescents and 96 per cent of adults have been affected by tooth decay.**³⁰ This is a clear sign that we are not doing enough to enable people to protect themselves from oral diseases and the conditions that are associated with poor oral health.

Why is all of this important? I am concerned about oral health and its consequences and that not every Ontarian has access to important preventive dental interventions. I am particularly concerned about lower income Ontarians, including children in low-income families, and the profound importance of access to dental care in early life. We know that limited access to dental services can lead to severe health complications and negative social consequences. Ontario has made significant progress in enabling better access to dental care for children, and especially for children in low-income families, but we can do more. I am also concerned about seniors, including those in long-term care homes, and lack of access to adequate dental care.

Respiratory Infections – Many studies have shown that poor oral hygiene in older adults is a major risk factor for aspiration pneumonia. The micro-organisms that cause pneumonia are commonly found in significantly high concentrations in the dental plaque of elderly people with gum disease.^{12,13,14}

Cardiovascular Disease (Heart Disease and Stroke) – There is also a link between gum disease and cardiovascular disease (CVD).^{15,16,17,18,19} However, there is no evidence to confirm a causal relationship or that treating gum disease will prevent CVD or modify its outcomes.

Diabetes – The connection between periodontal disease and diabetes is what is described as a two-way relationship. People with diabetes have a higher susceptibility to contracting infections, and so are at greater risk of developing gum disease. Conversely, oral infections can increase the severity of diabetes by increasing blood sugar levels.^{20,21,22} Harmful periodontal bacteria may mediate increases in insulin resistance, resulting in an increase in blood glucose.²³

Poor Nutrition – Poor oral health can have a significant impact on nutritional status. If your mouth is sore and infected, it is hard to eat. For some, particularly seniors, poor oral health can lead to substantial weight loss, dehydration, and infirmity.²⁹

Low Birth Weight Babies – Poor oral health in pregnancy may also have a negative effect. There is evidence that suggests that periodontal disease may contribute to premature delivery and/or low birth weight in the newborn baby.^{24,25,26,27} In turn, babies who are pre-term or low birth weight have a higher risk of developmental complications, asthma, ear infections, birth abnormalities, and behavioural difficulties, and are at a higher risk of infant death.²⁸

Bone-related and inflammatory conditions in seniors linked to oral health status

Osteoporosis – This disease is characterized by decreased bone density and weakened bones. Dentists are in a very good position to help identify people with osteoporosis because early signs of the disease can often be seen in the mouth and detected through oral examination and dental x-rays.²⁹

Rheumatoid Arthritis – Rheumatoid arthritis and gum disease are both chronic inflammatory conditions, and researchers have discovered that the management of gum disease with cleanings and antibiotics also has a beneficial effect on the signs and symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis.²⁹

Oral Health and Health Care in Canada

Oral health occupies a delicate position in Canadian health care. The bulk of dental care is not covered by public health care plans in Canadian provinces and territories.

With the exception of certain publicly funded programs, Canadians have to rely, for the most part, on insurance policies or their own pocketbooks to cover dental and other oral health services.

Publicly Financed Dental Care in Canada^{31,32}

Total (public and private) dental care expenditures have increased from \$1.3 billion in 1980 to \$12.6 billion today while the publicly funded share of dental care expenditure has decreased from 20 per cent in the early 1980s to approximately 6 per cent today.

The Canadian Health Measures Survey (CHMS) was launched in 2007, and in 2010 dental health was included for the first time as a part of the survey. In 2010, Health Canada released a report on the findings of the oral health component of the survey. It paints a very useful picture of where we are as a society when it comes to safeguarding oral health, and by implication where we need to try to be.³⁰ Some of the findings include:

- 62.6 per cent of Canadians had private dental insurance
- 74.5 per cent of Canadians made a dental visit in the previous 12 months
- 10 per cent more Canadians received dental care than Australians or Americans
- 17.3 per cent of Canadians avoided receiving dental care because of the cost
- 16.5 per cent of Canadians declined recommended care because of the cost
- 2.26 million school days are lost annually due to dental visits or dental sick days
- 4.15 million working days are lost annually due to dental visits or dental sick days³⁰

The Importance of Prevention

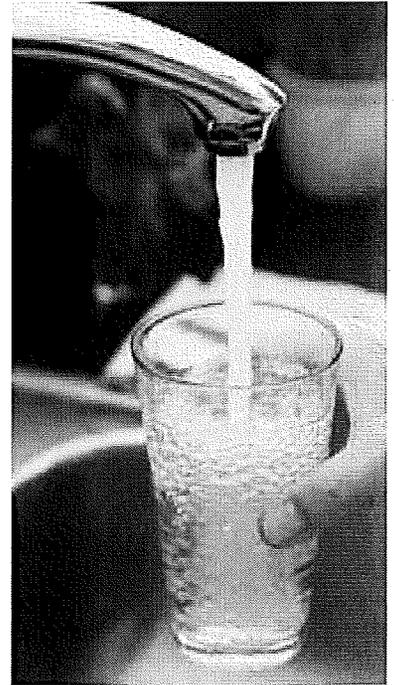
The importance of prevention has been an emphasis of my 2009 and 2010 Annual Reports, and this viewpoint is shared by many in the public health and health care sectors. On January 30th 2012, *Ontario's Action Plan for Health Care*³³ was released by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC), and outlined how Ontario will enhance care for Ontarians by providing better access to care, higher quality care and better value for money. This plan emphasizes prevention, better integration and continuity across the health system.

Prevention is critical to good oral health. Tooth decay and gum disease are almost always easily preventable and there are some very important preventive oral health services that should be available to all Ontarians.

All Ontarians should have access to optimally fluoridated drinking water. Fluoridation is highly effective and can reach large populations who benefit from it. Other preventive services may be less accessible to people without private dental insurance or those living on low incomes, which further reinforces the importance of "population-based" prevention such as community water fluoridation.

Some of the most effective preventive oral health services include: water fluoridation; fluoridated toothpaste; fluoride mouth rinses; fluoride varnish and sealants. Water fluoridation is the process of adjusting the level of fluoride in a public drinking water supply to optimize the dental benefits of preventing tooth decay. Ontario has one of the highest rates of water fluoridation in Canada, with nearly three-quarters of Ontarians living in areas where municipal water supplies contain fluoride.³⁴

Water fluoridation can reduce tooth decay in children's primary teeth by up to 60 per cent, and in their permanent teeth by up to 35 per cent. Adults experience a 20 to 40 per cent reduction in tooth decay from lifelong exposure to water fluoridation.³⁵ The practice of water fluoridation is the subject of some controversy, but the science is clear. Since 1997, there have been 18 major reviews examining fluoridation, including an expert panel convened by Health Canada in 2007. These reviews have consistently found that fluoridation is effective in reducing the risk of tooth decay, and is the most cost-effective way of providing the benefits of fluoride to all residents in a community regardless of age, socioeconomic status, education, employment or dental insurance status. It promotes equality among all segments of the population, particularly the underprivileged and the hardest to reach, where other preventive measures may be inaccessible or not affordable. It has also been shown to provide the greatest benefits to those that need it the most, meaning those most at risk for disease.³⁶



In Ontario, fluoride additives must meet rigorous standards of quality and purity before they can be used. Studies show that when fluoride is added to water at recommended levels in Ontario and across the country, it is not linked to adverse health effects.^{37,38}

Should the public be concerned about dental fluorosis?

The most common side effect of excess fluoride consumption is dental fluorosis. Dental fluorosis is an alteration in the appearance of the teeth caused by a change in enamel formation, which occurs during tooth development. Questionable, very mild, mild and moderate dental fluorosis have no effect on tooth function.³⁹

The prevalence of moderate and severe fluorosis in Canada is extremely low. Evidence suggests that since 1996 there has been an overall decreasing trend of moderate dental fluorosis in Canada. The *Canadian Health Measures Survey: Oral Health Statistics 2007-2009* collected key information relevant to the health of Canadians by means of direct physical measurements such as blood pressure, height, weight and physical fitness, in addition to clinical dental measures. Conclusions from the survey included that, "[so] few Canadian children have moderate or severe fluorosis that, even combined, the prevalence is too low to permit reporting. This finding provides validation that dental fluorosis remains an issue of low concern in this country."³⁰ While recognizing that some people are concerned about the risk of dental fluorosis, in light of the evidence, it is my view that the benefits of water fluoridation far outweigh the risk of dental fluorosis.

Prevention – The Economic Argument

The economic argument for prevention in health care can often be a challenging one to make, and this can be the case when it comes to oral health. It is always easier to track, measure and assess the results of treatment than for preventive interventions. Put another way, it is often much simpler to count the number of people who have been treated once they have become sick than to determine how many people avoided illness because of prevention. That said, there are studies that have been able to quantify the economic argument for preventive oral health care. For instance in one U.S. study, dental visits in early childhood have been found to be cost-effective in reducing the need for restorative care, even though early visits appear to increase the utilization of preventive care services (and preventive costs) later in childhood. Preschool-aged children who had an early preventive dental visit were more likely to use subsequent preventive services and experience lower dental health costs.⁴⁰ We have also seen an innovative model designed to determine which interventions, singly and in combination, could have the greatest effect in reducing caries experience and cost in a population of children from birth to five years.⁴¹

I cannot discuss the economics of oral health without mentioning the irrefutable economic argument in support of community water fluoridation. Quite simply, this particular intervention saves money in addition to teeth. The average lifetime cost per person to fluoridate a community can be less than the cost of one dental filling.^{42,43} A study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the U.S. demonstrated that children in communities without fluoridated water were three times more likely than children in communities where the water is fluoridated to need and receive dental treatment in a hospital operating room. Obviously, by this point the condition is often quite severe. Also, the cost of that care is approximately twice as high as in communities where the water is fluoridated.⁴⁴

It is also important to note that fluoride mouth rinses, fluoride varnish and sealants are all clinical interventions that require active participation by the client. These interventions are also more expensive and only benefit those who are offered or take advantage of them, while fluoridation of the water supply, where it is feasible, is a population level intervention with demonstrated value for money. It is a great example of a public health initiative rooted in health equity principles with no requirements of active participation of children and families to experience the benefits.

It is my view that the improvements to oral health in Ontario as a result of our publicly funded oral health programs, which I describe later in this report, would be undermined by the removal of fluoridation from the water supply.



Anti-fluoridation advocacy efforts, targeting municipalities, are undermining Ontario's admirable record of providing a large proportion of the population with optimally fluoridated drinking water. They are also costly in terms of time and resources for committees, councils, medical officers of health, associate medical officers of health, public health unit dental staff and other dental professionals. The fluoridation of Ontario's drinking water supplies is a safe, cost-effective and efficient population health intervention.

In light of the importance of water fluoridation to the oral health of Ontarians, my first recommendation relates to fluoridated drinking water:

Recommendation 1

A review of policies and mechanisms to ensure that all Ontarians have access to optimally fluoridated drinking water.

Fluoridated Toothpaste – Fluoride containing toothpastes have been widely used for more than five decades and remain the most common intervention for the prevention of dental caries. The pooled results of 70 studies assessing the effect of toothpaste containing fluoride suggest that the use of fluoridated toothpaste is associated, on average, with a 24 per cent reduction in decayed, missing and filled tooth surfaces.⁴⁵

Fluoride Mouth Rinses – Fluoride mouth rinses have been used extensively for the past 30 years to prevent dental caries in children. In the 1970s and 1980s, the use of rinses was widespread in school-based oral health programs in countries experiencing a high prevalence of dental caries. The intensive use of fluoride mouth rinsing in school programs has been discontinued in many developed countries because of doubts regarding its cost effectiveness. The current view is that fluoride mouth rinsing programmes are only appropriate for children with high rates of dental caries. They are effective, however. The pooled results of 34 studies suggest that the use of this intervention is associated, on average, with a 26 per cent reduction in decayed, missing and filled teeth.⁴⁶

Fluoride Varnish – Professionally-applied fluoride varnishes were developed in the 1960s as a preventive intervention for dental caries. They are appropriate for at-risk tooth surfaces in caries-susceptible individuals, and are applied with small brushes, syringes or cotton pellets. They adhere to the tooth surface for 12 hours or more in a thin layer, thereby prolonging the contact time between fluoride and dental enamel. This enables them to act as a slow-releasing reservoir of fluoride. There is a substantial caries-inhibiting effect of fluoride varnish. Results of a systematic review examining the effectiveness of semi-annual fluoride varnish applications showed that the use of fluoride varnish is associated with a 46 per cent reduction in decayed, missing and filled tooth surfaces.⁴⁷

Sealants – Sealants were introduced in the 1960s. They are plastic coatings that are applied by a dental professional to the deep grooves or fissures on the biting surfaces of permanent posterior teeth. The sealant material blocks out bacteria and the nutrients for those bacteria, thereby preventing a cavity from forming in the more decay-susceptible areas of the tooth. This treatment is highly effective. Reduction of caries incidence in children and adolescents after placement of sealants ranges from 86 per cent at one year to 78.6 per cent at two years and 58.6 per cent at four years.^{48,49} However, sealants do not last forever, and need to be monitored on an ongoing basis.

Oral Health, the Ontario Picture

As in other provinces, most dental services are not publicly funded. Ontario covers some limited surgical-dental services delivered in-hospital under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP), and there are other dental care programs targeted to specific groups. Dental services covered under OHIP are set out in both the Health Insurance Act and the Schedule of Benefits for Dental Services under the Health Insurance Act. Dental services covered under OHIP must be performed in a public hospital and must be medically necessary. The schedule of benefits lists the full “schedule” of services that are covered. These include such services or procedures as: dental consultations, diagnostic consultations, reconstructive procedures, and cleft lip and cleft palate surgery.

Ontario Public Health Standards

The Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS),⁵⁰ released in 2008, articulate expectations for Ontario’s boards of health, as they fulfill their responsibilities to provide public health programs and services that contribute to the physical, mental and emotional health and well-being of all Ontarians. The OPHS Child Health Program, the goal of which is “to enable all children to attain and sustain optimal health and developmental potential,” specifies a societal outcome related to oral health – “an increased proportion of children have optimal oral health.”

The following are expected outcomes of public health programs and services that relate all or in part to oral health:

- The board of health achieves timely and effective detection and identification of children at risk of poor oral health outcomes, their associated risk factors and emerging trends; children urgently in need of oral health care have access to such care; children in need of preventive oral health services receive essential clinical preventive oral health services; and the board of health achieves timely and effective detection and identification of communities with levels of fluoride outside the optimal range in drinking water (with respect to communities that are already fluoridating their drinking water supply).

To achieve this, the OPHS Child Health Program Standard mandates public health units to provide oral health screening in elementary schools. Boards of health provide needed services, free of charge, to children who come from low-income families and who often have no dental insurance. For a number of children, particularly new immigrants, this screening is their first interaction with a dental professional.⁵¹ The screening serves a number of functions including:

- Identifying children with urgent dental problems, advising parents of the need for treatment and following up to ensure the child receives the care needed.
- Identifying children who would benefit from one, or more, dental preventive services.
- Identifying schools where the dental needs of children change significantly between school years due to a change in the school population. When dental staff notice this, they follow up with school staff to determine what other needs families may have and alert other public health staff as appropriate.
- Collecting and analyzing data to be included in an annual board of health report from the medical officer of health on local oral health surveillance findings. This report includes information on trend analysis, program planning, implementation and evaluation (as appropriate).
- Making surveillance data available to the general public and local health community through multiple local media channels, including the board of health website.



Helping Kids Achieve Better Oral Health Through Prevention

- 661,229 elementary school children were screened in the 2010-2011 school year
- 28,032 children (four per cent of total screened) received a topical fluoride through the Ontario Public Health Standards preventive services requirement and CINOT
- 12,787 children (two per cent of total screened) received one or more fissure sealants through the Ontario Public Health Standards preventive services requirement and CINOT
- 22,237 children (three per cent of total screened) received one or more units of scaling (cleaning) through the Ontario Public Health Standards preventive services requirement and CINOT

While public health units undertake a range of activities to identify the oral health needs of the children that they serve, I am concerned about the comprehensiveness, quality, comparability, and availability of the data that are collected. This concern also relates to the other publicly funded oral health programs and services offered by the province. This is why there is not more locally collected data in this report.

In order to deliver the most effective and efficient oral health services possible to Ontarians, data on the availability, appropriateness and accessibility of existing services must be available. Good data is also required to measure short-term, intermediate and long-term client and program outcomes, as well as to inform program planning, design, delivery and evaluation. Monitoring and evaluation must be built into any publicly funded oral health program for Ontarians.

Ontario could become a national leader if action is taken on this recommendation. The lack of useful, high-quality data is a significant issue in Ontario.

Some additional considerations that could be addressed through this recommendation include:

- Utilizing and/or linking data from across low-income programs and/or considering common low-income dental performance measures. For instance, an evaluation of whether there is a decreased need for emergency care among a target population as a result of a preventive and basic treatment programs, or analysis of where there are remaining gaps in dental coverage since systems may not track ineligible applicants who may have a need. It could be helpful to review potential opportunities to map the client journey and track their use of dental services for all government programs.
- Evaluation of the existing data and its ability to measure short-term, medium-term and long-term outcomes. For example, short-term and medium-term measures such as information on increased points of access and program uptake are currently easier to obtain than longer term outcomes such as improved oral health in target populations. For longer term health outcomes, consideration could be given to data sources beyond program-specific databases such as emergency room dental visits and the deprivation index.

Recommendation 2

Conduct a review of how publicly funded oral health programs and services for Ontarians are monitored and evaluated. The review should include the quality, availability, and appropriateness of current data and identification of missing data in order to improve programs and services.

A Patchwork of Services

In Ontario there are a number of programs designed to ensure that people who cannot afford dental care do not fall through the cracks. However, it is important to realize that even families and individuals who have private dental insurance may still be struggling to access and pay for dental care. For some, deductibles and payment limits under their plan may be a barrier.

Current programs include the following:

Children In Need Of Treatment Dental Program

The Children In Need Of Treatment (CINOT) dental program is designed to help ensure that babies, children and youth receive the urgent and emergency dental care they need. The program offers assistance to low-income families without dental insurance for whom the cost of dental care would create financial hardship. CINOT is administered through Ontario's public health units, and is intended to identify and address cases of dental neglect in children and to ensure that these children receive care.⁵²

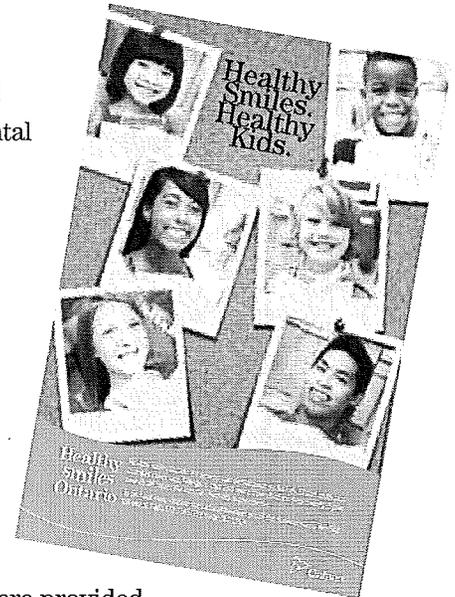
CINOT was launched in 1987. On January 1, 2009, the program was expanded from the old cut-off of children up to Grade 8 or their 14th birthday (whichever was later) to include children up to their 18th birthday. In 2010, CINOT paid for basic dental care for 40,360 children and youth with serious oral health problems who might have otherwise gone untreated.

Healthy Smiles Ontario

On October 1, 2010 the Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) program was launched across the province. The purpose of the program is to build upon current dental screening and preventive dental services to provide access to preventive and early treatment services, including checkups, cleaning, fillings and X-rays for low-income children and youth 17 years of age or under who do not have access to any other form of dental coverage.⁵³

Ontario Works

Ontario Works is a social assistance plan designed to help Ontarians who are in temporary financial need. The program provides financial assistance to cover basic costs such as food and housing, and also provides assistance in preparing for and finding a job. In addition, dependent children age 17 and under whose parents are Ontario Works participants are eligible to receive dental care at no cost to them.⁵⁴ Also, in some municipalities dental services are provided to adult Ontario Works clients. For example, in Peel Region, adult Ontario Works clients can receive emergency dental coverage.



Ontario Disability Support Program

The Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) helps people with disabilities who are in financial need pay for living expenses, like food and housing. ODSP recipients, their spouses and dependent children can also receive coverage for basic dental services provided they meet specific criteria.⁵⁵

Taking the Initiative – Local Oral Health Programs

Public health units across the province have launched several oral health initiatives that are worthy of mention and commendation. They include:

Halton Oral Health Outreach Program

The Halton Oral Health Outreach (HOHO) Program provides access to oral health preventive and treatment services to adults with special needs and elderly persons. The program, which is administered by the **Halton Regional Health Department**, provides oral assessments, oral health promotion, co-ordination of services and referrals for treatment. It also conducts surveys to collect data and monitor outcomes.⁵⁶

Sioux Lookout Fluoride Varnish Program

A randomized, controlled trial was conducted in the **Sioux Lookout** area, on six-month to five-year-old Aboriginal children, to test the effectiveness of fluoride varnish along with oral health counselling in reducing early childhood caries. The success of this trial led to a regular program of applying fluoride varnish in the Sioux Lookout communities.⁵⁷

Region of Peel Mobile Dental Clinic

The Region of Peel provides free preventive dental services, including sealants, topical fluoride and scaling, to children and youth who do not have dental insurance and cannot afford dental care. In an effort to ensure widespread access to this program, the Region of Peel converted a 28-foot recreational vehicle (RV) into a Mobile Dental Clinic in 2006.

The bus ensures that the **Region of Peel Health Department** is able to provide low-income children and youth with necessary dental care or preventive dental services in their own communities.⁵⁸



Integration of Oral Health Services

Notably lacking in all of these otherwise commendable programs and initiatives is a sense that they form part of a co-ordinated and efficient oral health care system, and even less that they are an integrated part of the overall health care system. And yet, if you consider the well established links, described earlier, between oral health and overall health, this seems to be a failure both in planning and execution.

A 2004 survey⁵⁹ of 200 government and professional oral health agencies (random sample of social and health care agencies and dental, dental hygiene and denturist professional organizations) in Canada revealed that:

- 91.1 per cent of respondents agree that oral health is isolated from general health.
- Governments tend to resist including dental care in health programs.
- Common concerns related to oral and dental care delivery included the need for alternative delivery sites; recognition of oral health as a component of general health; and regulatory issues (e.g., increasing practice opportunities for non-dentist oral health care providers).

It is important to understand that, notwithstanding the above, it is widely acknowledged that non-dental health professionals, particularly family physicians and nurses, can play a major role in preventing oral disease when equipped with an understanding of the core diseases and how to detect and monitor outcomes.⁶⁰ The integration of primary dental and medical care can improve patient care, avoid discrepancies in patient information and reduce the need for secondary referrals.⁶¹ In addition, the International Dental Federation,⁶² the World Health Organization¹⁰ and the Canadian Dental Association⁶³ have all promoted and encouraged expanding the role of dental professionals in the treatment of tobacco dependence. With all of this in mind, it is important that Ontario continue to consider how to improve the integration of its oral health services within the broader health care system.

The following elements should be included in this review:

- An analysis of opportunities to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and reach of these programs needs to be conducted, as well as consideration of the possibility of having one point of accountability within the Ontario government. Ontario's publicly funded oral health services includes the programming provided via the Ontario Public Health Standards (including the surveillance component), OHIP, hospitals/emergency rooms, CINOT, CINOT Expansion, HSO, ODSP and Ontario Works.
- An analysis of opportunities to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and reach of Ontario's publicly funded oral health services when integrated and/or aligned with those of the Government of Canada. This is of particular importance to Aboriginal populations.
- An analysis of opportunities to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and reach of Ontario's publicly funded oral health services when integrated and/or aligned with those of the rest of the health care system.

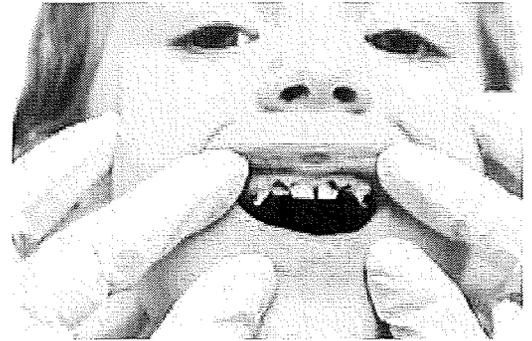
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- Consideration of opportunities to find efficiencies that enable an extension of the programs to other low-income populations.
- Consideration of opportunities for a larger number of public-academic and public-private dental partnerships in order to leverage each other and increase the reach of Ontario's publicly funded oral health services. The remuneration for provider participation in publicly funded programs is a part of this conversation, as it is a barrier to public-private dental partnerships and access to care for those in need.

Oral Health Inequities in Ontario

As mentioned earlier, most oral health services are not covered by Canada's publicly funded health care systems. Dental care financing is predominantly private. Of the \$12.6 billion spent on dental services in Canada in 2009, approximately 60 per cent was paid through employment insurance plans.^{64,65,66} Five per cent was publicly funded through provincial/territorial government programs like CINOT and Healthy Smiles Ontario. That leaves 35 per cent of dental services being paid out-of-pocket, which can result in inequitable access to oral health services, as well as oral health outcomes. In addition, having private dental insurance does not guarantee access to care.⁶⁷



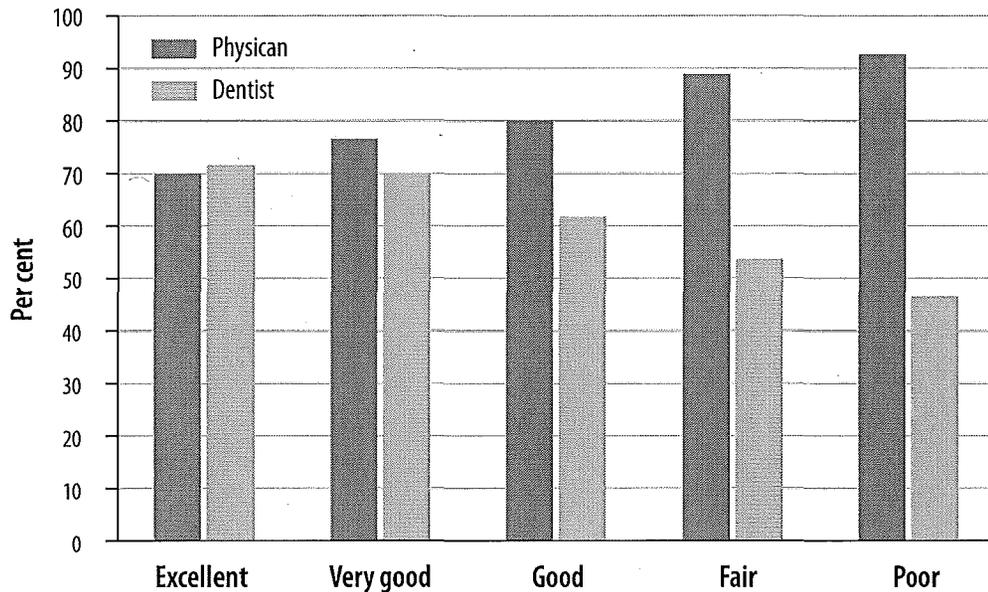
Ontario has the lowest rate of public funding for dental care, as a percentage of all dental care expenditures in the province, at 1.3 per cent. This province also has the lowest per capita public sector spending on dental services, at \$5.67 per person (as compared to the national average of \$19.54).⁶⁸ What that means is that, more than any other province, we are running the risk of having people slip through gaps in the safety nets we have established for them.

I have written at length in previous reports about what are called “determinants of health.” These are the economic, social and environmental conditions that are known to greatly influence health. Factors like housing, education and income. The link between poor housing conditions and poor health is well established, as is the link between inadequate education or low income and poor health. With respect to oral health, these determinants also contribute to inequity in oral health status.⁶⁹

It is the people at the lower end of the income and social scale who find themselves either without private dental insurance, unable to afford adequate dental care even if they do have dental insurance, or dependent on what I have described as a patchwork of publicly funded services. However, once these same Ontarians develop a serious health condition which may have been linked to poor oral health, they can access treatment and care, often some of the best in the world, through the publicly funded health care system. The precariousness of access to dental preventive and treatment services, especially for low-income Ontarians, makes little sense.

This relationship is clear in the following figure which illustrates how in Ontario individuals with a lower level of self-reported health visit the physician more, yet it is the opposite when it comes to dentists.

Consultation with dentist or family physician by level of health, Canadian Community Health Survey, 2010



The inequities that exist in Ontario with respect to oral health care are deep and they are serious. The government programs outlined earlier in this report are important programs that do a great deal of good. But there are significant gaps that remain:

- 71 per cent of Ontarians visited a dentist in 2005. Among Ontarians with lower income and less education, as well as those with no insurance, only half made such a visit.⁷⁰
- Ontarians with lower income, less education, as well as those with no insurance and those over the age of 65, are more likely to only visit the dentist in cases of emergency.⁷⁰
- Among Ontarians who did not visit a dentist in the past three years, one in five cited cost as a barrier.⁷⁰
- Approximately half of Ontarians aged 12 years and over reported having oral or facial pain, or discomfort, in the previous month.⁷⁰
- Lower income Ontarians are the most likely to report mouth conditions that cause them to avoid social interactions such as conversation, laughing or smiling.⁷⁰
- 68 per cent of Ontarians report having dental insurance. However, among older Ontarians and those with lower income and less education, there is a significant drop in coverage rates (36 per cent, 40 per cent, and 41 per cent respectively).⁷⁰

Our best efforts notwithstanding, many Ontarians are not receiving the oral care they need to live healthy and happy lives.

Oral Health and Canada's Aboriginal Peoples

Aboriginal communities, particularly remote ones, have among the lowest – if not the lowest – levels of health accessibility and health outcomes in Canada. Preliminary findings from the First Nations Regional Longitudinal Health Survey (RHS) (2008/10)⁷¹ indicate:

- Among six- to 11-year-old First Nations children, 83.8 per cent received dental care in the past year. This percentage is lower than the equivalent finding for the general Canadian population (91.3 per cent) and for Aboriginals living off-reserve (92.2 per cent).
- Of the infants and toddlers surveyed (0-2), 18.7 per cent had their teeth affected by Baby Bottle Tooth Decay (BBTD) compared to 11.9 per cent in RHS 2002/03; 30.9 per cent of the three- to five-year-old First Nations children had been affected by BBTD and 26.9 per cent of six- to 11-year-olds had a history of BBTD.
- Of the infants with BBTD, 40.6 per cent were treated for the condition, while the majority of preschoolers (77.1 per cent) and school-aged children (90.4 per cent) were also treated for BBTD.
- 36.2 per cent of three- to five-year-olds and 41.9 per cent of six- to 11-year-olds needed dental fillings in RHS 2008/10 compared to 28.4 per cent and 32.5 per cent in RHS 2002/03, respectively.
- 71.1 per cent of nine- to 11-year-old First Nations children were in need of a check-up and preventive care and 14.3 per cent required orthodontic care at the time of the survey.



Health Canada's Non-Insured Health Benefits Program provides coverage for a range of oral health services to Ontario's First Nations communities. However, poor oral health outcomes prevail as a result of poor access to oral health services and a lack of awareness of the importance of oral health.

Children's Oral Health Initiative

Introduced in 2004, the Children's Oral Health Initiative (COHI) is a national initiative to prevent dental caries and improve oral health among young First Nations and Inuit children living on reserves. It was developed as a policy response to the acute oral health needs of Aboriginal children. The federal government provides funding for this initiative directly to regions which then provide services through contribution agreements that allow First Nations and Inuit communities to administer the programme themselves. COHI targets pregnant women, parents and primary caregivers, preschool children ages 0 - 4 years and school-aged children ages 5-7 years living in First Nations and Inuit communities. Five years after its inception, COHI has been implemented in 231 communities across Canada.⁷²

Recommendation 4

Explore opportunities to improve access to oral health services as well as awareness of oral health services available to First Nations people in Ontario, with a focus on better integration and/or alignment of the variety of available dental programs.

For instance, provincial infrastructure provided through Healthy Smiles Ontario, such as public health unit mobile dental clinics, could be leveraged to improve access to dental services in First Nations communities. Data gathered from completed surveys could be used to identify gaps in dental services in First Nations communities (e.g., First Nations Public Health Advisory Committee (FNPHAC): Public Health Survey and Community Engagement, RHS, Oral Health Survey and National Dental Survey).

Best practice models which are currently being developed in northern communities should be reviewed to facilitate tri-partite (First Nations, provincial, federal) cooperation in treatment and prevention services. If successful, these models should be expanded to other parts of the province.

Conclusions

This report was written to raise awareness of the importance of oral health, and the need to improve access to preventive and treatment services. There has been progress in Ontario especially for low-income Ontarians. However, we need to do more. It is time that the importance of oral health to overall health is fully recognized. It is also time that the unequal burden of poor oral health on low-income and otherwise disadvantaged Ontarians is further recognized and addressed. This report provides recommendations for action which are intended to promote improvements to, and alignment and integration of, existing programs within the current fiscal framework. It is my hope that these improvements will enable more services to be delivered, especially to low-income Ontarians. Oral health is key to overall health and it's about more – much more – than cavities.

Report Recommendations

I have made four recommendations for action and review by an expert advisory committee.

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Glossary

Assessment and surveillance

Population health assessment includes measuring, monitoring, and reporting on the status of a population's health, including determinants of health and health inequities. Surveillance contributes to effective public health program planning, delivery and management. Dissemination of surveillance analyses may take the form of reports, advisories, healthy public policy recommendations, alerts or warnings. Surveillance has historically been associated with infectious diseases and vaccination programs, but its importance has become increasingly recognized for environmental health issues, child health, reproductive health, chronic disease prevention and injury prevention.

Epidemiology

The study of the distribution and determinants of health-related states and events (such as diseases) in specified populations, and the application of this study to the control of health problems.

Health promotion and policy development

Health promotion is the process of enabling people to increase control over and improve their health. Health is a positive concept emphasizing social and personal resources, as well as physical capacities. Therefore, health promotion is not just the responsibility of the health sector, but goes beyond healthy lifestyles to well-being. Healthy public policy is characterized by an explicit concern for health and equity in all areas of policy and by an accountability for health impact. Health promotion policy development combines diverse but complementary approaches including legislation, fiscal measures, taxation and organizational change. It is coordinated action that leads to health, income and social policies that foster greater equity.

Priority Populations

The OPHS directs Public Health Units to identify "priority populations" by surveillance data, epidemiological analysis or other research, including community and other stakeholder consultations. Practitioners could either adjust universal interventions to increase accessibility for certain sub-groups, or develop specific strategies in order to address inequalities in the social determinants of health. This approach challenges public health practitioners to balance resource allocation between universal and priority population- focused interventions to increase impact and affect overall population health outcomes.

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PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT 13-010

As Amended by Council on June 26, 2013

9:30 am

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Councillors J. Farr (Chair), J. Partridge (2nd Vice Chair), B. Clark, C. Collins, L. Ferguson, R. Pasuta, M. Pearson and T. Whitehead

Absent with Regrets: Councillor B. Johnson – City Business

Also Present: Councillor T. Jackson
Councillor B. McHattie

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 13-010 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Establishment of a Specialized By-law Enforcement Unit (PED13108) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

That Report PED13108, Establishment of a Specialized By-law Enforcement Unit, be received.

2. Parked Facing the Wrong Way (PED13109) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

That Item 2 of the Planning Committee Report 13-010 respecting Parked Facing the Wrong Way (PED13109), be referred back to the Planning Committee for discussion.

3. Application for Amendment to the Town of Flamborough Zoning By-law No. 90-145-Z for Lands Located at 99 Wellington Street (Flamborough) (PED13092) (Ward 15) (Item 6.2)

That approval be given to Zoning Application ZAR-12-038, by Maureen Laughlin, for a change in zoning from the Urban Residential (Single Detached) "R1-5" Zone, to the Urban Residential (Single Detached) "R1-61" Zone, with a Special Exception, to facilitate the severance of an existing corner lot for the creation of one addition single detached residential lot, on lands located at 99 Wellington Street (Flamborough), as shown on Appendix "A" to Report PED13092, on the following basis:

- (a) That the draft By-law, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED13092, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be enacted by City Council;
- (b) That the amending By-law be added to Section 6 of Zoning By-law No 90-145-Z as "R1-61".

4. Parkside Drive Improvements (Highway 6 to 500 m East of Churchill Avenue) Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (PED13097) (Ward 15) (Item 7.1)

- (a) That the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department, be authorized and directed to file the Parkside Drive Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Environmental Study Report with the Municipal Clerk for a minimum thirty (30) day public review period;
- (b) That upon completion of the minimum thirty (30) day public review period, the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to submit as part of the Capital Budget process the preferred alternative design as recommended in the Parkside Drive Environmental Study Report;
- (c) That the implementation of the Parkside Drive improvements be separated into two (2) phases;
 - (i) That the preferred alternative for the section of Parkside Drive from Highway 6 to Main Street be implemented first;
 - (ii) That the preferred alternative for the section of Parkside Drive east of Main Street to 500 m East of Churchill Avenue not be implemented until the East- West Corridor (from Parkside Drive to Highway 6) is constructed and the preferred alternative is reviewed at that time.

5. Rental Housing Supplementary Findings of December 11, 2012 Special Planning Committee Meeting (PED10049(I)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That Report PED10049(I), Rental Housing Supplementary Findings of December 11, 2012 Special Planning Committee Meeting, be received.

6. Settlement of claims made under the Expropriations Act arising from the expropriation of part of 1496 Upper Gage Avenue being Parts 3 and 4 on Expropriation Plan LT494229 – OMB File No. LC110037- LS13017 (City Wide) (Item 12.1)

(a) That a settlement of OMB Appeal File No. PL070019 relating to the severance of 1496 Upper Gage of Applications B169/06;B170/06;B171/06;and B172/06 Consent/Land Severance, entered into by counsel for the City of Hamilton, as Minutes of Settlement subject to Council approval and subsequent OMB approval, be approved;

(b) That Condition 6 of the Committee of Adjustment Decision in each of the above-noted matters be amended to add as follows, for further clarification:

(i) The City acknowledges that no development costs will be imposed for the Elmore St. flankage in the servicing costs as agreed below;

(ii) The Appellants acknowledge that contributions to the development servicing costs of Royal Vista Drive include flankage for the second lot (retained) fronting on Upper Gage Avenue;

(iii) The Appellants acknowledge that the daylighting triangle provided for in Condition 5, is included within the calculation of the City development costs to be borne by the developer as per standard City policy;

(iv) That the City and the Appellants jointly agree that the total outstanding servicing costs for Royal Vista Drive to be paid hereunder, which include the costs for storm and sanitary sewers, watermains, sewer and water connections and road works, but excluding any land acquisition cost for Royal Vista Drive, is to be paid at the January 2007 rate in the sum of \$130,278.04 based upon 6 connections, and shall be paid on a pro-rated basis for those connections actually used. In the event that the City requires that the Appellants decommission any laterals not used, the cost of decommissioning may be deducted from the payment schedule;

(v) The above conditions represent good land use planning.

(c) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any necessary documents in regards to items 1 and 2 above in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

7. Settlement of the Appeal before the OMB, being OMB File No. PL070019 relating to the Consent/Land Severance of 1496 Upper Gage Avenue by Applications B169/06;B170/06;B171/06; and B172/06 Consent/Land Severance- OMB Case No.PL070019 - LS13017 (City Wide) (Item 12.1)

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the Agenda:

1. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 4.3 Dean Carr respecting access to his private garage from Bull's Lane
- 4.4 Delegation Request from Farzad Karambakhsh respecting 3250 Homestead Drive (PED12128) Outstanding Business List Item

2. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- 6.4 "Ancaster Meadows - Phase 2", Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment ZAC-12-026, and Revised Draft Plan of Subdivision 25T-200601, for Lands at 1061 Garner Road East (Ancaster) (PED13105) (Ward 12)

Correspondence from

- (i) David and Elizabeth Zeidman
- (ii) William Liske – Losani Homes (1998) Ltd.
- (iii) William Liske – Losani Homes (1998) Ltd. (further correspondence)

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 8.1 Rental Housing Supplementary Findings of December 11, 2012 Special Planning Committee Meeting (PED10049(I)) (City Wide)

- (iii) David Hitchcock
- (iv) Unnamed Citizen Letter

4. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- 12.2 Closed Session Minutes – June 4, 2013 (delivered under separate cover)

The Agenda for the June 18, 2013 meeting of the Planning Committee was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Councillor Pearson declared a conflict of interest for Item 8.1, Rental Housing Supplementary Findings of December 11, 2012 Special Planning Committee Meeting (PED10049(I)) (City Wide), as she is involved in the rental housing industry.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) June 4, 2013

The Minutes of the June 4, 2013 Planning Committee meeting were approved.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Delegation Request from Jagtar Singh Chahal respecting challenges in the taxi industry (Item 4.1)

The delegation request from Jagtar Singh Chahal respecting challenges in the taxi industry, was approved for a future meeting.

(ii) Delegation Request from Steve Walsh and the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Inc. respecting Item 8.2, Keeping of Pigeons in Urban Areas (PED13107) (Item 4.2)

The delegation request from Steve Walsh respecting Item 8.2, Keeping of Pigeons in Urban Areas (PED13107), was approved for today's meeting.

(iii) Dean Carr respecting access to his private garage from Bull's Lane (Item 4.3)

The delegation request from Dean Carr respecting access to his private garage from Bull's Lane, was approved for a future meeting.

(iv) Delegation Request from Farzad Karambakhsh respecting 3250 Homestead Drive (PED12128) Outstanding Business List Item

The delegation request from Farzad Karambakhsh respecting 3250 Homestead Drive (PED12128) Outstanding Business List Item, was approved for a future meeting.

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Establishment of a Specialized By-law Enforcement Unit (PED13108) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

Staff were directed to meet with the police to discuss Municipal Law Enforcement safety after 1:00 am and report back to Planning Committee.

For disposition on this Item, refer to item 1.

(ii) Parked Facing the Wrong Way (PED13109) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

That the Hamilton Police Service Board be requested to adopt the Hamilton Municipal Parking System Policy No. PC008 – Facing the Wrong Way (Appendix “A” to Report PED13109) to provide for consistent enforcement of vehicles parked facing the wrong way in Hamilton.

The recommendations were DEFEATED on the following vote:

Yeas: L. Ferguson, R. Pasuta, J. Farr
Total: 3
Nays: J. Partridge, M. Pearson, B. Clark
Total: 3
Absent: B. Johnson, C. Collins, T. Whitehead
Total: 3

For disposition on this Item, refer to item 2.

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Delegation Request from Mike Whaling respecting follow up on illegal businesses (Item 6.1)

The request from Mike Whaling to withdraw his delegation, was received.

(ii) Application for Amendment to the Town of Flamborough Zoning By-law No. 90-145-Z for Lands Located at 99 Wellington Street (Flamborough) (PED13092) (Ward 15) (Item 6.2)

In accordance with the provision of the Planning Act, Chair J. Farr advised those in attendance that if a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council of the City of Hamilton before Council approves the zoning by-law amendment, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the City of Hamilton to the Ontario Municipal Board, and the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

No public speakers came forward.

The public meeting respecting Report PED13092, Application for Amendment to the Town of Flamborough Zoning By-law No. 90-145-Z for Lands Located at 99 Wellington Street (Flamborough), was closed.

The staff presentation respecting Report PED13092, Application for Amendment to the Town of Flamborough Zoning By-law No. 90-145-Z for Lands Located at 99 Wellington Street (Flamborough), was waived.

For disposition on this Item, refer to item 3.

(iii) Application for Amendments to Zoning By-law No. 3692-92 and Zoning By-law No. 05-200 for Lands Located at 601 Upper Centennial Parkway - Nash Neighbourhood (Stoney Creek) (PED13096) (Ward 9) (Item 6.3)

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No public speakers came forward.

The public meeting respecting Report PED13096, Application for Amendments to Zoning By-law No. 3692-92 and Zoning By-law No. 05-

200 for Lands Located at 601 Upper Centennial Parkway - Nash Neighbourhood (Stoney Creek), was closed.

The staff presentation respecting Report PED13096, Application for Amendments to Zoning By-law No. 3692-92 and Zoning By-law No. 05-200 for Lands Located at 601 Upper Centennial Parkway - Nash Neighbourhood (Stoney Creek), was waived.

Report PED13096, Application for Amendments to Zoning By-law No. 3692-92 and Zoning By-law No. 05-200 for Lands Located at 601 Upper Centennial Parkway - Nash Neighbourhood (Stoney Creek), was referred back to staff for further consultation with the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the proponent to come back to the Planning Committee at the appropriate time.

(iv) “Ancaster Meadows - Phase 2”, Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment ZAC-12-026, and Revised Draft Plan of Subdivision 25T-200601, for Lands at 1061 Garner Road East (Ancaster) (PED13105) (Ward 12) (Item 6.4)

- (i) David and Elizabeth Zeidman
- (ii) William Liske – Losani Homes (1998) Ltd.
- (iii) William Liske – Losani Homes (1998) Ltd. (further correspondence)

In accordance with the provision of the Planning Act, Chair J. Farr advised those in attendance that if a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council of the City of Hamilton before Council approves the zoning by-law amendment and the Draft Plan of Subdivision, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the City of Hamilton to the Ontario Municipal Board, and the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Cam Thomas, Planner, provided an overview of the report with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included as part of the public record.

The staff presentation respecting Report PED13105, “Ancaster Meadows - Phase 2”, Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment ZAC-12-026, and Revised Draft Plan of Subdivision 25T-200601, for Lands at 1061 Garner Road East (Ancaster), was received.

Fred Losani – 430 McNeilly Rd Stoney Creek, ON L8E 5E3

Mr. Losani expressed concerns as the neighbouring developer. He requested a meeting with the applicant and that the report be referred back to staff to allow for discussions between staff and the two parties. He does not wish to delay the application and is prepared to meet with staff immediately with their submission to allow concurrent development in the area.

The public presentation respecting Report PED13105, “Ancaster Meadows - Phase 2”, Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment ZAC-12-026, and Revised Draft Plan of Subdivision 25T-200601, for Lands at 1061 Garner Road East (Ancaster), was received.

Scott Snider, Turkstra Mazza - 15 Bold St, Hamilton, ON L8P 1T3

Mr. Snider, legal counsel on behalf of Paletta International Corporation, expressed that there are time commitments that must be met and that the delay that will come of this referral to deal with the issues expressed by Mr. Losani will hamper their commitments to their builders.

The legal counsel’s presentation respecting Report PED13105, “Ancaster Meadows - Phase 2”, Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment ZAC-12-026, and Revised Draft Plan of Subdivision 25T-200601, for Lands at 1061 Garner Road East (Ancaster), was received.

The correspondence respecting Report PED13105, “Ancaster Meadows - Phase 2”, Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment ZAC-12-026, and Revised Draft Plan of Subdivision 25T-200601, for Lands at 1061 Garner Road East (Ancaster), was received.

The public meeting respecting Report PED13105, “Ancaster Meadows - Phase 2”, Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment ZAC-12-026, and Revised Draft Plan of Subdivision 25T-200601, for Lands at 1061 Garner Road East (Ancaster), was closed.

Report PED13105, “Ancaster Meadows - Phase 2”, Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment ZAC-12-026, and Revised Draft Plan of Subdivision 25T-200601, for Lands at 1061 Garner Road East (Ancaster), was referred back to the Director of Development Engineering for consultation with Losani Homes and Paletta Intentional Corporation to see if there is a method to construct a permanent retention pond instead of a temporary pond, and report back to the July 9, 2013 meeting of the Planning Committee.

(g) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Parkside Drive Improvements (Highway 6 to 500 m East of Churchill Avenue) Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (PED13097) (Ward 15) (Item 7.1)

Diana Morreale, Senior Project Manager, Growth Management Division, addressed the Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record.

For disposition on this Item, refer to item 4.

The Committee recessed at 12:13 p.m.

The Committee reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Rental Housing Supplementary Findings of December 11, 2012 Special Planning Committee Meeting (PED10049(I)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

- (i) Correspondence from Sheryl and Tom Perrie
- (ii) RAHB-HDAA submission to the Planning Committee
- (iii) David Hitchcock
- (iv) Unnamed Citizen Letter

Joe Xamin, Manager, Operational Strategies, provided an introduction to the information report.

The following individuals presented a PowerPoint presentation on behalf of the Realtors Association of Hamilton-Burlington (RAHB) and Hamilton and District Apartment Association (HDAA):

- Bruce Moran, President, RAHB
- Arun Pathak, President, HDAA
- Donna Bacher, Chair of the Joint Task Force
- Paul Martindale, Member of the Task Force
- Andrew Robertson, Member of the Task Force

A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record.

The presentation from RAHB-HDAA respecting Report PED10049(I), Rental Housing Supplementary Findings of December 11, 2012 Special Planning Committee Meeting, was received.

That staff report back to the Planning Committee with options and alternatives related to the licensing of rental housing no later than September 2013.

The motion CARRIED on the following vote:

Yeas:	R. Pasuta, J. Farr, T. Whitehead, J. Partridge, C. Collins
Total:	5
Nays:	L. Ferguson
Total:	1
Abstained:	M. Pearson
Total:	1
Absent:	B. Johnson, B. Clark
Total:	2

For disposition on this Item, refer to item 5.

(ii) Keeping of Pigeons in Urban Areas (City Wide) (PED13107) (Item 8.2)

Marty Hazel, Senior Director, Parking and By-law Services, and Bill Young, Director, Municipal Law Enforcement, provided an introduction to the report.

Steve Walsh, board member of the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Inc. (CRPU), is representing 34 owners that live in urban Hamilton who will be impacted by this by-law. He expressed the difference between feral and racing pigeons and reinforced the high level of care and organization of the CRPU.

Devon Ryerse, legal counsel, restated the care standards and regimes with racing pigeons. She addressed the complaint issues against racing pigeons which appear to be during the winter months when racing pigeons are not allowed outside of their lofts. She also addressed the cleanliness of the lofts. She also expressed other options to strengthen the by-law which would allow clubs to self-police and implementing registration to avoid the grandfathering clause which may limit new and existing members.

The delegation respecting Report PED13107, Keeping of Pigeons in Urban Areas (City Wide), was received.

Report PED13107, Keeping of Pigeons in Urban Areas (City Wide), was referred back to staff to consult with the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Inc. to amend the existing by-law No. 12-031 to accommodate racing pigeons and include amendments to address the current feral pigeon issues in the urban areas of the City of Hamilton.

(i) GENERAL INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Outstanding Business List Amendments (Item 11.1)

The following Outstanding Business List due dates were revised:

- (aa) Item B: Woodland Manor (PED08306)
Current Due Date: June 18, 2013
Proposed New Due Date: December 3, 2013
- (bb) Item T: Development of an Urban Woodland Conservation By-law
Current Due Date: June 18, 2013
Proposed New Due Date: September 17, 2013

That the following items were removed from the Outstanding Business List:

- (aa) Item S: Parking on One-Way Streets
- (bb) Item GG: Settlement of claims made under the Expropriations Act arising from the expropriation of part of 1496 Upper Gage Avenue OMB Case No.PL070019 (LS13017)

CARRIED

(j) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

- (i) **1. Settlement of claims made under the Expropriations Act arising from the expropriation of part of 1496 Upper Gage Avenue being Parts 3 and 4 on Expropriation Plan LT494229 – OMB File No. LC110037**
- 2. Settlement of the Appeal before the OMB, being OMB File No. PL070019 relating to the Consent/Land Severance of 1496 Upper Gage Avenue by Applications B169/06;B170/06;B171/06;and B172/06 Consent/Land Severance- OMB Case No.PL070019 - LS13017(City Wide)) (Item 12.1)**

For disposition on this Item, refer to item 6 and 7.

(ii) Closed Session Minutes – June 4, 2013 (Item 12.2)

The Closed Session Minutes of June 4, 2013 were approved as presented and are to remain confidential.

(k) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Planning Committee adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor J. Farr
Chair, Planning Committee

Vanessa Robicheau
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
AS AMENDED BY COUNCIL ON JUNE 26, 2013**

REPORT 13-013

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor B. Morelli – Sick Leave

**THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 13-013 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. Waterdown Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) Revised Board of Management (PED11013(f)) (Ward 15) (Item 5.2)**

That Sharine Mansour be appointed to the Waterdown Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management.

- 2. International Village Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) Revised Board of Management (PED10254(d)) (Wards 2 and 3) (Item 5.3)**

That the following individuals be appointed to the International Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management:

- Melanie Amato
- Julie Gordon.

- 3. 2012 Performance Measures (PED13121) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)**

That Report PED13121 respecting 2012 Performance Measures be received.

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4. Declaration of Surplus and Conveyance of Easement to Hydro One Networks Inc. – Part of 159-165 Carlisle Road (Courtcliffe Park), Flamborough (PED13125) (Ward 15) (Item 5.5)

- (a) That the subject lands, described as Part of Lot 10, Concession 9, Township of East Flamborough, now City of Hamilton, forming part of 159 – 165 Carlisle Road (Courtcliffe Park), comprising an area of approximately 25 square metres (882 square feet) as shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED13125, be declared surplus to the requirements of the City of Hamilton in accordance with procedural By-law No. 04-299;
- (b) That the Real Estate Section of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to convey an easement to Hydro One Networks Inc. over the land described in Recommendation (a) of Report PED13125 at the nominal consideration of \$5 for the purpose of relocating hydro poles and guy wires;
- (c) That the sale price of \$5 does not include the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST); should HST be applicable and collected by the City, that the HST amount be credited to Account No. 22828-009000 (HST Payable);
- (d) That the sale proceeds be credited to Account 47703-3560150200;
- (e) That the Mayor, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services, and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Offer to Purchase (Easement) Agreement in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

5. Co-ordination of Road Works and Utilities (New Business – No Copy)

- (a) That City Staff continue their on-going consultation with the various utilities to ensure that there is optimal cooperation to meet necessary deadlines in pre-planned Public Works projects;
- (b) That if following a six-month period, there is no improvement in the resolution of known installation challenges, the Chief Executive Officer and/or senior representatives of the relevant utility be invited to attend the next appropriate General Issues Committee meeting to explain their rationale for non-cooperation.

6. Lease – Lister Block, 28 James Street North, Unit #114, Hamilton (PW13047)
(Ward 2) (Item 5.6)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton enter into a new lease agreement with “Brendon Coulter” for the property known as 28 James Street North, Unit 114 (also known as Lister Block), subject to the following terms and conditions:
- (i) Term: One year commencing upon July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 with 2 x two year renewal options, if the Tenant is in good standing at the end of each renewal term;
 - (ii) Property: Lister Block, 28 James Street North, Unit #114, comprising of 480 sq. ft. gross rentable area as shown in Appendix “A” to Report PW13047. The space will be leased on an “as-is” basis with finishing subject to heritage restraints and building permits as applicable;
 - (iii) Landlord’s Work: Install baseboards at Landlord’s cost;
 - (iv) Tenant’s Work: Finish floor with vinyl covering;
 - (v) Tenant Inducement: 30 days free rent for fit-up;
 - (vi) Rental Rates:

Year 1: \$15.00/sq.ft. net +HST
(\$600.00/ monthly, \$7,200.00/annually)

If option 1 is exercised:
Year 2: \$15.00/sq.ft. net +HST (+0%)
Year 3: \$15.38/ sq.ft. net +HST (+2.53%)

If option 2 is exercised:
Year 4: \$15.76/ sq.ft. net +HST (+2.47%)
Year 5: \$16.15/ sq.ft. +HST (+2.48%)
 - (vii) Parking: Initially no parking. Tenant has option to lease 1 parking spot at \$150.00 per month +HST;
 - (viii) Operating Costs: The tenant will pay an additional \$12.00 /sq.ft. +HST in operating costs (\$480.00/month, \$5,760.00/annually);
- (b) That all rent be credit to account 46010 791550;
- (c) That the Mayor, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Lease in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**7. Municipal Tax Competitiveness Study – 2012 (FCS13047) (City Wide)
(Item 5.7)**

That Report FCS13047 respecting Municipal Tax Competitiveness Study be received.

**8. Redevelopment of the City of Hamilton’s Website (CM12008(a)/FCS12055(a))
(City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.8)**

That Report CM12008(a)/FCS12055(a) respecting Redevelopment of the City of Hamilton’s Website be received.

**9. Status of Community Correction Centre at 94 York Blvd. (CM13009) (Ward 2)
(Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.9)**

That Report CM13009 respecting Status of Community Correction Centre at 94 York Blvd. be received.

**10. Joey Coleman respecting the City of Hamilton Accountability and
Transparency Policy (Item 6.1)**

That the issues expressed by Mr. Coleman with respect to the facilitation and availability of agendas to the members of the public be referred to the Governance Review Sub-Committee for review.

**11. Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Structure Review (FCS11025(e))
(Outstanding Business List Item) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

- (a) That the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Structure changes as outlined in Appendix “A” attached hereto be approved effective January 1, 2014;
- (b) That staff develop the 2014-2023 Rate Supported Budget incorporating the revised Rate Structure;
- (c) That staff in conjunction with Horizon Utilities Corporation develop and implement a communication strategy to advise customers of the revised Rate Structure and changed billing presentation;
- (d) That the Waterworks By-law R84-026, be amended to include the City’s requirements to determine appropriate meter sizing;

- (e) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, in order to implement recommendations (a) through (d) of Report FCS11025(e).

12. Immigrant Attraction Action Plan (CM13005) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

- (a) That Report CM13005 respecting Immigrant Attraction Action Plan be received;
- (b) That Report CM13005 be referred to the Open for Business Sub-Committee for their consideration relative to the item on their Outstanding Business List.

13. Centre Mall Crime Prevention Centre Relocation (PSB13048) (Item 8.1)

- (a) That the Community Policing Centre, currently located at the Centre Mall, be relocated to 460 Barton Street East, Hamilton.
- (b) That a Lease Agreement be entered into between the City of Hamilton (Tenant) and 1694416 Ontario Limited (Landlord), for the purposes of providing a location for the Hamilton Police Service to operate a Crime Prevention Centre (CPC) located at 460 Barton Street East, Hamilton; subject to the following terms and conditions:

Area: Approximately 3,072 square feet of space for use as a Crime Prevention Training Centre

Term: A period commencing on July 15, 2013 and expiring July 15, 2018

Rental Rate: \$23,040 per annum plus H.S.T. and utilities. The payments will be made from Account #55358-376614.

- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Lease Agreement and any and all ancillary documents in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

14. Creation of a 2017 Sesquicentennial Committee (PED13110) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

- (a) That a City of Hamilton Sesquicentennial Initiative to celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary in 2017 be approved;

- (b) That a Sesquicentennial Advisory Committee be established to assist with the co-ordination of this initiative, together with the staff from the Tourism and Culture Division;
- (c) That the Committee include Councillors B. McHattie and T. Whitehead, one (1) member from the Hamilton Historical Board and one (1) member from the Tourism Advisory Committee;
- (d) That staff be authorized and directed to prepare the Terms of Reference for the Sesquicentennial Advisory Committee for presentation to the General Issues Committee;
- (e) That the Sesquicentennial Advisory Committee and staff be authorized to develop a high level strategy for the City's Sesquicentennial Initiative for presentation to the General Issues Committee.

**15. 2014 Tax Budget Guideline and Process (FCS13048/CM13010) (City Wide)
(Item 8.3)**

- (a) That 2014 user fees (excluding golf, transit, ice rental fees and web transaction or convenience fees) be increased by a rate of 2.0% and that any user fee adjustments, other than this rate, include an appropriate explanation when submitted;
- (b) That Boards and Agencies be requested to submit a 2014 budget based on a guideline of 0% increase and that any increase be forwarded for consideration with appropriate explanation;
- (c) That consistent with Council direction at the beginning of this term, in an effort to achieve the goal of an overall tax impact of zero per cent for City Services, all City departments target a 2014 budget guideline of 0% increase and in order to consider ways to achieve this target that the following be considered as part of the 2014 budget process:
 - (i) Increases required to maintain current service levels be forwarded for consideration with appropriate explanation;
 - (ii) Options to modify service levels or reduce services be brought forward based on the Service Delivery Review opportunities and emerging initiatives;
 - (iii) Service enhancements, either Council directed or staff initiated, be limited or not considered for 2014.

16. Alternative Voting Solutions for Municipal Elections (FCS12046(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

- (a) That \$150,000 be funded from the City's Unallocated Capital Reserve #108020 for alternative voting solutions for the 2014 Municipal Elections;
- (b) That a \$100,000 Capital Project be submitted in the 2014 Tax-supported Capital Budget process.

17. Report 13-001 of the Airport Implementation Task Force – May 27, 2013 (Item 8.5)

(a) Delegations Respecting Potential Land Acquisition Requests

- (i) That Public Works Staff be directed to investigate and report back to the Airport Implementation Task Force respecting:
 - (aa) Odours emanating from the sanitary system in the residential area abutting the airport lands;
 - (bb) The feasibility of installing sidewalks on Airport Road;
- (ii) That Planning and Economic Development Staff be directed to investigate the possible acquisition of the properties owned by the delegations and those noted in the June 26, 2013 Council Correspondence Item 5.5, including a negotiated cost and possible funding source and report back to the Airport Implementation Task Force;
- (iii) That Public Health staff be directed to conduct a well water test at the Masi property, 1691 Glancaster Road, and report back to the Airport Implementation Task Force respecting well water in the lands adjacent to the Airport.
- (iv) That the Ward Councillor meet with TradePort International Corporation to show the revised cargo facility design plans.

(b) 2013-2014 John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport - City of Hamilton Joint Marketing Initiatives (PED13087 Attached hereto as Appendix A) (City Wide)

That the City of Hamilton allocate approximately \$100,000 from the Airport Joint Marketing Reserve Fund as the City's portion of the 2013-2014 John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (HIA) – City of Hamilton Joint Marketing Initiatives outlined in Report PED13087

(c) Delegation of Authority for Permitting Air Shows at John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (PED13086 Attached hereto as Appendix B) (Wards 11 & 12)

- (i) That the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development be delegated the authority to refuse or grant, with or without conditions, consent to TradePort International Corporation or its subsidiary Hamilton International Airport Limited, to allow the use of John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport for the purposes of holding and staging an Air Show, as such consent may be sought from year to year;
- (ii) That the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development be authorized to execute any necessary documents in connection with the above recommendation (i), in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

(d) Independent Auditor's Reports on the Annual Schedule of Percentage Rent Computation and the Bi-Annual Lease Agreement Compliance Audit and Performance Review Regarding TradePort International Corporation for the Operation of the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (PED13085) (City Wide)(Item 8.3)

- (i) That the City of Hamilton accept from TradePort International Corporation (TIC) the KPMG, LLP (KPMG) Independent Auditor's Report on the Annual Schedule of Percentage Rent Computation for 2012 and annually going forward;
- (ii) That the City of Hamilton accept from TradePort International Corporation (TIC) the KPMG, LLP (KPMG) Lease Agreement Compliance Audit and Performance Review on a three year cycle commencing in 2015 consistent with the process developed by Transport Canada for all Canadian airports operating within the National Airport System policy.

18. Clarification of Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) – Verbal Update (Item 8.5 – Airport Implementation Task Force – May 27, 2013) (PED11223(a)) (Ward 11 and 12) (Added Item 5.10)

That Report PED11223(a) respecting Clarification of Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) – Verbal Update (Item 8.5 – Airport Implementation Task Force – May 27, 2013) be received.

**19. Pan Am Stadium Precinct Sub-Committee Report 13-002 – May 28, 2013
(Item 8.6)**

That Report 13-002 of the Pan Am Stadium Precinct Sub-Committee be received.

**20. School Board Properties Sub-Committee Report 13-001 – May 30, 2013
(Item 8.7)**

**(a) Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) Land – 1310
Upper Wellington Street, Part of Lot 13, Concession 7, former
Township of Barton, now City of Hamilton (PED13114) (Item 6.1)**

- (i) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to advise the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) that the City of Hamilton has no interest in acquiring their land located at 1310 Upper Wellington Street, legally described as Part of Lot 13, Concession 7, former Township of Barton, now City of Hamilton, forming all of PIN 16943-0875, as shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED13114;
- (ii) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to advise the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) of the City of Hamilton’s requirements to the development of the site as identified in Appendix “B” attached to Report PED13114.

**(b) Purchase of Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB)
Surplus Property – 357 Wilson Street East, Ancaster**

Whereas Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) Property Disposition Protocol is to advise and consult with other boards of education and with various levels of government including the City of Hamilton;

And Whereas the property known as 357 Wilson Street East, Memorial School, has been declared surplus;

And Whereas parkland, seniors housing and additional parking for the Ancaster Business Improvement Area is required for the Ancaster core.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the City of Hamilton purchase the 6.28 acre parcel of land housing the Memorial School Building.

(c) Purchase of Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) Surplus Property – Broughton East – 16 Broughton Avenue (Ward 6)

That the City of Hamilton purchase the two parcels of land totalling 9.5 acres at 16 Broughton Avenue, Ward 6.

(d) Purchase of Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCD SB) Surplus Property – Holy Family School, Kenilworth Avenue North

Whereas the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCD SB) Property Disposition Protocol is to advise and consult with other Boards of Education and with various levels of government, including the City of Hamilton;

And Whereas the Kenilworth Avenue North area has been identified as one of the highest priorities as it pertains to park deficiencies in the City of Hamilton.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the City of Hamilton purchase Holy Family School to mitigate the park deficiencies on Kenilworth Avenue North in line with staff's identified highest priority if and/or when the HWDSB deems the lands surplus in whole or in part.

21. Westfield Heritage Village – Volunteer Co-ordinator Pilot Project (Item 9.3)

Whereas, the 165 hectare Westfield Heritage Village is owned by the City of Hamilton and operated by the Hamilton Conservation Authority;

Whereas, Westfield Heritage Village is largely operated by volunteers, numbering over 400 individuals in 2011, contributing over 20,000 volunteer hours, valued at over \$200K in-kind contributions;

Whereas to support and grow the current and future Westfield volunteers, a Volunteer Coordinator position is required.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton fund the Hamilton Conservation Authority's Westfield Heritage Village Volunteer Coordinator position for a two-year pilot project period to an amount of \$102,648 (\$51,324 per year);

(b) That the cost to fund the Hamilton Conservation Authority's Westfield Heritage Village Volunteer Coordinator Position be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve.

22. Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit – Purchase of Two-Way Radio Equipment (Item 10.1)

- (a) That an amount of \$30,469.42 be approved for the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit (HBRU) to purchase two-way radio equipment that will allow for improved communications and operational efficiencies within their operations;
- (b) That Hamilton Beach Reserve (Acct. 108037) be utilized as the funding source for the initiative.

23. Wentworth Lodge Construction Litigation (PW12073(a)/LS12029(a)) (City Wide) (Item 12.1)

That Report PW12073(a)/LS12029(a) respecting Wentworth Lodge Construction Litigation be received and the contents thereof remain confidential.

24. Canadian Ballet Youth Ensemble (LS13014(a)) (Item 12.2)

That Report LS13014 respecting Canadian Ballet Youth Ensemble be received and the contents thereof remain confidential.

25. Gold Seal Certification of Superintendents from Outside Contractors (New Business – No Copy)

That the General Manager of Public Works be directed to prepare a report to the Public Works Committee on the implications of specifying that superintendents from outside contractors on City projects must be gold-seal certified.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

ADDED CONSENT ITEM

- (i) Clarification of Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) – Verbal Update (Item 8.5 – Airport Implementation Task Force – May 27, 2013) (PED11223(a)) (Ward 11 and 12) (Added Item 5.10)

ADDED CORRESPONDENCE

- (ii) Correspondence from Patrick J. Daly, Chairperson of the Board, Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board, respecting Holy Family Catholic Elementary School (Item 4 of School Board Properties Sub-Committee Report 13-001 – Item 8.7) (Added Item 8.7(a))

ADDED NOTICE OF MOTION

- (iii) Resolution respecting “Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit – Purchase of Two-Way Radio Equipment” (Added Item 10.1)

ADDED PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

- (iv) Closed Session Minutes – June 5, 2013 (Added Item 12.3)

TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR

- (v) Item 5.4 – 2012 Annual Performance Measures (PED13121) (City Wide)

Page 8: - Changed “2012” to read “12.8%” (*rather than 2.8%*) - so it now reads as per below:

Urban Renewal Division

- **Decrease office vacancy rate by 25% in Downtown Core by 2011, using 2008 baseline**

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Unknown	20%	15%	13.2%	12.07%	12.8%

Page 9: - “2008” now reads “\$25,086,600 (*rather than \$25,86,600*), as per below:

- **Increase in Downtown property taxes by \$1.45 M (per year) based on a 2008 baseline**

Downtown Municipal Taxes				
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
\$25,86,600	\$25,730,600	\$26,531,800	\$26,923,300	\$26,947,946

The agenda was approved as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the General Issues Committee Meeting held on June 5, 2013, were approved as presented.

(d) CONSENT AGENDA

Item 5.10 respecting Clarification of Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) – Verbal Update (Item 8.5 – Airport Implementation Task Force – May 27, 2013) (PED11223(a)) (Ward 11 and 12) was moved to the Discussion agenda for discussion in conjunction with Item 8.5.

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

(i) Joey Coleman respecting the City of Hamilton Accountability and Transparency Policy (Item 6.1)

Mr. Coleman appeared before the Committee to express his concerns respecting timely receipt of Sub-Committee agendas. He requested that the City create a sub-committee to focus on all accountability and transparency issues to review and improve the procedural by-law.

The presentation from Joey Coleman respecting the City of Hamilton Accountability and Transparency Policy was received.

(f) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Structure Review (FCS11025(e)) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 7.1)

John Savoia, Senior Policy Advisor, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee with respect to the rate structure review, and spoke to the following:

- Rate Structure Review Timeline
- Guiding Principles
- Hamilton Rate Budgeting
- Recommended Structure Changes for Rate Budget Methodology
- Rate Structure History
- Hamilton Current Structure
- Recommended Structure Changes for Water Pricing – Fixed Charge Component

- Lifeline Rate Pricing
- Fixed Charges Basis
- Meter Equivalency Factor
- Fixed Charge Revenue
- Recommended Structure Changes for Wastewater/Stormwater Pricing
- Bill Layout
- Customer Financial Impacts
- Total Rate-Supported Budget Impact
- Guiding Principles Assessment
- Alternative Rate Structure
- Recommendations

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was submitted to the Clerk for the public record and can be viewed on the City of Hamilton website.

The presentation respecting Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Structure Review was received.

The Committee recessed at 1:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

(ii) Immigrant Attraction Action Plan (CM13005) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

Sarah Wayland, Senior Project; Manager, City Manager's Office, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Immigrant Attraction Action Plan, focusing on taking action that will affect Hamilton's future.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was submitted to the Clerk for the public record and is available on the City of Hamilton website.

Staff was directed to explore funding options, including monies from other levels of government and/or reallocating City funds, to support the Immigration Attraction Action Plan initiative and report back to the General Issues Committee in September, 2013.

The presentation respecting Immigration Attraction Action Plan was received.

(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Centre Mall Crime Prevention Centre Relocation (Item 8.1)

Inspector Scott Rastin was in attendance to address concerns expressed by the Committee with respect to the relocation of the Community Policing Centre on Concession Street.

See Item 13 for the disposition of this item.

**(ii) Alternative Voting Solutions for Municipal Election (FCS12046(a))
(City Wide) (Item 8.4)**

Recommendation (a) of Report FCS12046(a), which reads as follows, was approved by Council on November 14, 2012 in adopting Item 12(b) of Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 12-009.

“That \$100,000 from the 2012 Capital Project ID# (3521251201) be transferred to the Election Expense Reserve (112206) for 2012”.

See Item 16 for the disposition of this item.

The Motion CARRIED on the following Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Johnson, Pearson, Pasuta, Clark, Powers, Jackson, Merulla,
Farr, McHattie
Total Yeas: 9
Nays: Ferguson
Total Nays: 1
Absent: Bratina, Morelli, Collins, Duvall, Whitehead, Partridge
Total Absent: 6

(iii) Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) Verbal Update (Item 8.5)

The recommendations contained in Item 2 of Airport Implementation Task Force Report 13-001 respecting Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) Verbal Update – Ministry of the Environment Response were forwarded to the June 12, 2013 meeting of City Council and subsequently approved as Motion 7.4.

**(iv) Purchase of Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB)
Surplus Property – Broughton East – 16 Broughton Avenue (Ward 6)**

Staff was directed to develop financing options and report back to the General Issues Committee.

**(v) Purchase of Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board
(HWCDSB) Surplus Property – Holy Family School, Kenilworth
Avenue North (Item 8.7)**

Item 4 of Airport Implementation Task Force Report 13-001 respecting Purchase of Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDSB) Surplus Property – Holy Family School, Kenilworth Avenue North was amended by adding the words, “if and/or when the HWDSB deems the lands surplus in whole or in part.”

The Amendment CARRIED and the Motion, as amended, CARRIED.

(h) MOTIONS

(i) Implementation of Rapid Ready – Local Transit Service Improvements and Financial Strategy (Item 9.1)

No action was taken respecting Implementation of Rapid Ready – Local Transit Service Improvements and Financial Strategy introduced as a Notice of Motion at the May 15, 2013 General Issues Committee.

(ii) Implementation of Rapid Ready – Local Transit Service Improvements and Financial Strategy (Item 9.2)

Whereas, the Rapid Ready report addresses the need for a \$45M investment in local public transit in order to serve the needs of Hamiltonians, and to serve the rapid transit routes;

Whereas the Rapid Ready report, building on earlier recommendations in Council's Transportation Master Plan (TMP) (2007), calls for transit ridership in Hamilton to increase to 80-100 rides per capita from its current level of 45 rides per capita;

Whereas the TMP also calls for a doubling of public transit use over the next 15 years from a daily modal split of 6% today to 12% in the 2021 to 2031 long term time frame;

Whereas the 2010 Operational Review of transit identifies specific priority service level improvements, emphasizing the need for more buses on Hamilton Mountain, and in the former area municipalities;

Whereas, notwithstanding local transit service improvements made with Provincial Gas Tax funding, there has been no City investment in transit service improvements over the past decade;

Whereas notwithstanding Council's position respecting LRT, it is important to consider all sources of funding to improve local transit service levels, excluding LRT, including but not limited to parking revenues, fare increases, resolution of the transit area rating plan, City operating budget, and funding from the Provincial and Federal governments;

Whereas the economic, environmental, health and social benefits of public transit are well-known.

Staff was directed to:

- (a) Come forward with recommendations for consideration during the 2014 operating and capital budget process with the first priorities

for local transit service improvements to begin implementing Rapid Ready;

- (b) Report back in time for the 2015 budget process to the new City Council on a ten-year Hamilton local transit service level strategy, including specific route recommendations and a financial strategy, with reference to the role played by rapid transit, and with a goal of reaching 80-100 rides per capita by 2025.

The sixth “Whereas” in the preamble was amended as follows:

- (aa) By adding the words, “notwithstanding Council’s position respecting LRT” following the word, “Whereas”;
- (bb) By adding the words, “excluding LRT” following the words, “service levels”.

(i) NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit – Purchase of Two-Way Radio Equipment

Whereas the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit (HBRU) has requested access to the Corporate Trunked Radio System for improve communications amongst the unit (i.e. on-water to shore, amongst members, boat-to-boat) and to have the ability to communicate with Hamilton Police Service and the Hamilton Fire Department as required;

And Whereas the HBRU currently utilizes a VHF marine channel as their current method of communicating with other emergency responders;

And Whereas the required equipment is a combination of mobile/base radios to be installed in their boats and some portable radios for their members to use during operations;

And Whereas the new communication system is the same model of radio that is used by the Hamilton Police Service and the Hamilton Fire Department on the corporate radio system;

And Whereas the purchase of the new communication system will provide the HBRU with two channels on their radios. One that provides a private secure communication stream to facilitate the operation of their unit; and the second to be utilized as a common channel to facilitate the interoperability between Hamilton Police (Dispatch/Marine Unit) and Hamilton Fire should the need arise for these groups to communicate directly.

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That an amount of \$30,469.42 be approved for the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit (HBRU) to purchase two-way radio equipment that will allow for improved communications and operational efficiencies within their operations;
- (b) That Hamilton Beach Reserve (Acct. 108037) be utilized as the funding source for the initiative.

The Rules of Order were waived in order to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit – Purchase of Two-Way Radio Equipment.

See Item 22 for the disposition of this item.

Councillor S. Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(ii) City of Hamilton Interim Appointment to the Hamilton Police Services Board

Whereas public comments have been made and published that Hamilton City Council was “unlawful” in appointing Councillor Lloyd Ferguson to the Hamilton Police Services Board in an interim capacity;

And Whereas the intent of Councillor Ferguson’s appointment is to replace Councillor Terry Whitehead during the investigation into alleged issues surrounding code of conduct.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the City Solicitor be directed to seek out clarity on the “unlawful” allegation of City Council in appointing Councillor Lloyd Ferguson to the Hamilton Police Services Board in the interim and determine the source of the allegation.

The Rules of Order were waived in order to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting the City of Hamilton Interim Appointment to the Hamilton Police Services Board.

The City Solicitor was directed to seek out clarity on the “unlawful” allegation of City Council in appointing Councillor Lloyd Ferguson to the Hamilton Police Services Board in the interim and determine the source of the allegation.

Councillor J. Farr introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(iii) Gore District Future Development – Heritage Buildings

Whereas, there has been considerable concern and some confusion as it relates to the pending possible demolition of two Gore District buildings related to a future development in the area;

And Whereas Culture and Heritage Staff are currently working on a report and have assured Council of a report back on the Downtown Heritage Buildings Inventory, but not until the fourth quarter as it relates to buildings that qualify for the Heritage Register in the downtown area (properties on the Register are protected for 60 days should a demolition permit be applied for), including the Gore District;

And Whereas despite the staff project, concern continues that the integrity of the Gore District may be lost in the interim, should additional demolition permits be applied for, noting that properties currently part of the staff project are not currently protected from demolition.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That all properties in the Gore District listed on the City's inventory of heritage buildings, with the exception of 24 and 28 King Street East previously granted a demolition permit, be added to the Register.

(j) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11.1)

(i) Outstanding Business Items List

(a) The due dates on the following items on the Outstanding were revised accordingly:

Item W: Proposed Use Concept Plan – Auchmar Estates
Due Date: June 19, 2013
Revised Due Date: September 5, 2013

Item AA: Waterfront and Shoreline Initiatives
Due Date: June 19, 2013
Revised Due Date: August 12, 2013

(b) The following items were deemed complete and removed from the Outstanding Business List:

Item H: Status of Community Correction Centre at 94 York Blvd. (Item 5.9)

Item L: City of Hamilton Events Strategy

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- Item S:** Redevelopment of the City's Website (Item 5.8)
- Item Z:** Ad Hoc Committee for Canada's Sesquicentennial Celebration (Item 8.2)
- Item BB:** Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Structure Review (Item 7.1)
- Item PP:** Centre Mall Crime Prevention Centre Relocation (Item 8.1)

(k) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

The Committee moved into closed session at 3:54 p.m. pursuant to Sub-sections 8.1(e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law and Section 239.2 of the Municipal Act as the subject matter pertains to: (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, respecting:

- (i) Wentworth Lodge Construction Litigation (PW12073(a)/LS12029(a)) (City Wide) (Item 12.1)
- (ii) Canadian Ballet Youth Ensemble (LS13014(a)) (Item 12.2)

The Committee reconvened in Open Session at 4:25 p.m.

See Items 23 and 24 for the disposition of these items.

(l) PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Item 8.1 respecting Centre Mall Crime Prevention Centre Relocation was dealt with by the Committee prior to the presentations to allow Inspector Scott Rastin from the Hamilton Police Service to speak to this issue.

The General Issues Committee recess at 2:10 p.m. in order to hold the Annual General Meeting of Horizon Utilities Corporation and reconvene immediately following.

The Annual General Meeting of Horizon Utilities Corporation adjourned at 2:50 p.m. and the General Issues Committee reconvened at 2:55 p.m.

(m) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor B. Clark
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk

Rate Structure Recommended Changes Commencing January 1, 2014

	Review Component	Current Practice	Recommended Structure
1	Rate Budget Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget expenses for the three Rate budget services (Water, Wastewater and Stormwater) separately with the revenue funding for these services not budgeted separately. Industry practice is to budget each service as separate discrete programs each with separate expenses and their own unique rates often with differing rate increases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget both the expenses and revenues for wastewater and storm separate from water revenues resulting in Water service separate with Wastewater and Stormwater treated as one service
2	Water Pricing		
(a)	- Fixed Charges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hamilton remains the only municipality in Ontario that includes the first 5m³ of consumption each month (>20mm meters first 15m³) within its fixed charge This unique inclusion has complicated efforts to provide detailed billings to customers that would be easy to understand Currently fixed charges are progressive based on meter size. The difference in charges between meter sizes known as the meter equivalency (ME) ratio has not been reviewed for years and does not follow industry standards Review of 2012 rate budget indicates over 85% of costs are fixed in nature Fixed charge revenues contributed 22% of total 2012 Rate budget revenues with remainder from volumetric charges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elimination of minimum consumption allowance for all customers with impact to single residential customers mitigated through the introduction of a Lifeline Rate set at @ 50% of standard volumetric rate applicable to the first 10m³ of consumption each month New detailed bill layout to provide a customer friendly bill Adopt meter equivalency (ME) ratios as set out by AWWA/CWWA to update fixed charge allocations in a more fair and equitable manner
(b)	- Variable Charges (Volumetric Rate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Similar to most other Ontario municipalities, Hamilton currently utilizes a Uniform rate water pricing structure whereby the cost per unit (m³) remains the same regardless of volume consumed. The uniform rate is applied to all customer classes in Hamilton. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The introduction of a Lifeline Rate would create an inclining block structure for most single residential customers Uniform rate structure continues for all other customer classes

	Review Component	Status Quo (Current Practice)	Recommended Structure
3	Wastewater & Stormwater Pricing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mirrors two-part structure of water with fixed charge and a volumetric rate • Billing based on a % of water bill in lieu of common practice to express rate as \$/m³ of metered water (current rate of 100% unchanged for many years). • Follow common industry practice to base charge on 100% of water consumption • Unique stormwater funding sources of both rates and taxes (approximately 85%:15% funding share ratio) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wastewater and stormwater to be budgeted as one service with one rate funding both • The rate will be expressed as \$/m³ of metered water consumed • Continue industry standard to base charge on 100% of water consumption • Continue to maintain funding sources of both rates and taxes with existing approximate funding share ratios