



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

REPORT 13-010

(approved, as amended, by Council on May 8, 2013)

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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- Present:** Deputy Mayor T. Whitehead (Chair)
Mayor R. Bratina
Councillors B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall, J. Farr,
T. Jackson, B. Johnson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, B. Morelli,
J. Partridge, R. Pasuta, M. Pearson,
- Absent with Regrets:** Councillor R. Powers – City Business (AMO)
Councillor L. Ferguson – Vacation
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THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 13-010 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program (HTIGP) – 407 Wilson Street, Ancaster – HTIGP 13/06 (PED13077) (Ward 12) (Item 5.2)**
 - (a) That the Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program (HTIGP) application submitted by Glendale Services (Ancaster) Ltd. (Douglas Kloet and Peter Boeringa), owner of the property at 407 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, for a HTIGP grant estimated at \$27,817.45 over a maximum of a five (5) year period and based upon the incremental tax increase attributable to the redevelopment of 407 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Program;
 - (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Grant Agreement, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED13077, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

2. Conveyance of Temporary Easement to Bell Mobility Inc. – Part of 115 Cole Street, Waterdown (PED13078) (Ward 15) (Item 5.3)

- (a) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to convey a temporary easement in accordance with Procedural By-law 04-299, over Block 169, Plan 62M-1125, Town of Flamborough, identified as PIN 17511-0343, (Waterdown Water Tower) described as Parts 2, 3 and 4 on Survey Plan W3693, prepared by J. D. Barnes Limited dated July 12, 2012, covering an area of approximately 272.3 square metres (2,931 square feet) as shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED13078;
- (b) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to convey the temporary easement described in Recommendation (a) of Report PED13078 to Bell Mobility Inc. for the nominal consideration of \$2, exclusive of HST;
- (c) That any applicable HST be collected by the City and credited to Account No. 22828 009000 (HST Payable);
- (d) That the sale proceeds be credited to the Waterdown Reserve Fund Account 108032;
- (e) That the term of the proposed easement run concurrently with the term of the License Agreement between the City and Bell Mobility Inc. approved by Council on March 28, 2012 (Report PED12024), for use of the Waterdown Water Tower as a cell tower location;
- (f) That the Mayor, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services, and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Offer to Purchase (Temporary Easement) Agreement in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

3. Consent to Register Trademark (LS13013) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton consent to 0920380 B.C. Ltd. registering their trademarks “LIFE MAID EASY” and “LIFE MAID EASY HOME CLEANING SERVICES” for house cleaning services in the Province of British Columbia with the Trademarks Office;
- (b) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, all necessary documents to implement subsection (a), in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

4. Metrolinx – Regional Funding Tools (FCS13002) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

- (a) That the Provincial and Federal Governments continue to fund 100% of the cost of the Big Move Metrolinx projects in the manner that the first wave of projects valued at \$16 billion were funded;
- (b) That Report FCS13002 respecting Metrolinx – Regional Funding Tools, be forwarded to Metrolinx, the Premier and the Minister of Finance for consideration in their Big Move Investment Strategy.

5. Comments respecting Metrolinx Regional Funding Tools (New Business)

That staff be directed to prepare comments for submission to Metrolinx and the Minister of Finance on the specific regional funding tool proposals to clearly convey the City's concerns, including debt allocation.

The following item was referred back to the General Issues Committee:

6. Feasibility Study and Business Case for the Development of a Tourism Gateway Centre and Declaration of Surplus Property and Sale of Land – 1400 Baseline Road, Stoney Creek (PED12228) (Ward 11) (Item 8.1)

That Report PED12228 respecting Feasibility Study and Business Case for the Development of a Tourism Gateway Centre and Declaration of Surplus Property and Sale of Land – 1400 Baseline Road, Stoney Creek, be received.

7. 2013 Tax Policies and Area Rating (FCS13023) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

- (a) That the following optional property classes be continued for the 2013 taxation year:
 - New Multi-Residential
 - Parking Lot and Vacant Land
 - Large Industrial
- (b) That, based on the 2013 final approved tax operating budget, the following final tax ratios be established for the 2013 taxation year:
 - Residential 1.0000
 - Multi-Residential 2.7400
 - New Multi-Residential 1.0000
 - Commercial (residual) 1.9800
 - Parking Lot & Vacant Land 1.9800

• Industrial (residual)	3.2078
• Large Industrial	3.7615
• Pipeline	1.7367
• Farm	0.1927
• Managed Forest	0.2500

(c) That the following tax reductions be established for the 2013 taxation year:

• Excess land subclass (residual commercial)	30%
• Excess land subclass (residual industrial)	30%
• Vacant land subclass (residual industrial)	30%
• Excess land subclass (large industrial)	30%
• Farmland awaiting development (1 st subclass)	25%
• Farmland awaiting development (2 nd subclass)	0%

(d) That the existing property tax relief deferral program for low-income seniors and disabled persons be continued for the 2013 taxation year;

(e) That the existing 40% tax rebate for eligible charities and similar organizations be continued for the 2013 taxation year;

(f) That the existing 30% vacancy rebate for eligible commercial and industrial properties be continued for the 2013 taxation year;

(g) That the existing 100% tax rebate for Veteran's Clubhouses and Legion Halls be continued for the 2013 taxation year;

(h) That the existing Seniors' (65+) Tax Rebate Program be continued, with the following criteria updated for the 2013 taxation year:

- (i) **Income threshold (150% of GIS couple)** increased to \$32,832 (\$32,472 in 2012);
- (ii) **Assessment cap (120% of city-wide average)** increased to \$344,200 (\$333,600 in 2012);
- (iii) **Rebate** increased by the CPI index to \$172 (\$170 in 2012);

(i) That, for the 2013 taxation year, the tax capping percentage for any assessment-related tax increases in the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property classes be set at the maximum allowable of 10%;

- (j) That, for the 2013 taxation year, any capped property in the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property classes that is within \$250 of its Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes in 2013, be moved directly to its full Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes;
- (k) That, for the 2013 taxation year, the minimum percentage of Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes for properties eligible for the new construction/new to class treatment be set at 100% of Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes;
- (l) That for the 2013 taxation year, any property in the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property class which paid full Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes in 2012, no longer be eligible for capping protection in 2013 and future years;
- (m) That, for the 2013 taxation year, all properties eligible for a tax reduction under the existing capping program receive the full decrease, funded from the approved capping program operating budget;
- (n) That for the 2013 taxation year, the Area Rated Levies be approved as identified in Appendix "A" attached hereto;
- (o) That the City Solicitor & Corporate Counsel be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, for the purposes of establishing the tax policies and tax rates for the 2013 taxation year.

8. Report 13-003 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities – April 9, 2013 (Item 8.3)

Transportation Sub-committee - Report March 26, 2013

That staff be requested to provide a status update on the deficiencies of the McNab Street Terminal (Appendix "B" to Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 13-003) and to provide potential remedies to these deficiencies along with projected timeline to the General Issues Committee.

9. Resolution Urging the Federal Government to Establish a National Department of Peace (Item 9.1)

WHEREAS during the course of the 20th century, more than 100,000,000 people perished in wars, and continuing into the 21st century, violence seems to be an overarching theme in the world;

AND WHEREAS such conflict is often unquestionably seen as a reflection of the human condition;

AND WHEREAS the citizens of Hamilton have been, and are, adversely affected by war and violence, whether through the personal loss of loved ones, or through the diversion of public resources that could be used to promote and support healthier and more secure lives;

AND WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has declared itself a nuclear weapons-free zone;

AND WHEREAS the City of Hamilton is a member of the international organization Mayors for Peace;

AND WHEREAS the proposed Federal Department of Peace will benefit the City of Hamilton by working to support existing programs and developing new programs to address and reduce the number and frequency of incidents related to domestic violence, child and spousal abuse, school violence, gang violence, gun violence, and hate crimes;

AND WHEREAS promoting a culture of peace has been recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) through passage of a resolution declaring an International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children 2001- 2010;

AND WHEREAS it is our collective responsibility to create institutions that foster the development of a culture of peace in our neighbourhoods, city and nation;

AND WHEREAS communities across North America have recently experienced tragic incidents of extreme violence.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton hereby re-affirms its support for legislation to establish a Federal Department of Peace, and urges our members of Parliament to support such legislation;
- (b) That this Department of Peace work collaboratively with the Department of National Defense to reduce violence domestically and promote peace internationally;
- (c) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Municipalities of Ontario and local Members of Parliament.

10. Hamilton Waterfront Trust 2013 Capital Funding (Item 9.2)

That the \$1 million in unallocated West Harbour and Waterfront Initiatives Capital Funding contained within the Council-approved 2013 Tax-Supported Capital Budget (FCS12096) be allocated to the Hamilton Waterfront Trust, subject to the following:

- (a) That the funding be used for the projects contained in Appendix “B” attached hereto;
- (b) That the Hamilton Waterfront Trust provide the City with a detailed transaction listing related to all claims.

11. Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve Funded Projects (Item 9.3)

- (a) That \$150,000 from Reserve #108058 – Ward 8 Area Rating Special Capital Reinvestment Reserve – be utilized to partially fund the purchase of 220 Cranbrook Drive/20 Gemini Drive (St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Elementary School) and be transferred to Reserve #104090 – Parkland Dedication Fee to facilitate such purchase;
- (b) That \$115,000 from Reserve #108058 – Ward 8 Area Rating Special Capital Reinvestment Reserve – be utilized to fund design work required for the installation of a splash pad at Buchanan Park;
- (c) That \$200,000 from Reserve #108058 – Ward 8 Area Rating Special Capital Reinvestment Reserve – be utilized to fund sidewalk replacement in various locations throughout Ward 8;
- (d) That the operating impacts relating to Buchanan Splash Pad referenced in sub-section (b), amounting to \$6,000 annually when fully implemented, be approved and incorporated into future Tax-Supported Operating Budgets;
- (e) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to prepare, advertise and award tenders as required for the above-noted works.

12. Provincial Funding Cuts – Children’s Aid Society and Catholic Children’s Aid Society (New Business)

That the City correspond with the Province expressing concern about the impact of funding cuts to the Children’s Aid Society (CAS) and Catholic Children’s Aid Society (CCAS) on the children and citizens of Hamilton.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

ADDED NOTICE OF MOTION

- (i) Resolution respecting "Request for Balance of Start-up Grant for Locke Street Farmers' Market" (Added Item 10.2)

ADDED PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- (ii) Personal Matter about Identifiable Individuals (No Copy) (Added Item 12.4)

The agenda was approved as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Item 4.1/6.3 Presentation by Mrs. Louise Rogers respecting Federal Military Spending Effects on Municipalities

Councillor B. Johnson declared an interest in this item as she has a family member enlisted in the military.

Councillor R. Pasuta declared an interest in this item as he has a family member enlisted in the military.

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the General Issues Committee Meeting held on April 17, 2013, were approved as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUEST

That the delegation request from Mrs. Louise Rogers respecting Federal Military Spending Effects on Municipalities was approved, and the rules of order were suspended in order to allow Mrs. Rogers to address the Committee at today's meeting.

(e) CONSENT AGENDA

(i) Minutes of Various Sub-Committees

The March 12, 2013 Minutes of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities were received.

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

(i) Ms. Maria Ahmed, McMaster University, respecting On-Campus Polling Stations at McMaster University and Mohawk College (Item 6.1)

Maria Ahmed and Ibrahim Kareemi, Political Science students at McMaster, appeared before the Committee to request re-instatement of on-campus polling stations at McMaster University and Mohawk College.

A written submission of their comments (Appendix "C" attached hereto) was submitted to the Clerk for the public record, together with Letters of Support from Andrea Horwath, M.P.P., Hamilton Centre, the McMaster Students' Union, the Graduate Students' Association, the Council of Canadians, Hamilton Chapter, and the Hamilton Civic League.

The presentation from Maria Ahmed and Ibrahim Kareemi, McMaster University, respecting On-Campus Polling Stations at McMaster University and Mohawk College, was received.

(ii) Mrs. Louise Rogers respecting Federal Military Spending Effects on Municipalities (Item 4.1/6.3)

Louise Rogers appeared before the Committee to express concerns with respect to the federal military spending effects on municipalities and requested the Committee to consider forwarding correspondence to the Prime Minister and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario with the request that military expenditures be reduced in order to help meet critical needs in many municipalities.

A written submission of Mrs. Rogers' comments (Appendix "D" attached hereto) was submitted to the Clerk for the public record.

The presentation from Louise Rogers respecting Federal Military Spending Effects on Municipalities, was received.

(iii) Christopher Cutler, on behalf of The Canadian Peace Initiative – Hamilton Chapter, respecting the Concept of a Canadian Department of Peace (Item 6.2)

Mr. Christopher Cutler, on behalf of The Canadian Peace Initiative – Hamilton Chapter, appeared before the Committee to request Council's support for the concept of the Department of Peace. In his comments, Mr. Cutler recognized the efforts of countless community citizens toward the cause of peace.

A written copy of Mr. Cutler's comments (Appendix "E" attached hereto) was submitted to the Clerk for the public record.

The presentation from Christopher Cutler, on behalf of The Canadian Peace Initiative – Hamilton Chapter, respecting the Concept of a Canadian Department of Peace, was received.

(g) PRESENTATIONS

**(i) Metrolinx – Regional Funding Tools (FCS13002) (City Wide)
(Item 7.1)**

Mike Zegarac, Acting General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting "Metrolinx – Regional Funding Tools", and spoke to the following:

- Objectives
- Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- Cost of Regional Transportation Plan
- Current Projects
- Next Wave – Proposed Next Wave of Projects
- New Funding Required for Next Wave of Projects
- The RTP Investment Strategy
- Metrolinx – 25 Potential Revenue Tools
- Four Key Principles in Determining Shorter List
- Potential Short List – 7 Big Investment Tools
- Potential Short List – 4 Smaller Investment Tools
- Employer Payroll Tax/Fuel Tax/Highway Tolls
- Parking Space Levy
- Property/Sales Tax
- Vehicle Kilometres Travelled Fee
- Development Charges
- High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes
- Land Value Capture
- Transit Fare Increase
- Other Transportation
- Staff Recommendations

The presentation respecting Metrolinx – Regional Funding Tools, was received.

That the recommendations contained in Report FCS13002 were amended as follows:

- (i) By deleting sub-section (a) in its entirety and replacing it with the following in lieu thereof:

“(a) That the Provincial and Federal Governments continue to fund 100% of the cost of the Big Move Metrolinx projects in the manner that the first wave of projects valued at \$16 billion were funded.”

- (ii) By deleting sub-sections (b), (c) and (d);

- (iii) By amending sub-section (e) to include “the Premier and the Minister of Finance” following the word, “Metrolinx”.

The Amendment CARRIED on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas:	Bratina, Farr, Morelli, Merulla, Collins, Jackson, Duvall, Whitehead, Partridge, Pasuta, Johnson, Pearson, Clark
Total Yeas:	13
Nays:	McHattie
Total Nays:	1
Absent:	Powers, Ferguson
Total Absent:	2

(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS

- (i) Feasibility Study and Business Case for the Development of a Tourism Gateway Centre and Declaration of Surplus Property and Sale of Land – 1400 Baseline Road, Stoney Creek (PED12228) (Ward 11) (Item 8.1)**

The Outstanding Business Item respecting Tourism Gateway Centre was lifted from the table.

Please refer to Item 6 for the disposition of this item.

- (ii) Children’s Aid Society and Catholic Children’s Aid Society – Provincial Government Funding Cuts (New Business)**

The Medical Officer of Health was directed to bring a report to the May 8, 2013 Council meeting outlining the impacts of the provincial funding cuts to the Children’s Aid Society and Catholic Children’s Aid Society and how the City can express concerns to the Province.

(i) MOTIONS

(i) Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve Funded Projects (Item 9.3)

Sub-section (d) was amended to delete the words, “and .33 FTE’s”.

The Amendment CARRIED and the Motion as amended, CARRIED.

(j) NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notices of Motion will be placed on the May 15, 2013 agenda of the General Issues Committee:

(i) Establishment of a Music Working Group (Item 10.1)

Whereas, the City of Hamilton is participating in the provincial music industry working group;

And Whereas, the City of Toronto is in the final stages of establishing a music office, branded on “Toronto connects you to a world of music” and “music as the currency of cool”;

And Whereas, Hamilton has a unique and vibrant music scene with clear advantages such as scale and affordability;

And Whereas, it is important that Hamilton establish itself as a key music destination for musicians, music industry players, and music tourists.

Therefore be it resolved:

That the Economic Development Department establish a Hamilton Music Working Group and report back on a Hamilton music strategy and the possibility of establishing a Hamilton Music Office.

(ii) Request for Balance of Start-up Grant for Locke Street Farmers’ Market (Item 10.2)

Whereas, the Locke Street Farmers’ Market had requested a \$10,000 start-up grant in May 2011;

And Whereas on May 25, 2011, City Council approved a grant of \$5,000 (Item 5 of General Issues Committee Report 11-013(a)) with a recommendation included that the group come back to City Council for the second \$5,000 once the Market had advanced further;

And Whereas, the Locke Street Farmers' Market has now been in place for two years and is expanding, growing from five vendors in 2012 to eight vendors in 2013.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the outstanding balance of the start-up costs in the amount of \$5,000 be approved for the Locke Street Farmers' Market, to be funded from the Economic Development Investment Fund Account No. 3620908900.

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

(i) Outstanding Business Items List

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

Item G: Metrolinx Investment Strategy Consultation and Regional Transportation Funding Option (Item 7.1)

Item FF: Tourism Gateway Centre (Item 8.1)

(j) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

(i) Closed Session Minutes – April 17, 2013 (Item 12.1)

The Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of the General Issues Committee held on April 17, 2013, were approved. These Minutes will remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure.

The Committee move into closed session at 2:32 p.m. pursuant to sub-sections (b), (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law and Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act as the subject matters pertained to:

- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- (f) the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose,

respecting Canadian Ballet Youth Ensemble (LS13014) (Item 12.2); and,

- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual(s), including municipal or local board employees,

respecting Performance Review – Senior Management Team (Item 12.3) and On-Going Investigation (Item 12.4)

The Committee reconvened in Open Session at 4:43 p.m.

(ii) Canadian Ballet Youth Ensemble (LS13014) (Item 12.2)

No action to be reported.

(iii) Performance Review – Senior Management Team (Item 12.3)

This item was deferred to the May 15, 2013 General Issues Committee meeting.

(iv) On-going Investigation (Item 12.4)

No action to report.

(k) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor T. Whitehead
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk

METROLINX - \$16 BILLION - CURRENT PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

CONTRIBUTIONS - MILLIONS

	FEDERAL	PROVINCIAL	MUNICIPAL	REGIONAL	TOTAL
Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension : Description: 8.6 kms extension of the Yonge-Spadina subway line from Downsview subway station in Toronto to Vaughan Metropolitan Centre	\$697 Building Canada Fund (2007)	\$870	\$526 Toronto	\$352 York	\$2,445
Union Pearson Express: Description: 25 minute express rail service between Union Station to Toronto Pearson Airport	\$0	\$456	\$0	\$0	\$456
York Region vivaNext Rapidways: Description: 41 kms of rapid transit in York Region	\$85	\$1,230	\$0	\$85 York	\$1,400
Eglinton Crosstown LRT: Description: 19 kms of new light rail transit along Eglinton Avenue	\$0	\$4,900	\$0	\$0	\$4,900
Mississauga BRT Project: Description: 18 kms of two-lane, grade-separated road along Highway 403 from Winston Churchill Blvd to Renforth Drive	\$83 Canada Strategic Infra. Fund	\$113 Includes \$48M of GO Transit Investments	\$63 Mississauga	\$0	\$259
Scarborough Rapid Transit Extension: Description: Upgrade and extension of the Scarborough RT along Progress Avenue	\$0	\$1,800	\$0	\$0	\$1,800
Finch West LRT: Description: 11 kms of light rail transit along Finch Avenue	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Georgetown South Project: Description: an additional 10 GO trains on the Kitchener Line and 140 shuttles will operate on the new Union Pearson Express.	\$55.3 Infra. Stimulus Fund = \$8.3 Canada Strategic Infra. Fund = \$47	\$1,145	\$0	\$0	\$1,200
Sheppard East LRT: Description: 13 kms of light rail transit along Sheppard Avenue from Don Mills subway station to east of Morningside Avenue	\$333	\$667	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Union Station - Train Shed Revitalization: Description: train shed roof replaced with glass atrium, replacing the tracks, new stairs and elevators etc.	\$0	\$250 GO Transit Capital Infra. Fund	\$0	\$0	\$250
TOTALS	\$1,253	\$12,431	\$589	\$437	\$14,710
	FEDERAL	PROVINCIAL	MUNICIPAL	REGION	TOTAL

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Appendix to Motion - Hamilton Waterfront Trust 2013 Capital Budget

1. Building Addition Budget increase (Warm-up area and washrooms for rink and restaurant, City Building leased to HWT) – (Original Budget approved in May 2012, \$1.4m)
 - Original Budget estimate didn't factor in complexities re; addition to an angled building, hydro, electrical and construction
 - \$150,000 required (*Note 1)
2. Ice Rink Lighting
 - Foundations are in place
 - 12 lights in total
 - Aluminum poles 9 m tall
 - \$ 55,000
3. Stage / Ice Rink Sound System
 - Speakers mounted on stage roof
 - Speakers mounted on 6 ice rink light poles
 - System operated from Mechanical Building
 - \$ 40,000
4. Winter Light Display
 - Setup organization (volunteer) to operate/manage winter waterfront light display
 - Increase the number of light displays from 7 in 2008/9
 - Improve infrastructure to facilitate light display
 - \$ 70,000
5. Site Improvements
 - Replace and add new signage
 - Replace & add new site furniture (benches & receptacles)
 - \$ 40,000
6. Parking Area Improvements (City Lands (Adjacent to Parks Canada Building) – Not included in City's 10-year Capital Forecast)
 - Improve gravel parking & garbage area
 - Improve pedestrian access
 - \$ 70,000 (*Note 2)
7. Engineering Design for Sewage System (Pier 7 & 8)
 - \$ 150,000
8. Construction of Sewage Station and connection to existing Sewers on pier 8 (Phase 1)
 - \$ 425,000
 - (Phase 2 = \$1,075,000, Total both phases = \$1,500,000)
 - Phase 2 to be completed as additional funding becomes available. Currently scheduled for 2014 but can be completed earlier if additional funding (>\$425k) becomes available.

Total \$1,000,000 (Notes 1 & 2 denote additional projects to Appendix D which was received by Council during Capital Budget deliberations on December 11, 2012 (FCS12096))

Ibrahim: Respected City members, my name is Ibrahim Kareemi, and I am a Political Science student at McMaster University.

Maria: My name is Maria Ahmed and I am also a Political Science student at McMaster University.

Maria: We are here today to request the reinstatement of on-campus polling stations at McMaster University and Mohawk College. As a group of McMaster University students in Political Science, we feel that on campus polling stations would allow us to exercise our democratic rights to vote in municipal elections. This is crucial to the development of our political interests as well as our participation in the City of Hamilton.

Ibrahim: We are aware of the fact that on-campus polling stations were removed from McMaster University and Mohawk College prior to the 2010 municipal election. Due to the low voter turnout of the 2006 municipal election, the City of Hamilton felt that resources could be better used elsewhere.

Maria: It is important to note, however, that there were a total of about 21,000 full-time undergraduate students and about 3,000 part-time undergraduate students enrolled at McMaster University for the 2012/2013 year. Of the total number of students who live on campus, 48 percent of these students are first year students while about 17 percent make up the total undergraduate population living on campus.

Ibrahim: While there is the possibility of first year students who are ineligible to vote due to their age, it must be noted that the majority of these students enter university at the age of eighteen. This means that about 83 percent of first year students are eligible to vote on-campus which is quite high considering the fact that the majority of students living on-campus are first year students.

Maria: McMaster University Residence Life excels at mobilizing first year students living on campus to participate in various events and activities. This could easily translate into increasing voter turnout for the upcoming municipal election in 2014, as the Residence Life Coordinator has promised to encourage on-campus students to vote while stressing the ease of voting on-campus. Having students participate in municipal elections early in their undergraduate career would encourage habitual participation for future elections.

Ibrahim: One of the most beneficial outcomes of increasing political participation amongst McMaster and Mohawk students would be fostering a stronger relationship between the City of Hamilton and our institutions of learning. If McMaster University and Mohawk College students feel that the city is investing its time and resources to their educational experience, they may be more inclined to permanently reside in Hamilton and contribute to the growth of the city as well as the university.

Maria: We have already gained support from the Dean of Students at McMaster University with respect to reinstating on-campus polling stations and he also believes that the Residence Life Team and McMaster Students Union can increase the voter turnout rate for the next municipal election. Already, the McMaster Students Union has excelled at increasing the voter turnout rate for the most recent Federal election by mobilizing 700 McMaster University students to vote. We believe that the same method can be used to mobilize voters and increase the voter turnout rate for the municipal elections.

Ibrahim: We have also received support for the reinstatement of on-campus polling stations from NDP Leader, Andrea Horwath, the Council for Canadians, and the McMaster Graduate Students Association. Furthermore, in the case that on campus polling stations are reinstated for the October 2014 election, the Hamilton Liberal riding has also expressed interest in supporting the mobilization of students to vote on-campus. Please refer to the portfolio that we have provided which includes the signed letters of support from the various key stakeholders.

Maria: Overall, we are aware of the legal implications surrounding the subject of special polling stations on campus at McMaster University and Mohawk College. At the same time, however, we have concluded that there is a necessity for reinstating these polling stations on campus in order to promote political engagement among young voters. Voter turnout can definitely be increased through support from the various stakeholders previously mentioned and on-campus polling stations would prove to be an asset for students' political participation.

Ibrahim: The City of Hamilton has the power to show students that there are opportunities to become active community members and more involved within the city's political sphere. We appreciate your time and attention to this issue and encourage you to reconsider reinstating polling stations on campus at McMaster University and Mohawk College for the next municipal election in October 2014.

DRAFT

Good morning, Chair and Members of Committee:

I'm here with the support of other peace groups, including the UN Culture of Peace, Hamilton and the Department of Peace Initiative.

There have been two date changes and a change of actual committee I to whom I would present since I first approached City Hall to speak on a subject I care very much about.

Had the April 15th meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee not been cancelled, I would have begun by saying "Today is GDAMS day--that is, Global Day of Action on Military Spending." You may, or may not, have heard something about this day of action from the media. On April 15 the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, or SIPRI, brought out its figures for 2012 for worldwide military spending (\$1.75 trillion) and gave a breakdown for each country. According to SIPRI Canada's figures for 2012 totalled \$22.5 billion dollars., no small sum for a country that doesn't have an enemy in sight! Canada is listed in the top 15 biggest military spenders.

The backprinted handout attached to your agenda shows an obscenely higher dollar figure and percentage spent on the Canadian military compared to amounts spent on administrative and life-enhancing areas such as health, the environment and agriculture, areas which affect, obviously, even us Hamiltonians. You will notice that the figures from Public Accounts of Canada corroborates SIPRI's figures for 2012 and the minuscule amount spent on the environment. I personally feel enraged to learn, for example, of the lack of clean drinking water on our local Six Nations Reserve, when the military establishment is so flush with cash.

Back to Global Day of Action on Military Spending: Since Hamilton was declared a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone 30 years ago this month, and Mayor Morrow officially announced August 6 and 9, yearly, to be Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days in Hamilton, and since Hamilton has joined Mayors for Peace--whose numbers currently stand at

over 5,000 cities, it seemed appropriate to bring the yearly Global Day of Action on Military Spending to your notice.

Some people say that mentioning military expenditures to a municipal body is out of sync with the way things work in Canada. However, funding is handed down from Federal to Provincial to municipal levels and currently the total sum is nowhere near sufficient to meet Hamilton's needs, is it?

The Department of National Defence has estimated 2012-13 military expenditures at \$21.1 billion. However, the Federal government plans to spend, over the next 20 years, some \$475 billion for new equipment, according to something called *Canada First Defence Strategy*.

With this scenario, it doesn't look like municipalities are going to get sufficient funding any time soon.

Would this committee consider asking the Association of Municipalities Ontario write a letter to our Prime Minister requesting that military expenditures be reduced--you state by what amount-- in order to help meet critical needs in many municipalities? If the letter goes and the government does not respond, perhaps councillors would join a GDAMS protest in April next year.

Thank you.

Remarks to the General Issues Committee of Wednesday May 1, 2013

I appreciate this opportunity to speak this morning to Council at today's General Issues Committee.

I appear before you wearing an altogether hat than perhaps you are used to seeing or hearing me and I hope you will receive me in that spirit.

I speak to you today as the Chair of the Hamilton Chapter of the Canadian Peace Initiative. I had the distinct honour of having been elected as co-chair of the national board of directors of the Canadian Peace Initiative at our National AGM last November in Ottawa. I am a recipient of the YMCA peace medal and the Gandhi Peace Festival Community Service Award. And I am a Quaker by conviction, one of the four historic peace churches

And I assure you that my efforts pale in comparison to the contributions of many Hamiltonians in the cause of peace. Many of you may know that the City of Hamilton is known as a centre of peace activism right across this country.

I think of the contributions of Joy and Gary Warner, of Dr. Rama Singh and Khursheed Ahmed and the Canada-India Society and their role in making Hamilton's Annual Gandhi peace festival held in the forecourt of this building every year on the anniversary of Gandhi's birth perhaps the most significant event of its kind in Canada. I think of Dr. Dick Preston a Korean War veteran and a giant both literally and figuratively in this City's peace movement. I think of Gail Rappolt who has shepherded the Culture of Peace movement in this city for more than a decade now. Dr. Anne Pearson at McMaster University and prominent in interfaith efforts who is the grand-daughter of Lester B Pearson our former Prime Minister and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. Indeed Pearson completed his Grade 13 here in our city.

Every year we mark solemnly the dropping of the atomic bomb on Nagasaki in this very chamber.

I think of Dr. Graeme McQueen who was a founder of the McMaster Peace Studies program and the Peace through Health program that preceded our troops

into Afghanistan by a couple of decades and of Dr. Mark Vorobej a successor as Program Director there. And of course of 92 year old Ray Cunningham, here in the gallery today who is still writing op-eds on peace in the Hamilton Spectator. I think you grasp the picture

I think of your generous support as a council and as individuals of the Strengthening Hamilton Community Initiative, a bold and creative response by Hamilton to the aftermath of 9-11 and in particular the burning of the Hindu temple in our city. Your continued support as council of the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (HCCI) bears witness to your collective and individual resolve to support and promote peace, harmony and understanding in our community.

The Department of Peace Bill, C-373, passed First reading in the House of Commons, November 30, 2011, moved by Alex Atamanenko (NDP), seconded by Elizabeth May (Green Party) and Jim Karygiannis (Liberal).

The previous Department of Peace Bill, C-447, passed First reading in the House of Commons, September 30, 2009, moved by Bill Siksay (NDP) and seconded by Jim Karygiannis (Liberal).

The CDPI is committed to the establishment of a Cabinet-level Minister of Peace and Department of Peace within the Government of Canada, as well as other peace building activities within the federal government. In support of this initiative, there are now chapters in most major cities across Canada, and the endorsement of many prominent individuals, including two of Canada's foremost peace builders, the Hon. Lloyd Axworthy and the Hon. Doug Roche. More than 30 peace and justice organizations in civil society have endorsed the CDPI, representing a million Canadians.

We are also part of a growing international movement for departments of peace, the Global Alliance for Ministries and Departments of Peace, www.mfp-dop.org, numbering more than 35 countries.

Nepal has declared a Minister of Peace and Reconstruction in 2007 and Costa Rica declared a Minister of Justice and Peace, September, 2009.

The mandate envisioned for the Minister of Peace is to reinvigorate Canada's role as a peacekeeper and peace builder as follows:

Develop early detection and rapid response processes to deal with emerging conflicts and establish systemic responses to post-conflict demobilization, reconciliation and reconstruction.

Lead internationally to abolish nuclear, biological, chemical weapons, to reduce conventional weapon arsenals and to ban the weaponization of space

Implement the UN Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace (1999) to safeguard human rights and enhance the security of persons and their communities

Implement UN Resolution 1325 on the key role played by women in the wide spectrum of peace building work

Establish a Civilian Peace Service that, with other training organizations, will recruit, train and accredit peace professionals and volunteers to work at home and abroad, as an alternative to armed intervention

Address issues of violence in Canada by promoting nonviolent approaches that encourage community involvement and responsibility such as Restorative Justice, Nonviolent Communication (NVC) and Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR)

Support the development of peace education at all levels including post-secondary peace and conflict studies

Promote the transition from a war-based to a peace-based economy.

We are dedicated to generating the political will for this initiative by reaching out, not only to politicians, but to the broad spectrum of our citizens including peace and justice organizations, faith communities, artists, choirs, healthcare professionals, teachers, service clubs, cultural communities and businesses. Eight chapters presently exist in Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, London, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa and Montréal. Canada is a founding member of the Global

Alliance for Ministries and Departments of Peace www.mfp-dop.org of over 30 countries promoting departments **of peace**.

So now we ask you to vote once again to support peace and to do so for by supporting the concept of a department of peace.

A municipal strategy involving communities across Canada and eventually the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), moving motions similar to this is an important part of mobilizing a broad cross section of Canadians in the cause of peace through the concept of a Canadian Department of Peace

Living free from the threat of armed violence is a basic human need. It is a precondition for human development, dignity and well-being. Providing for the human security of their citizens is a core responsibility of governments.

— The Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development, 2007