



## **General Issues Committee**

### **REPORT 11-032(a)**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday, November 9, 2011**

**Council Chambers**

**Hamilton City Hall**

**71 Main Street West**

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

**Also Present:** C. Murray, City Manager  
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate  
Services  
G. Davis, General Manager, Public Works  
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning & Economic  
Development  
J. A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services  
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health  
C. Biggs, Co-ordinator, Committee Services/Council/Budgets

### **THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 11-032(a) AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. Collective Bargaining – Ontario Nurses’ Association and International  
Union of Operating Engineers (New Business)**

That the verbal update provided by staff with respect to the status of Collective Bargaining – Ontario Nurses’ Association and International Union of Operating Engineers, be received.

**2. 2012 Tax-Supported Capital Budget Presentation**

- (a) That the presentation from Finance staff respecting, 2012 Tax-Supported Capital Budget Overview be received;
- (b) That the presentation with respect to the 2015 Pan Am Games Project, Capital Budget Workshop, be received.

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

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

**ADDED PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

- (i) Bargaining Update respecting the Ontario Nurses' Association and the International Union of Operating Engineers

Additional material distributed with respect to 2012 Draft Capital Project Listing by Department and discretionary tax-supported net capital funding – 2011 approved and 2012 forecast.

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

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

None

**(c) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

On a motion, the Committee moved In Camera at 9:40 a.m. pursuant to Sub-section 8.1(d) of the City's Procedural By-law and Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act as the subject matter pertains to labour relations and/or employee negotiations with respect to the Ontario Nurses' Association and the International Union of Operating Engineers.

On a motion, the Committee reconvened in Open Session at 10:05 a.m.

See Item 1 for the disposition of this item.

**(d) PRESENTATIONS****(i) 2012 Tax-Supported Capital Budget Overview (Item 3.1)**

Rob Rossini outlined the information that would be presented by Mike Zegarac, which included the following:

- Purpose of Workshop #2 is to respond to questions arising from additional materials requested at Workshop #1
- Summary of discretionary funding and expenditures
- Changes to November 9 Capital listing

- 2012 Expenditure highlights
- Roads Capital
- Housing
- Capital projects not included
- 2012 proposed Tax Capital
- 2012 proposed Tax Capital budget staff recommended 0.5%
- 2012 Capital levy
- 2012 Tax Capital Budget schedule

Staff advised that the Committee will be distributed with the works-in-progress (WIP) as soon as it is available and that detailed sheets on each of the Capital projects will be included in the budget book.

Councillor Morelli requested that the Gage Park Greenhouse Facility Rebuild (Forestry & Horticulture) be amended from Ward 3 to reflect City-wide.

Issues raised during the discussion of the Capital Budget included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Request the City Manager and SMT to consider the feasibility of providing an update with respect to the status of capital projects at each Standing Committee meeting. He indicated that this would provide the members with the ability to know if there are funds that can be committed for future projects.
- Suggested that each Councillor provide a list of deficiencies in their respective Ward to staff. Staff responded that this process was started last year where Councillors provided their priority projects, and is using that list to compile the Capital Budget list for 2012 and future years.
- Need to concentrate on absenteeism very aggressively. Members of the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee are meeting with Human Resources staff to express their concerns.

Copies of the presentations have been retained in the Office of the City Clerk and can also be viewed on the City of Hamilton website.

**(ii) Pan Am Games Project**

Gerry Davis General Manager of Public Works provided an update to Committee members respecting the Pan Am Games Project. A copy of the presentation has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk and can also be viewed on the City of Hamilton website.

The presentation provided information on the following:

- Priority Theme Areas, including health and wellness, social inclusion, arts and culture, sports and recreation, business and economic development, sustainability, operations
- Pan Am Office, including current structure, capital project – stadium construction; Director position – New; Program Budget
- Director of Pan Am
- Pan Am Organizational Chart

Mayor Bratina requested a presentation on the Guadalajara Pan Am Games to see what can be learned from the recent experiences in Mexico. City staff indicated that they would request such a presentation from Pan Am authorities.

Staff was directed to report back and/or provide the following information:

- (i) Detail on what competitions are being scheduled to take place in Hamilton; need to ensure that the money spent is proportionate to the events taking place
- (ii) Want to know what the 12 agreements are and the substance of those agreements
- (iii) Copy of the multi-party agreement
- (iv) Pan Am 2015 Games plans in terms of who is doing what to avoid duplication e.g., advertising
- (v) Total cost to date
- (vi) Expected audience (Guadalajara Pan Am Games)
- (vii) What is the City's authority to decide anything with respect to the stadium
- (viii) What in Infrastructure Ontario's authority?

Based on the information provided, the Committee can make a decision in terms of how much should be spent on the Pan Am Games.

Gerry Davis advised that no decision is required at this time, but information being provided for future capital budget deliberations.

#### **(e) OTHER BUSINESS**

Staff requested that the Committee move into Closed Session in order to provide information with respect to the industrial land acquisition strategy. As the Committee indicated that they did not have the required information for consideration, the Committee directed that this issue be placed on the November 17, 2011 General Issues Committee Workshop.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor M. Pearson  
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs, Co-ordinator  
Committee Services/Council/Budgets  
November 9, 2011