



**General Issues Committee
MINUTES (BUDGET DELIBERATIONS)**

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Deputy Mayor T. Whitehead (Chair)
Mayor R. 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, M. Pearson

Absent with Regrets: Councillor R. Powers – City Business

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
P. Barkwell, City Solicitor
C. Biggs, Legislative Co-ordinator

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the following change:

ADDED NOTICE OF MOTION

- (i) Hamilton Wentworth District School Board Task Force to Explore Downtown Locations for HWDSB Headquarters (Added as Item 7.1)

(Ferguson/Pasuta)

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 4.1 Delegation from Toromont Industries Ltd.

Councillor L. Ferguson declared an interest in this item as he has a family member who is employed by Toromont Industries Ltd.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

None

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

4.1 Scott Medhurst, President of Toromont CAT, Randy Casson, President of Battlefield Equipment Rentals and David Wetherald, VP Human Resources and Legal respecting the proposed motion to boycott Caterpillar Products

Scott Medhurst, President of Toromont CAT, appeared before the Committee to express concerns regarding the impending motion put forward by Councillor S. Merulla stating that City of Hamilton review its policy related to any business relationship with the Caterpillar Corporation and boycott Caterpillar and encourage all Hamilton, Ontario and Canadian businesses from doing business with the Caterpillar Corporation.

In his remarks, Mr. Medhurst noted that their attendance at the meeting was to represent their 3,000 employees, many who are active within this community, and that Toromont has no influence regarding Caterpillar's business decisions or practices.

If the proposed boycott is accepted, the impacts will be felt more by the Toromont employees, and not Caterpillar.

In closing, Mr. Medhurst asked that the motion be withdrawn to protect the jobs of Toromont employees and those of their distributors.

Randy Casson, President of Battlefield Equipment Rentals, and David Wetherald, VP Human Resources and Legal, were also in attendance to respond to questions of the Committee.

The delegation was advised that the proposed motion will be considered by Council at their meeting on March 7, 2012.

A copy of Mr. Medhurst's comments was submitted to the Clerk for the public record and can be viewed on the City's website. The Committee was also provided with related public documents for their review. Copies of which are available for viewing on the City's website.

(Collins/Merulla)

That the delegation from Toromont Industries Ltd. be received.

CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

**5.3 2012 Tax-Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations
(FCS12014) (City Wide)**

The Committee agreed to consider the 2012 Council-referred items prior to dealing with the Departmental budgets.

J. Council Referred Items

Emergency Services Program Enhancements

(McHattie/Collins)

- (a) That the 2012 net impact of Council-referred Program Enhancement for Emergency Services – Add one Paramedic Supervisor to focus on hospital offroad matters and explore community initiatives to redirect demands, be amended by reducing the 2012 net impact from \$139,010 to \$80,000.

CARRIED

(McHattie/Clark)

- (b) That the following Council-referred Program Enhancements for Emergency Services be approved:
- (i) Vehicle attendant to address gaps in infection control and to contain/reduce extended shifts and maintain/approve resource capacity in the amount of \$34,160 (2012 net impact) (\$68,320 gross);
 - (ii) Deploy one Paramedic Response Unit 24 hours/7 days to improve response capacity in Waterdown, Greenville and Flamborough, in the amount of \$294,344 (2012 net impact) (\$588,688 gross);

- (iii) Add one Paramedic Supervisor to focus on hospital offroad matters and explore community initiatives to redirect demands, as a one-year pilot project, in the amount of \$40,000 (2012 net impact) (\$80,000 gross).
- (c) That the funding be provided 50% from operating dollars and 50% from the tax stabilization reserve.

(Ferguson/Johnson)

That the \$34,160 required for Vehicle attendant to address gaps in infection control and to contain/reduce extended shifts and maintain/approve resource capacity be found through efficiencies.

The Motion was **DEFEATED** on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: Ferguson, Whitehead
Total Yeas: 2
Nays: Clark, Pearson, Johnson, Pasuta, Partridge, Bratina, Duvall,
Jackson, Collins, Merulla, Farr, McHattie
Total Nays: 12
Absent: Powers, Morelli
Total Absent: 2

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

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

Community Services Program Enhancements

(Merulla/Morelli)

That the following 2012 Council-referred enhancements for Community Services, be approved:

- (a) City of Hamilton Arts Awards – new outlay for the City of Hamilton Arts Awards, in the amount of \$43, 300 (2012 net impact);
- (b) Addiction Services Initiative – Continuation of Services beyond June 30, 2012, in the amount of \$143,000 (2012 net impact);

- (c) YWCA Grant – MacNab Street and Ottawa Street Senior Centres – enhancements to cover existing costs and operating pressures, in the amount of \$85,400 (2012 net impact).

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

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

Total Yeas: 14

Nays: Ferguson

Total Nays: 1

Absent: Powers

Total Absent: 1

At the request of the Mayor, Rob Rossini provided an update respecting dividends that the City will be receiving from Hamilton Utilities Corp. in 2012.

Public Works Program Enhancements

At the request of Councillor Collins, Gerry Davis provided an update on the two Roads enhancements.

(Collins/Jackson)

- (a) That the following 2012 Council-referred enhancements for Public Works be **tabled** pending receipt of information with respect to the KRONOS project (Information Services) and possible additional revenue in 2012 from Hamilton Utilities Corporation dividends:

- (i) Roads – Road and Sidewalk Safety Maintenance – address deficiencies: sidewalk (\$600,000); road surface (\$500,000); Minimum Maintenance Standards compliance, in the amount of \$1,100,000;

- (ii) Roads – Storm Water Facilities Management (2011 Budget); Catch Basin Inspection and 3 Cleaning Cycle (\$300,000); Catch Basin Repairs (\$150,000); Storm Water Pond Maintenance (\$650,000); Culvert and Outfall Inspection and Maintenance (\$270,000); **CARRIED**

(Pearson/Clark)

- (b) That the 2012 Council-referred Enhancement for Public Works respecting Waste Management – Commercial Green Cart Collection – Extending program to approximately 2,000 eligible commercial properties in 2011, in the amount of \$140,000 (2012 net impact), be approved. **CARRIED**

(Clark/Jackson)

- (c) That the 2012 Council-referred Enhancement for Public Works respecting Transit ATS – Implement new AODA Eligibility and Registration for Transit ATS, be **parked**, pending a report back from staff on the following:
- (i) the implications of continuing to grandfather the approximately 7,500 existing clients;
 - (ii) the cost of implementing the new eligibility criteria for the 7,500 clients;
 - (iii) a risk assessment on phasing in options. **CARRIED**

City Manager's Program Enhancements

Chair Whitehead vacated the Chair in order to move the following motion:

(Whitehead/Clark)

- (a) That the 2012 Council-referred Program Enhancement for the City Manager's Office respecting Audit Services – Two performance auditors for value-for-money audits, in the amount of \$108,875 (2012 net impact), be approved as a pilot program, and funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve for the first year, and that staff report back on alternate funding options to fund this program in future years. **CARRIED**

(Clark/Johnson)

- (b) That the 2012 Council-referred Program Enhancement for the City Manager's Office respecting Legal Services – Additional Municipal Prosecution to meet Transfer Agreement/MOU obligation, all costs funded by fine revenue; no impact on tax levy, which has a gross impact of \$112,097, be deferred to the 2013 budget process. **CARRIED**

NOTE: Chris Murray advised the Committee that the start date of the one FTE required for the above-noted enhancement has been delayed until January, 2013. Staff will provide an update prior to the 2013 budget process.

Corporate Services Program Enhancement

(Clark/Johnson)

That the 2012 Council-referred Program Enhancement for Corporate Services – City Clerk – implementation of Early Resolution Process, which requires the hiring of an additional Court Reporter, which as a gross impact of \$83,847, be deferred to the 2013 budget process.

CARRIED

NOTE: Chris Murray advised the Committee that the start date of the one FTE required for the above-noted enhancement has been delayed until January, 2013. Staff will provide an update prior to the 2013 budget process.

Corporate Financials

(Farr/Ferguson)

That the 2012 Council-referred Program Enhancement respecting Increase in Physician Recruitment Cost, in the amount of \$25,000 (2012 net impact), be approved. **CARRIED**

5.4(a) Funding for Flamborough Women's Resource Centre

(Partridge/Pasuta)

That the 2012 Council-referred Program Enhancement respecting Funding for the Flamborough Women's Resource Centre in the amount of \$103,866, be approved. **CARRIED**

5.4(b) Ward Budgets

(McHattie/Pearson)

That the 2012 Council-referred Program Enhancement respecting Ward Budgets be approved, as follows:

- (a) That all Ward Councillor's office budget be increased by \$2,600 to assist with administration coverage from sick leave and vacation;
- (b) That all Ward Councillor's office budget be increased by \$6,000 per Ward to provide for 2 seasonal information mailings;
- (c) That the annual "Inner City Fund" remain at the current level of funding;
- (d) That the annual "Geographic Factor" be increased to \$2,500;
- (e) That a new "Population Factor" of \$.50 for each of the first 15,000 thence \$.75 for each of the remaining population in each Ward as outlined in Option #1 of Appendix "A" to Governance Review Report 12-001.

(Ferguson/Johnson)

That the motion respecting Ward Budgets be tabled.

DEFEATED

(Clark/Partridge)

That sub-section (b) be amended by deleting the amount of \$6,000 and replacing it with the following words in lieu thereof, “an amount proportionate to the number of households”, to read as follows:

- (b) That all Ward Councillor’s office budget be increased by an amount proportionate to the number of households per Ward to provide for 2 seasonal information mailings.

The Amendment **CARRIED** on the following recorded vote:

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

The Main Motion, as amended, **CARRIED**.

At the conclusion of the budget deliberations, Rob Rossini advised the Committee that the global increase remains unchanged at 1.4%.

6. MOTIONS

6.1 Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) Task Force to Explore Downtown Locations for HWDSB Headquarters

(Farr/McHattie)

Whereas, effective Monday, February 27th, the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board Trustees voted in favour of forming a Task Force with the City, charged with exploring downtown locations, including a City Hall Tower Two site, as an alternative to Crestwood (Ward 7) for the HWDSB Board of Education Headquarters;

And Whereas, the timeframe for this Task Force to carry out its mandate is limited to 30 days and a concerted effort by all qualified parties will require a fast and efficient approach;

And Whereas, Councillor B. McHattie (Ward 1) and Councillor J. Farr (Ward 2) have agreed to divide equally, any costs associated with the Task Force’s objective with funds from the Ward 1 and Ward 2 Area Rating Reserve;

And Whereas, the expertise of staff from the appropriate departments is paramount, given the important tight timelines and the over-all objective of the Task Force.

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That appropriate staff from various departments be identified and seconded, at the earliest convenience, to work with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board Trustees and staff in an effort to find a suitable Downtown Hamilton location for the location for the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board Headquarters.
- (b) That any costs associated with the objectives of the Task Force be funded equally from the Wards 1 and 2 Area Rating Reserve.

CARRIED

6.2 Declaration of Interest – Integrity Commissioner

(Pearson/Clark)

That Earl Basse, Integrity Commissioner for the City of Hamilton, be requested to attend a meeting of the General Issues Committee to explain/clarify the policy on Declaration of Interest issues where Council members need to declare a conflict on specific issues, but have to withdraw from discussion on the whole report that may include other areas of interest, but not a conflict situation.

CARRIED

Note: The above-noted motions will be presented to the March 7, 2012 meeting of City Council for approval.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

7.1 Councillor J. Farr introduced the following Notice of Motion:

Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) Task Force to Explore Downtown Locations for HWDSB Headquarters

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And Whereas, the timeframe for this Task Force to carry out its mandate is limited to 30 days and a concerted effort by all qualified parties will require a fast and efficient approach;

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Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That appropriate staff from various departments be identified and seconded, at the earliest convenience, to work with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board Trustees and staff in an effort to find a suitable Downtown Hamilton location for the location for the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board Headquarters;
- (b) That any costs associated with the objectives of the Task Force be funded equally from the Wards 1 and 2 Area Rating Reserve.

(Collins/Merulla)

That the rules of order be waived in order to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board Task Force to Explore Downtown Locations for HWDSB Headquarters.

CARRIED

See Motion 6.1 for the disposition of this item.

- 7.2 Councillor M. Pearson introduced the following Notice of Motion:

Declaration of Interest – Integrity Commissioner

That Earl Basse, Integrity Commissioner for the City of Hamilton, be requested to attend a meeting of the General Issues Committee to explain/ clarify the policy on Declaration of Interest issues where Council members need to declare a conflict on specific issues, but have to withdraw from discussion on the whole report that may include other areas of interest, but not a conflict situation.

(Bratina/Clark)

That the rules of order be waived in order to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Declaration of Interest – Integrity Commissioner.

CARRIED

See Motion 6.2 for the disposition of this item.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor T. Whitehead put the Committee on notice that he will be introducing a Notice of Motion at a future meeting with respect to a request to expand the role of the NHL Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT

(Ferguson/Johnson)

There being no further business, the Committee recessed at 4:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

Councillor T. Whitehead
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs, Co-ordinator
Committee Services/Council/Budgets
February 29, 2012