



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

MINUTES 12-032

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor R. Pasuta – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report PSB12-087 (Item 5.1(a))

(Duvall/Farr)

That the Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report PSB12-087 be received.

CARRIED

2. Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report PSB12-099 (Item 5.1(b))

(Duvall/Farr)

That the Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report PSB12-099 be received.

CARRIED

3. 2013 Discretionary Benefits and Community Start-Up Benefit (Item 8.12(a))

(Partridge/Whitehead)

Whereas Discretionary Benefits and the Community Start-Up Benefit are important elements within the social assistance system within Ontario and have historically been cost-shared with the province;

And Whereas, effective July 1, 2012, the Province of Ontario implemented a funding cap on discretionary benefits paid to Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Payment (ODSP) recipients;

And Whereas, effective January 1, 2013, the Province of Ontario will consolidate five existing housing and homelessness programs into a new Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative;

And Whereas, effective January 1, 2013 the Province of Ontario will eliminate the Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefit from the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program;

And Whereas these provincial funding reductions will result in a municipal cost pressure to the City of Hamilton of \$7.6 million annually;

And Whereas a reduction or elimination of these benefits would result in serious consequences to the most vulnerable residents in our community.

Therefore Be it Resolved:

- (a) That effective January 1, 2013, the fee schedule used for Adult Emergency Dental Services provided to OW adults, ODSP dependant adults and low-income adult residents be harmonized with the fee schedule used by the province for dental services provided to ODSP adults and OW children, which is of 60% of the Ontario Dental Association fee guide;
- (b) That effective January 1, 2013, the net levy portion of existing housing program costs in the following amounts be restated to the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative:
 - (i) \$892,270 from the Emergency Shelter Program;
 - (ii) \$1,363,800 from the Domiciliary Hostel Program;
 - (iii) \$138,250 from the Domiciliary Hostel Reinvestment;
 - (iv) \$96,760 from the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program;
 - (v) \$860,000 from the Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefit;
- (c) That one time municipal funding in the amount of up to \$3.4 million be provided to maintain the current service levels for Discretionary Benefits and Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefit for a period of six months beginning January 1, 2013, to be funded from Community Services department surplus, corporate surplus, tax stabilization reserve, Social Services Initiative reserve, OMPF reconciliation, or any combination thereof;
- (d) That the funding required for continued operation of Discretionary Benefits and the Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefit for the balance of the 2013 transition year be referred to the 2013 Budget deliberations, with consideration of 2013 Ontario Works upload savings and/or the Hamilton Future Fund;

- (e) That should any tax levy increase result from changes in provincial funding for Discretionary Benefits or the Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefit, a notice be included in Hamilton municipal tax bills indicating the reason for this increase;
- (f) That the General Manager of Community Services, or designate, be authorized to implement spending caps, benefit frequency limits or other controls necessary to ensure costs are contained within the approved budget amounts. **CARRIED as amended**

4. Development Charges – City Square Condominiums (former Thistle Club) (FCS12089) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.2)

(Farr/Collins)

- (a) That the feasibility analysis of adding the City Square Condominiums parcel to the recently expanded Downtown Community Improvement Project Area (CIPA) be deemed complete and that no inclusion of said parcel be made to the Downtown CIPA and/or the corresponding Downtown development charges exemption area;
- (b) That any reduction in apartment/condominium Development Charges rates from the City's 2014 Development Charges Study and associated By-law be applied retro-actively to the City Square Condominiums Phase 2 development and any other apartment/condominium developments that occur between November 1, 2012 and the implementation of the 2014 DC By-laws. **CARRIED**

5. War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration Program – 2012 Reallocation of Approved Funds (PED12204) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(McHattie/Morelli)

- (a) That the Bicentennial closing event, *William Claus Wampum Belt and 200 Years of Peace Project*, be approved as part of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration Program;
- (b) That the \$80,000 in funding approved through the City of Hamilton's War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration Program Report CS11075 for the *Movement of Troops from Fort George to Stoney Creek* event be reallocated to support the *Tall Ships@ Hamilton 2013* and the Bicentennial closing event *William Claus Wampum Belt and 200 Years of Peace Project*;
- (c) That recommendation (b) of Report CS11075 be amended such that the capital funding in the amount of \$447,200 be distributed annually over four years as follows: \$118,500 in 2012; \$251,700 in 2013; \$47,000 in 2014; and \$30,000 in 2015; and,

- (d) That the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department, be authorized to initiate, negotiate and execute all agreements and documents (including grant applications, funding, programming and logistical contracts, and sponsorship agreements) relating to the City of Hamilton's War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration Program, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

**6. City of Hamilton Gage Park Concert Series (PED12203) (City Wide)
(Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.4)**

(McHattie/Morelli)

- (a) That the 2013 Gage Park Concert Series Program, as outlined in Report PED12203, be approved;
- (b) That the transfer of responsibility for the delivery of the Gage Park Concert Series in Gage Park from the Tourism and Culture Division to a third party service provider, beginning with the 2013 Summer concerts, be approved;
- (c) That an enhancement in the amount of \$25,000 be referred to the 2013 operating budget process in order to fund the Gage Park Concert Series in 2013, with an additional \$4,000 to be sourced from the Planning and Economic Development Department's current budget. **CARRIED**

7. Reallocation of 2012 Downtown Block Funding (PED12206) (Wards 1, 2 and 3) (Item 8.5)

(Farr/McHattie)

- (a) That the Gore Pedestrianization Project, including a temporary closure of King Street (south side) from James Street to Hughson Street, be extended until commencement of construction activities associated with implementation of the Gore Master Plan, and that the associated 2013 implementation cost in the amount of \$19,100 be funded from the Area Rating Special Capital Re-investment Reserve Account No. 108052;
- (b) That the one-time total estimated cost of \$120,000 required to procure durable, modular planter boxes and planting material for the Gore Pedestrianization Project be funded from the existing Hamilton Downtown Supermarket Incentive Program Project ID 8201203515, subject to the approval of operating costs set out in Recommendation (c), below;

- (c) That funding required to implement the West Harbour Shoreline Rehabilitation and Transient Docks, in the amount of \$340,000, be funded from the Hamilton Downtown Supermarket Incentive Program Project ID 8201203515, subject to the approval of operating costs set out in Recommendation (e), below;
- (d) That the associated annual operating cost for the West Harbour Shoreline Rehabilitation and Transient Docks, in the amount of \$13,600, be referred to the 2013 Operating Budget process for consideration by City Council;
- (e) That funding required to implement the continuation of a Social Navigator Pilot Extension Program, in the amount of \$90,000, be funded from the Hamilton Downtown Supermarket Incentive Program Project ID#8201203515;
- (f) That funding required for the development of a Downtown Alleyway Study and Implementation of Alleyway Improvements, in the amount of \$100,000, be funded from the Hamilton Downtown Supermarket Incentive Program Project ID#8201203515;
- (g) That subject to the approval of recommendations (a) – (f), the Hamilton Downtown Supermarket Incentive Program Project ID#8201203515 be closed. **CARRIED as amended**

8. Report 12-005 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities – October 9, 2012 (Item 8.6)

(i) Transportation Sub-Committee Reports of – August 28, 2012 & September 25, 2012 (Items 4.2 & 4.3)

(Partridge/Bratina)

- (a) That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities supports the staff recommendations of Report PED10063(e) as a proposed approach to implementing the AODA Transportation Standard with respect to accessible taxis;
- (b)(i) That the target for the number of accessible taxis be a number that provides equitable service between accessible and non-accessible taxis; so that anyone who needs an accessible taxi will get one in the same amount of time as a person requesting a non-accessible or standard taxi, for a similar day, time of day, time of year, and location; and
- (b)(ii) That a communication strategy be developed to inform the public of reforms to the accessible taxicab system including fares, and the availability of licensed accessible taxis;

- (c) That the consultants involved in the implementation of accessible taxis be directed to conduct a service delivery review as part of their evaluation and consider options to replace the current shared ride specialized transportation model in whole, or in part, to coincide with the expansion of accessibility taxi services.

CARRIED

(ii) Equity Policy By-law Review Update (Added Item 7.1)

(Partridge/Bratina)

That Access and Equity staff be directed to provide ACPD with a Report Annually, or more frequently if desired by staff, that provides a summary of Accessibility issues from the community that they have reported to the Access and Equity Office.

CARRIED

9. Report 12-001 of the School Board Properties Sub-Committee – October 10, 2012 (Item 8.7)

(a) Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

(Jackson/Duvall)

- (i) That Councillor Collins be appointed as the Chair of the School Board Properties Sub-Committee for the 2010-2014 term of Council;
- (ii) That Councillor Johnson be appointed as the Vice-Chair of the School Board Properties Sub-Committee for the 2010-2014 term of Council.

CARRIED

(b) Approval of the School Board Properties Sub-Committee Terms of Reference (Item 6.1)

(Jackson/Duvall)

That the Terms of Reference for the School Board Properties Sub-Committee, as amended, attached as Appendix "A" to Report 12-001 of the School Board Properties Sub-Committee, be approved.

CARRIED

10. Report 12-004 of the Pan Am Stadium Precinct Sub-Committee – October 12, 2012 (Item 8.8)

(a) Pan Am Stadium Technical Briefing - Release from Pan Am Stadium Confidentiality Agreement

(Morelli/Collins)

That the recommendation of the Pan Am Stadium Precinct Sub-Committee respecting release from Pan Am Stadium Confidentiality Agreement, be received. **CARRIED**

11. Report 12-002 of the Airport Implementation Task Force – October 30, 2012 (Item 8.9)

(a) June 2012 Semi-Annual Report for the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport

(Powers/Farr)

That the June 2012 Semi-Annual Report for the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport, be received. **CARRIED**

(b) Municipal Capital Facility Status of John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (PED12202) (City Wide)

(Powers/Farr)

(i) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an Agreement, attached as Appendix "A" to Report 12-002 of the Airport Implementation Task Force, to amend the Airport Lease between the City and TradePort International Corporation to the effect that payments due under Article 5 of the Lease continue as additional fees/rent rather than in respect of taxes;

(ii) That the By-law, attached as Appendix "B" to Report 12-002 of the Airport Implementation Task Force, to extend the Municipal Capital Facility (MCF) designation for the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (HIA), be passed.

CARRIED

12. Report 12-002 of the Gaming Proposal Facility Sub-Committee – November 1, 2012 (Item 8.10)

(a) Public Input – Next Steps (Item 4.1)

(Farr/Partridge)

- (i) That staff be directed to logistically establish two public education forums, one to be located at City Hall and one in Flamborough, related to the casino input process;
- (ii) That the questions proposed for polling be drafted and provided to Council for perusal and approval;
- (iii) That the cost be charged to the 2012 Non-Departmental Operating Budget. **CARRIED**

13. Report 12-001 of the Web Redevelopment Sub-Committee – November 2, 2012 (Item 8.11)

(a) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

(Morelli/Farr)

- (i) That Councillor R. Powers be appointed Chair of the Web Redevelopment Sub-Committee;
- (ii) That Councillor C. Collins be appointed Vice Chair of the Web Redevelopment Sub-Committee. **CARRIED**

(b) Terms of Reference (Item 4.1)

(Morelli/Farr)

That the Terms of Reference for the Web Redevelopment Sub-Committee, as amended, attached as Appendix "A" to Report 12-001 of the Web Redevelopment Sub-Committee, be approved. **CARRIED**

14. Establishment of a Specialized By-law Enforcement Unit (Item 9.2)

(Merulla/Duvall)

Whereas a 2008 Consultant report recommended that Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' hours of operation "for safety reasons should not exceed 1:00 a.m., at which time responding to noise complaints would become the responsibility of the Police";

And whereas police are not always available to immediately respond to night-time noise complaints because of demand for higher priority calls for service.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That City staff investigate the practices of other municipalities and, in consultation with the Hamilton Police Service, be directed to investigate and report to the Planning Committee on the feasibility of establishing a specialized enforcement unit, fully equipped and highly trained in self defense and conflict resolution, in order to provide an appropriate level of service to overnight noise complaints. **CARRIED**

15. Parkland Acquisition, 154 and 156 Cannon Street East Adjacent to Beasley Park (PW12084) - (Ward 2) (Item 12.2)

(Farr/McHattie)

- (a) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development and Real Estate Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to enter into negotiations with Lockwood Motors Limited and Ronald Allan Lockwood regarding the lands (154 Cannon Street East) Pt. Lots 42 to 47, Plan 255, as in CD338286, and Pt. Closed Alley, Plan 255 described as Part 1 on Plan 62R-12068 and (156 Cannon Street East) Pt. Lots 42 to 47, Plan 255, as in VM233541, comprising a conjoined area of approximately 0.25 ha and 0.22 ha (0.63 acres and 0.55 acres) City of Hamilton as shown on Appendix "A" to Report PW12084;
- (b) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee regarding the final negotiated value of the land acquisitions and impact to the Parkland Dedication Reserve (104090);
- (c) That the financial details of the acquisition of 154 and 156 Cannon Street East, remain confidential until the completion of the transaction and that the balance of Report PW12084 not be released as a public document, following approval by City Council;
- (d) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

16. Update on Legal Issues for Airport Contamination (LS12032) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 12.3)

(McHattie/Ferguson)

That Report LS12032 respecting Update on Legal Issues for Airport Contamination remain confidential. **CARRIED**

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

Recognition of Olympic Athletes

Mayor Bratina recognized Reid Coolsaet (marathoner) and Shona Thorburn (basketball), two star Olympians who competed in the 2012 Summer Olympics and recognized their achievements in their respective sports, both during the Olympics and throughout their careers. On behalf of the City of Hamilton, Mayor Bratina presented Certificates of Achievements and gifts to Reid and to Mrs. Audry Nicholson, who attended on behalf of her daughter, Shona.

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

DELEGATION REQUESTS

For Today's Meeting

- (i) Laura Cattari, on behalf of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Discretionary Benefits and Community Start Up and Maintenance Benefits (Added Item 4.1)
- (ii) Sandy Leyland respecting the Ontario Disability Support Program (Added Item 4.2)
- (iii) Erika Morton, on behalf of Street Youth Planning Collaborative, respecting street-involved and homeless youth relative to the cuts to the Community Start Up and Maintenance Benefits (Added Item 4.3)
- (iv) Renee Wetselaar, on behalf of the Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, to outline the impacts of cuts to CSUMB and discretionary benefits within the context of housing and homelessness in Hamilton (Added Item 4.6)
- (v) Katherine Kalinowski, on behalf of Women's Housing Planning Collaborative, respecting discretionary benefits and CSUMB (Added Item 4.7)
- (vi) Medora Uppal, on behalf of Woman Abuse Working Group, respecting consideration of a moratorium on Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefits and Discretionary Benefits (Added Item 4.8)

For Future Meetings

- (vii) Ken Hall, Enbridge Pipelines Inc., to provide additional information respecting the Enbridge Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project (Added Item 4.4)
- (viii) Susan McMaster, on behalf of Citizens Opposed to Paving the Escarpment and the Stop Escarpment Highway Coalition, to speak to the Niagara to GTA highway issue (Added Item 4.5)

DELEGATION WITHDRAWN

- (ix) Item 6.1 – Nic Schultz, Director of Outreach, Social and Environmentally Responsible Aggregates/Aggregate Forum of Ontario (SERA/AFO)

ADDED DISCUSSION REPORTS

- (x) Report 12-002 of the Gaming Facility Proposal Sub-Committee – November 1, 2012 (Added Item 8.10)
- (xi) Report 12-001 of the Web Redevelopment Sub-Committee – November 2, 2012 (Added Item 8.11)
- (xii) Motion respecting 2013 Pressures related to Discretionary Benefits and Community Start Up and Maintenance Benefit (CSUMB) (Added Item 8.12(a))
- (xiii) 2013 Proposed Discretionary Benefits Budget Options (CS12020(b)) (City Wide) (Added Item 8.12(b)) (Referred from Emergency & Community Services on November 1, 2012)

MOTIONS

- (ixv) Item 9.1 respecting Enbridge Pipelines Line 9 Flow Reversal Project – WITHDRAWN
- (xv) Item 9.2 respecting Establishment of a Specialized By-law Enforcement Unit – REVISED Motion

(Pearson/Clark)

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

Tim McCabe, General Manager of Planning and Economic Development, spoke to the publication entitled, "Commercial Property Perspective", copies of which were distributed to the Committee. Mr. McCabe reported that this publication will be distributed to 45,000 companies in Etobicoke, Oakville, Mississauga, Burlington and Brantford that have 5 to 100 employees. An additional 5,000 copies will be distributed to real estate offices throughout the GTA.

(Partridge/Johnson)

That Item 8.12(a) respecting 2013 Discretionary Benefits and Community Start-Up Benefits and 8.12(b) respecting 2013 Proposed Discretionary Benefits Budget Options, be considered by the Committee following the delegations speaking to this matter. **CARRIED**

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

(i) Item 1 of Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 12-005

Councillor L. Ferguson declared an interest as a family member is involved in the taxi industry.

(ii) Item 8.12(a) – Motion respecting 2013 Discretionary Benefits and Community Start-Up Benefit

Councillor R. Powers declared an interest as a family member is employed with a local social services agency which receives funds through these programs.

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

(Partridge/Ferguson)

That the October 17, 2012 Minutes of the General Issues Committee meetings be approved, as presented. **CARRIED**

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

(Whitehead/Pearson)

(a) That the following delegation requests be approved and that the rules of order be suspended in order to allow these delegations to appear before the Committee at this meeting:

(i) Laura Cattari, on behalf of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Discretionary Benefits and Community Start Up and Maintenance Benefits (Added Item 4.1)

(ii) Sandy Leyland respecting the Ontario Disability Support Program (Added Item 4.2)

(iii) Erika Morton, on behalf of Street Youth Planning Collaborative, respecting street-involved and homeless youth relative to the cuts to the Community Start Up and Maintenance Benefits (Added Item 4.3)

- (iv) Renee Wetselaar, on behalf of the Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, to outline the impacts of cuts to CSUMB and discretionary benefits within the context of housing and homelessness in Hamilton (Added Item 4.6)
- (v) Katherine Kalinowski, on behalf of Women's Housing Planning Collaborative, respecting discretionary benefits and CSUMB (Added Item 4.7)
- (vi) Medora Uppal, on behalf of Woman Abuse Working Group, respecting consideration of a moratorium on Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefits and Discretionary Benefits (Added Item 4.8) **CARRIED**

(McHattie/Morelli)

- (b) That the following delegation request be approved to appear at a future meeting:
 - (vii) Ken Hall, Enbridge Pipelines Inc., to provide additional information respecting the Enbridge Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project (Added Item 4.4) **CARRIED**

(Partridge/Duvall)

- (c) That the following delegation request be approved to appear at a future meeting:
 - (viii) Susan McMaster, on behalf of Citizens Opposed to Paving the Escarpment and the Stop Escarpment Highway Coalition, to speak to the Niagara to GTA highway issue (Added Item 4.5) **CARRIED**

(e) CONSENT ITEMS

- (i) **Minutes of Various Sub-Committees (for information purposes only):**

(Duvall/Farr)

That the following Minutes be received:

- (aa) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities – August 21, 2012 (Item 5.2.1)
- (bb) Hamilton Association of Business Improvement Areas – September 11, 2012 (Item 5.2.2) **CARRIED**

(f) **PUBLIC DELEGATIONS/HEARINGS**

(i) **John C. Munro/Hamilton International Airport – Annual Report (No Copy) (Item 6.2)**

Frank Scremin, Director of Operations, John C. Munro/Hamilton International Airport, provided a power point presentation respecting the 2012 Update, which included the following:

- Financial Performance for 2011 and 2012 (6 months to June)
- 2012 Investment and Initiatives
- Activity Highlights – passenger, cargo, general aviation
- Cargo Activity – Top 5 Canadian Airports
- Key Regional Airport Competitors
- Economic Benefits to the City to Date
- Significant Return to the City of Hamilton
- Environmental Update
- Understanding the Market: Passenger Research
- Why do People Fly from Hamilton
- How to Increase Market Share at Hamilton
- Cargo Development at Hamilton International
- Government-Funding Initiatives
- Future Airport Growth Areas.

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

Guy Paparella, Director of Growth Planning, was in attendance to respond to questions of the Committee.

(Pearson/Johnson)

That the presentation from Frank Scremin, Director of Operations, John C. Munro/Hamilton International Airport, respecting the 2012 Annual Report, be received. **CARRIED**

(ii) **Lou Castellani, Municipal Relations Representative, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, Hamilton, Brantford, Brant, Haldimand & Norfolk – Overview of MPAC (Item 6.3)**

Lou Castellani, Municipal Relations Representative, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), Hamilton, Brantford, Brant, Haldimand & Norfolk, provided an overview of MPAC, which included the following:

- Roles, Responsibilities and Relationships
- Property Assessment in Ontario
- Current Value Assessment (CVA)
- Valuation Process

- Legislative Framework
- Assessment Cycle
- Assessment Phase-in Example
- Property Assessment Notice Mail-out
- Property Assessment Notice, Notice Insert, History of Request for Reconsideration and Assessment Review Board Appeals
- “www.AboutMyProperty.ca” website
- 2012 Assessment Update – MarketSnapshot – July 2012
- Average Percent Change by Tax Class
- Average Assessed Value by Selected Residential Properties
- 2012 Assessment Update – Important Dates
- How to contact MPAC

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

Larry Friday, Director of Taxation, was in attendance to respond to questions of the Committee.

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That the presentation from Lou Castellani, Municipal Relations Representative, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), Hamilton, Brantford, Brant, Haldimand & Norfolk, respecting an overview of MPAC, be received. **CARRIED**

(iii) Laura Cattari, on behalf of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Discretionary Benefits and Community Start Up and Maintenance Benefits (Added Item 4.1)

Laura Cattari appeared before the Committee to speak to the matter of Discretionary Benefits and Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefits, stating that there is nothing discretionary about these benefits. For people on these programs, there are no choices. She requested that consideration be given to a one-year moratorium on these services while the City seeks to reverse the Provincial decision.

A copy of the comments provided by Ms. Cattari is attached hereto as Appendix “C”.

(Farr/McHattie)

That the presentation from Laura Cattari, on behalf of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Discretionary Benefits and Community Start Up and Maintenance Benefits, be received. **CARRIED**

(iv) Sandy Leyland respecting the Ontario Disability Support Program (Added Item 4.2)

Sandy Leyland and Pat Reid appeared before the Committee to speak to the matter of the Ontario Disability Support Program.

Ms. Reid called on the Committee to become an unrelenting voice for the help of the poor and become an advocate for those in need.

Ms. Leyland, a member of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty, spoke of the terrifying thoughts of losing Community Start-up, discretionary and maintenance funding.

A copy of the comments provided by Ms. Reid and Ms. Leyland are attached hereto as Appendix "D " and "E" respectively.

(Whitehead/Partridge)

That the presentation from Pat Reid and Sandy Leyland respecting the Ontario Disability Support Program, be received. **CARRIED**

(v) Erika Morton, on behalf of Street Youth Planning Collaborative, respecting street-involved and homeless youth relative to the cuts to the Community Start Up and Maintenance Benefits (Added Item 4.3)

Erika Morton appeared before the Committee to demonstrate how youth will be impacted by cuts to the Community Start-Up and Maintenance benefits (CSUMB).

A copy of the comments provided by Ms. Morton is attached hereto as Appendix "F".

(Whitehead/Duvall)

That the presentation from Erika Morton, on behalf of Street Youth Planning Collaborative, respecting street-involved and homeless youth relative to the cuts to the Community Start Up and Maintenance Benefits, be received. **CARRIED**

(vi) Renee Wetselaar, on behalf of the Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, to outline the impacts of cuts to CSUMB and discretionary benefits within the context of housing and homelessness in Hamilton (Added Item 4.6)

Renee Wetselaar appeared before the Committee on behalf of the Social Planning and Research Council, with the support of their Board of Directors, to speak to this issue.

Ms. Wetselaar's remarks included that to not have these programs in place will contribute to food and housing insecurity and the cuts will impact people's ability to find housing. She also spoke to tracking outcomes i.e., monitoring impacts and reporting back from the community.

Ms. Wetselaar expressed support for Council in their decision, and to work with the City to communicate that these cuts should not be made at a provincial level.

A copy of the comments provided by Ms. Wetselaar is attached hereto as Appendix "G".

(Partridge/Johnson)

That the presentation from Renee Wetselaar, on behalf of the Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, to outline the impacts of cuts to CSUMB and discretionary benefits within the context of housing and homelessness in Hamilton, be received. **CARRIED**

(vii) Katherine Kalinowski, on behalf of Women's Housing Planning Collaborative, respecting discretionary benefits and CSUMB (Added Item 4.7)

Katherine Kalinowski appeared before the Committee on behalf of the Women's Housing Planning Collaborative, which consists of local agencies engaged in providing emergency shelter and transitional housing services and supports to women who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. She expressed concern that if these vital benefits are no longer available to women, there will be an increased demand for emergency shelter services for women, women already in shelter will find themselves unable to move out of shelter and the actual cost to the community and social services will balloon as more women become homeless.

A copy of the comments provided by Ms. Kalinowski is attached hereto as Appendix "H".

(Farr/Whitehead)

That the presentation from Katherine Kalinowski, on behalf of Women's Housing Planning Collaborative, respecting discretionary benefits and CSUMB, be received. **CARRIED**

(viii) Medora Uppal, Co-Chair, on behalf of Woman Abuse Working Group, respecting consideration of a moratorium on Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefits and Discretionary Benefits (Added Item 4.8)

Medora Uppal, Co-chair, spoke on behalf of the Woman Abuse Working Group (WAWG), a coalition of 20 agencies in the City working toward ending violence against women and children, and expressed their deep disappointment with the Province's decision to cancel discretionary benefits and CSUMB.

A copy of the comments provided by Ms. Uppal is attached hereto as Appendix "I".

(Duvall/Whitehead)

That the presentation from Medora Uppal, Co-Chair, on behalf of Woman Abuse Working Group, respecting consideration of a moratorium on Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefits and Discretionary Benefits, be received. **CARRIED**

(g) DISCUSSION AGENDA

(i) 2013 Discretionary Benefits and Community Start-Up Benefit (Item 8.12(a))

(Collins/Jackson)

That sub-section (e) be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following in lieu thereof:

“(e) That the one-time costs related to the Provincial downloading of Discretionary Benefits and the Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefit be included in Hamilton's municipal tax bills indicating the reason for the contribution. **Amendment CARRIED**

The Main Motion, as amended, **CARRIED** on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas:	R. Bratina, S. Merulla, B. McHattie, J. Farr. B. Morelli, C. Collins T. Jackson, S. Duvall, T. Whitehead, J. Partridge, L. Ferguson, B. Johnson, M. Pearson, B. Clark
Total Yeas:	14
Nays:	0
Absent:	Pasuta, Powers
Total Absent:	2

The Committee recessed and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

(ii) **Strategic Plan 2012 Update and 2013 Corporate Business Plan (CM12017) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

(Collins/Jackson) defer to Nov. 21

That Report CM12017 respecting the Strategic Plan 2012 Update and 2013 Corporate Business Plan be deferred to the November 21, 2012 meeting of the General Issues Committee. **CARRIED**

(iii) **Reallocation of 2012 Downtown Block Funding (PED12206) (Wards 1, 2 and 3) (Item 8.5)**

(Farr/McHattie)

(aa) That Report PED12206 respecting Reallocation of 2012 Downtown Block Funding be amended by deleting sub-sections (a) and (c) in their entirety and replacing it with the following in lieu thereof:

“(a) That the Gore Pedestrianization Project, including a temporary closure of King Street (south side) from James Street to Hughson Street, be extended until commencement of construction activities associated with implementation of the Gore Master Plan, and that the associated 2013 implementation cost in the amount of \$19,100 be funded from the Area Rating Special Capital Re-investment Reserve Account No. 108052”;

(bb) That the balance of the sub-sections be renumbered accordingly.

**Amendment CARRIED
Motion as amended CARRIED**

(h) **MOTIONS**

(i) **Establishment of a Specialized By-law Enforcement Unit (Item 9.2)**

Deputy Mayor S. Merulla relinquished the Chair to Mayor R. Bratina in order to introduce his Motion.

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

11.1 Outstanding Business List Items

(Johnson/Ferguson)

(a) That the revised due dates for the following items on the Outstanding Business List be approved:

Planning

Item F: Hamilton LEEDing the Way
Due Date: November 7, 2012
Revised Due Date: December 5, 2012

Item I: Financial Incentive Programs – Urban Renewal Section
Due Date: November 7, 2012
Revised Due Date: November 21, 2012

CARRIED

(Ferguson/Powers)

- (b) That the following items be removed from the Outstanding Business List:

Corporate Services

Item I: City Square Condominiums – New Horizon Development Group

Planning

Item E: PFOS – John C. Munro/Hamilton International Airport

Item H: Gage Park Summer Concert Series – EOI **CARRIED**

(Whitehead/Partridge)

- (c) That the following item be removed from the Outstanding Business List of the Emergency & Community Services Committee:

Item K: Funding options for discretionary benefits for OW and ODSP for 2013 budget **CARRIED**

(j) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

(Powers/Johnson)

That the Committee move into Closed Session at 3:03 p.m. pursuant to sub-sections (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law and Section 239.1(c), (d), (e) and (f) of the Municipal Act as the subject matters pertain to:

- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations
- (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:

- 12.1 CUPE Local 1041 Collective Agreement Status Update (No Copy)
- 12.2 Parkland Acquisition, 154 and 156 Cannon Street East Adjacent to Beasley Park (PW12084) - (Ward 2)
- 12.3 Update on Legal Issues for Airport Contamination (LS12032) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) **CARRIED**

The Committee reconvened in Open Session at 4:04 p.m.

12.1 CUPE Local 1041 Collective Agreement Status Update (No Copy)

Staff direction provided In Camera.

12.2 Parkland Acquisition, 154 and 156 Cannon Street East Adjacent to Beasley Park (PW12084) - (Ward 2)

See Item 15 for the disposition of this item.

12.3 Update on Legal Issues for Airport Contamination (LS12032) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)

Staff direction provided In Camera.

See Item 16 for the disposition of this item.

(I) ADJOURNMENT

(Powers/Johnson)

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor S. Merulla
Deputy Mayor

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Office of the City Clerk