



Hamilton

**MINUTES 15-001**  
**STEEL COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, February 5, 2015**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Hamilton City Hall**

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Present: Councillor S. Duvall, Chair  
Councillor S. Merulla, Vice Chair  
Councillors J. Farr, M. Green, T. Whitehead

Absent with  
Regrets: Mayor F. Eisenberger – City Business

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**THE STEEL COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 15-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair**

**(Farr/Green)**

That Councillor S. Duvall be appointed as the Chair of the Steel Committee for the 2014-2018 Term of Council; and,

That Council S. Merulla be appointed as the Vice Chair of the Steel Committee for the 2014-2018 Term of Council.

**CARRIED**

**2. U.S. Steel Canada – Economic Impact Study (PED15022) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

**(Whitehead/Farr)**

That Report PED15022, attached hereto as Appendix A to Steel Committee Report 15-001, respecting the U.S. Steel Canada – Economic Impact Study, be received.

**CARRIED**

**3. Creation of a Steel Committee Joint Task Force (Added Item 10.1)**

**(Merulla/Green)**

Whereas; U.S. Steel Canada's present financial circumstances has led to ambivalence to the sustainability of US. Steel Canada's operation in Hamilton;

And Whereas, the direct and indirect impacts will have serious outcomes on the City of Hamilton, pensioners, active workers, suppliers, contractors, other municipalities, the Province of Ontario and the Federal Government of Canada;

Therefore, be it resolved:

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- (b) That the Joint Task Force be comprised of the following individuals:
  - (i) The Mayor of the City of Hamilton
  - (ii) The Chair of the Steel Committee
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  - (v) Representatives from the United Steelworkers Union Local 8782
  - (vi) Representatives from U.S. Steel Salaried Employees.

**CARRIED**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:**

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

**(Farr/Green)**

That the agenda be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)**

**(i) September 10, 2014 (Item 3.1)**

**(Whitehead/Merulla)**

That the Minutes of the September 10, 2014 Steel Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Neil Everson, Director, Economic Development, respecting U.S. Steel Canada Economic Impact Study (Item 7.1)**

Neil Everson, Director, Economic Development, introduced Graeme Brown, Business Analyst, to make a presentation to the Committee respecting the U.S. Steel Canada Economic Impact Study.

Mr. Brown's addressed the Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the public record. The presentation included, but was not limited, to the following:

- Study Objectives and Limits
- U.S. Steel Canada (USSC) Operations
- USSC Pension Plan Analysis
- Outline of the Pension Benefits Guarantee Fund (PBGF)
- PBGF Impact on Pensioner Income in Hamilton
- Geographic Distribution of USSC Pensioners
- Potential Impacts on Health
- Impact on the City of Hamilton
  - Property Taxes
  - Water Revenues
  - Total "Worst Case" Scenario
  - Programs and Services
  - Businesses, Organizations and Residents
- Study Conclusion

The Committee then asked questions of Mr. Brown and Mr. Larry Friday, Director of Taxation.

**(Farr/Whitehead)**

That the presentation respecting the U.S. Steel Canada Economic Impact Study, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(e) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)**

Councillor Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion:

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**(Merulla/Green)**

That the rules of order be waived to allow the introduction of a Motion respecting the Creation of a Steel Committee Joint Task Force.

**CARRIED**

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 3.

**(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)**

**(Farr/Green)**

That there being no further business, the Steel Committee be adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Duvall, Chair  
Steel Committee

Lauri Leduc  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk