



**General Issues Committee
MINUTES
9:30 a.m.
Monday, August 29, 2011
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West**

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillors C. Collins, T. Jackson, L. Ferguson – Vacation

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
P. Barkwell, City Solicitor
D. LaPointe-Kay, Director of Recreation
C. Biggs, Co-ordinator, Committee Services/Council/Budgets

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR
CONSIDERATION:**

- 1. International Event Opportunities – 2015 Pan Am Games Velodrome
Business Plan (CM10005(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

(Bratina/Farr)

That the presentations from Chris Murray, City Manager, Rob McIsaac, President, Mohawk College, and Rob Rossini, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services, respecting International Event Opportunities – 2015 Pan Am Games Velodrome Business Plan, be received. **CARRIED**

2. Delegation by Greg Mathieu, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Cycling Association (Added Item 4.1)

(Pearson/Johnson)

That the deputation from Greg Mathieu, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Cycling Association, in support of the Hamilton velodrome proposal, be received. **CARRIED**

3. International Event Opportunities – 2015 Pan Am Games (CM09006(m)) (City Wide) (Added Item 8.1)

(Clark/Pearson)

That Report CM09006(m) respecting International Event Opportunities – 2015 Pan Am Games be received. **CARRIED**

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

DELEGATION REQUESTS

- (a) Delegation Request from Greg Mathieu, Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Cycling Association, National Office, respecting his organization's support of the Hamilton Velodrome Proposal (Added as Item 4.1)

ADDED DISCUSSION ITEM

- (b) International Event Opportunities – 2015 Pan Am Games (CM09006(m)) (City Wide)

REPORT WITHDRAWN

- (c) Signing Authority – Pan Am Confidentiality Agreement (CM11015) (City Wide)

ADDENDUM TO APPENDIX B OF REPORT CM10005(b)

(Bratina/Partridge)

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) DELEGATION REQUEST**(Powers/Pearson)**

That the delegation request from Greg Mathieu, Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Cycling Association, National Office, respecting his organization's support of the Hamilton Velodrome, be approved and that the rules of order be waived to allow Mr. Mathieu to address the Committee at today's meeting.

CARRIED

(e) PRESENTATIONS**(i) International Event Opportunities – 2015 Pan Am Games Velodrome Business Plan (CM10005(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

Chris Murray introduced Ian Troop, Chief Executive Officer of TO 2015, Rob McIsaac, President of Mohawk College, and D. Santiago from Infrastructure Ontario, who would be assisting in providing the presentation and respond to questions of the Committee with respect to the velodrome.

Chris Murray, City Manager:

- Purpose of today's presentation
 - Provide the Committee with an overview of Report CM10005(b)
 - Obtain approval and Council direction on the recommendations in Report CM10005(b)
 - Respond to questions/concerns of the Committee
- Overview of Staff Report
 - Key requests of Report CM10005(b)
 - Historical background -2009, August 2010, 2011
 - Description of Velodrome Project
 - Photo of Carson City Velodrome, L.A.
 - Site Selection Process – June 2010, September 2010
 - Sites reviewed by Velodrome Advisory Committee

Rob McIsaac, Mohawk College and City of Hamilton Partnership

- Once in a life time opportunity at College and in many respects for Council
- Opportunity to help create a College which is as good as any college in this province and put City on international stage
- Thanks to people who played a role in getting the project to this stage; have come a long way; pleasure to work with City staff
- Dan Clark, President of Mohawk Students' Association, attending, as well as Executive Director
- Student Association represents an essential and important partner in this project to provide advice on recreational needs

- Have embarked on largest physical renewal of Fennell Campus; improvements to classrooms, student working and meeting areas; however, despite all of the improvements, a pressing need for updated recreational facilities still remains
- Have fallen far behind other colleges in the Province; students deserve better facilities which are second to none
- Plans call for a unique and important partnership between the City and College; proposing to build adjacent and complimentary facilities; presents opportunity for one large multi-purpose facility
- Costing has not been finalized at this time; but in broad terms, looking at \$55 to \$65 million dollars, including recreation centre and Mohawk; Students are proposing to commit to one-third of costs; students have committed to \$17 million dollars toward the combined facility; reflects important issue of updating facility to students
- Reciprocal benefits – students will have access to 3 gymnasiums, infield and recreational jogging track
- On Mohawk side, competitive cycling teams will have access to fitness, strength training, locker rooms and related facilities
- Common facilities, intending to build suite of new academic programs to accommodate programs; high performance training and sports physiotherapy; will provide opportunities for Hamilton and local and national athletes
- Compliment on health and technology
- Emphasize that we are a neighbour within community and facilities could add impact to community and with assistance of local councillor, have built productive relationship with the City and committed to building relationship
- City and College have earned great reputation for developing community partnerships
- Have opportunity to provide facilities for students and showcase City to host international events

Rob Rossini

- Financial Overview
- Table 1 – Capital Costs (2014 \$)
 - Velodrome construction (\$35M to \$45M); Velodrome Site Preparation costs (\$1.5M); Velodrome site relocation, development and parking (\$3.0M); Land acquisition (Lease) (0); Subtotal for Velodrome - \$39.5M to \$49.5M; Mohawk Recreation Facility (including site development) (\$15M)
 - Total Development - \$54.5M to \$64.5M
- City of Hamilton Cost Shares (2014 \$)
- Velodrome Construction @ 44% (\$15.4M to \$19.8M); Velodrome site preparation costs @ 100% (\$1.5M); Velodrome site relocation, development and parking @ 100% (\$3.0M); Land acquisition (lease) (0);

- Total Velodrome - \$19.9M to \$24.3M
- Table 2 – Sources of Funds
 - Committee Funds: Toronto 2015 @ 56% (\$19.6M to \$25.2M); City of Hamilton (\$5M); Mohawk Students' Association (\$17M)
 - Sub-total of \$41.6M to \$47.2M; Shortfall of \$13M to \$17.3M
- Table 3 – Potential Sources for Funding Shortfall
 - City of Hamilton – Additional Funds (\$5M): Fundraising (\$3M to \$5M); Naming Rights (\$1M to \$3M); Other (unknown)
 - Shortfall if City provides additional \$5M - \$7.9M to \$12.3M
 - Debt Finance = \$482,000 annual repayment; 0.1% tax impact
 - Mohawk, City and TO2015 work together to close funding gap
 - Must accept this risk if the City wants to proceed with the project
- Table 4 – Projected Annual Net Operating Position
 - Net shortfall from Operations (Low -\$42,911; Mid -\$83,993; High -\$273,824); Capital Reserve @ 1.0% per year on \$30M (High -\$450,000)
 - Total (Low -\$342,911; Mid -\$383,993; High -\$723,824)
 - Velodrome will operate at projected deficit
 - City must accept this risk
 - Requires annual support from the \$70M Pan Am Legacy Fund
 - If Council wants the project to proceed, should be conditional on at least \$500,000 per year from the Pan Am Legacy Fund
- Summary and Potential risks, if project proceeds

A copy of the power point presentation has been submitted to the Clerk for the public record and can be viewed on the City of Hamilton website.

John Hack, Director from Sierra Planning & Management, was in attendance to respond to questions of the Committee.

(d) DELEGATIONS

Greg Mathieu, Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Cycling Association, National Office

Mr. Mathieu spoke in support of the velodrome and provided the following comments, which included but were not limited to:

- Thanked Committee for the opportunity for the Canadian Cycling Association to sit on the Hamilton Velodrome Advisory Committee and have input into the project
- Other provinces have gone far ahead of what is being done in Ontario
- General agreement that the facility deficit for high performance sport should be addressed
- Entire cycling season runs October to March; small group of high performance athletes who train in Los Angeles

- 34,500 competitive cyclists currently in Canada; cycling is probably the biggest social beneficiary sport in the country i.e., Ride to Conquer Cancer, Ride for Life, etc.
- Canadian Cycling Association, Ontario Cycling Association and National Cycling Centre comprise high performance cycling partners that are working together to come to Hamilton and bring best cycling program possible – but this is just part of the cycling equation
- Must look at this facility like an arena – there will be no home team other than the National team; but there will be opportunities to have teams put together from masters to young children
- All cycling partners are participating members and enjoy the opportunity to have input into the site selection process; difficult process for a number of reasons; National office is in Ottawa
- Lots of integrity in due process for all involved and came with unanimous agreement in working together; speaks for user groups and for the Advisory Committee
- Canadian Cycling Association has done a lot of work to become as good as we can be; trying to move up the ante in Summer Olympics to take Canada to top 8 in next two Olympics; cycling is going to be a big part of that; Sport Canada is also very supportive of having a permanent velodrome
- Cycling, swimming, track and field are high yield sports in terms of high performance
- Great opportunity
- Want to thank all potential partners; looking at international legacy of Hamilton and for cycling that will be unparalleled
- Commitment of Canadian Cycling Association – will have national team here which has a large component of riders; will have coaching and technical staff here to support; make sure that the international cycling union awarded Hamilton major events on a consistent basis; CCA is largest single recipient of international events – have every reason to believe that Hamilton would receive strong support and consideration of high level events
- Los Angeles is the only 250m track in North America; track cannot be ridden on in inclement weather or when wet; any high level rider must be on indoor track; not able to develop young riders
- Once Canada starts beating the USA, Canada's practice time will be cut back

7.1 International Event Opportunities – 2015 Pan Am Games Velodrome Business Plan (CM10005(b)) (City Wide)

(Powers/McHattie)

- (a) That the presentation respecting the Pan Am Velodrome be received;
- (b) That a decision on the recommendations in Report CM10005(b) respecting International Event Opportunities - 2015 Pan Am Games Velodrome Business Plan, be tabled to a future meeting of the General Issues Committee, to be scheduled before the Toronto 2015 deadline, to allow staff to pursue opportunities to minimize the current funding gap.

(Clark/Johnson)

That the following be added as sub-section (c):

- (c) That Council re-affirm the City's \$5 million contribution.

Chair Merulla ruled the amendment to be out of order.

The Motion to Table **CARRIED** on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Bratina, Duvall, Farr, Morelli, Partidge, Pasuta, Pearson, Powers,
Whitehead
Total Yeas: 9
Nays: Collins, Johnson, Merulla
Total Nays: 3
Absent: Collins, Ferguson, Jackson
Total Absent: 3

(f) DISCUSSION AGENDA

- (i) Signing Authority – Pan am Confidentiality Agreement (CM11015)
(City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

(Clark/Pearson)

That Report CM11015 respecting Signing Authority – Pan Am Confidentiality Agreement, be lifted from the table and withdrawn as execution of the Agreement is no longer required by TO2015. **CARRIED**

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor S. Merulla
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs, Co-ordinator
Committee Services/Council/Budgets
August 29, 2011