



General Issues Committee

REPORT 12-002

9:30 a.m.

**January 24, 26, 27 and 30; February 2, 3, 7, 9, 10,
15, 17, 24 and 29; March 2, 6, 22 and 27, 2012**

**Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West**

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

Also Present: C. Murray, City Manager
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
G. Davis, General Manager, Public Works
T. McCabe, General Manager, Economic Development & Planning
J. A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
H. Hale Tomasik, Executive Director, Human Resources &
Organizational Development
C. Biggs, Legislative Co-ordinator

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 12-002 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Volunteer Committee 2012 Budget Requests (Item 5.1 – February 24)

(a) 2012 Budget Requests – Volunteer Advisory Committees (FCS11101) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.1(a) to (f))

That the Volunteer Advisory Committee 2012 base budget submissions for the following Volunteer Advisory Committees, be approved:

- (i) Advisory Committee on Immigrants and Refugees in the amount of \$3,500

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- (ii) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Advisory Committee in the amount of \$3,890;
- (iii) Aboriginal Advisory Committee in the amount of \$3,500;
- (iv) Hamilton Mundialization Committee in the amount of \$5,890;
- (v) Status of Women Committee in the amount of \$3,500;
- (vi) Committee Against Racism in the amount of \$3,890

(b) Hamilton Cycling Committee (PW11089) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.2(a))

- (i) That the Hamilton Cycling Committee's 2012 Volunteer Committee Budget in the amount of \$8,000 be approved;
- (ii) That the use of \$6,000 from the Hamilton Cycling Committee Reserve to offset the additional Hamilton Cycling Committee 2012 budget request, be approved.

(c) Clean City Liaison Committee (PW11090) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.2(b))

That the Clean City Liaison Committee's 2012 base budget submission in the amount of \$18,250 be approved.

(d) Tenant Advisory Committee (CS11088) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(a))

That the Tenant Advisory Committee's 2012 base budget submission in the amount of \$1000 be approved.

(e) Arts Advisory Commission (CS11090) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(b))

- (i) That the Arts Advisory Committee's base budget submission in the amount of \$9,000 be approved;
- (ii) That in addition to the base funding, that a one-time budget allocation for 2012 of \$7500, funded by the Arts Advisory Committee Reserve, be approved.

(f) Hamilton Veterans Committee (CS11091) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(c))

- (i) That the Hamilton Veterans' Committee 2012 base budget submission in the amount of \$11,590 be approved;
- (ii) That in addition to the base funding, that a one-time budget allocation for 2012 of \$1,410, funded by an increase to the 2012 tax levy, be approved.

(g) Hamilton Historical Board (CS11092) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(d))

- (i) That the Hamilton Historical Board's 2012 Volunteer Committee Budget submission in the amount of \$14,340 be approved;
- (ii) That in addition to the base funding, that a one-time funding from the Volunteer Committee Reserve in the amount of \$2,370 be approved.

(h) Seniors Advisory Committee (CS11102) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(e))

That the Seniors Advisory Committee's 2012 base budget submission in the amount of \$1,500 be approved.

**(i) Food and Shelter Advisory Committee (CS11089) (City Wide)
(Item 5.1.4(a))**

That the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee's 2012 base budget submission in the amount of \$500 be approved.

**(j) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) (CS11099) (City Wide)
(Item 5.1.4(b))**

- (i) That the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee's 2012 base budget submission in the amount of \$3,890 be approved;
- (ii) That in addition to the base funding, that a one-time budget allocation of \$2,500 funded by the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Reserve be approved.

2. Removal of Parking Meters in Downtown Stoney Creek and Downtown Waterdown (Item 6.2 – February 24)

That the on-street parking meters in Downtown Stoney Creek and Downtown Waterdown be removed and that staff be directed to prepare a by-law amendment to restore the previous on-street parking regulations.

**3. 2012 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Boards and Agencies (FCS12013)
(City Wide) (Item 5.2 – February 24)**

That the 2012 net operating levy of \$183,353,441 for Board and Agencies be approved as per Appendix "A" attached hereto.

4. Council-Referred Items (Item 5.3 – February 29)

(a) Emergency Services Program Enhancements

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

(b) Community Services Program Enhancements

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).

(c) Public Works Program Enhancements

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 approve.

(d) City Manager’s Program Enhancements

(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.

(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 .

(e) Corporate Services Program Enhancement

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 to Provincial Offences Administration, which has a gross impact of \$83,847, be deferred to the 2013 budget process.

(f) Corporate Financials

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

5. Ward Budgets (Item 5.4(b) – February 29)

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 an amount proportionate to the number of households 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 Sub-Committee Report 12-001.

6. 2012 Requested Program Enhancements (Item 5.3 – March 2)

(a) Planning & Economic Development

- (i) That the 2012 Department-requested Program Enhancement for Building Services – Increase Application Analyst position from 4 FTE to 1.0 FTE to be funded from the Enterprise Model, in an annualized gross impact of \$60,414, be approved.
- (ii) That the 2012 Department-requested Program Enhancement for Economic Development – Hire Youth Advisor on contract to expose youth benefits of entrepreneurship, with an annualized gross impact of \$82,500, be funded from the economic development Investment Fund, be approved.

(b) Community Services

- (i) That the 2012 Department-requested Program Enhancement for City Housing – Enhance on-site staff presence per Board of Directors' Report 10020 and 100037, with an annualized impact of \$642,270, be approved;
- (ii) That the 2012 Department-requested Program Enhancement for Recreation – Incremental Operational Cost of New Wentworth Twin Pad Arena Complex, with 2012 net impact of \$197,000, be approved.

7. Further Cost Reductions – 2012 Budget (March 2)

That employee-related costs be reduced across the City by a minimum of \$500,000, utilizing attrition, departmental reorganization, gapping and in-year retirements.

8. Eligibility and Registration for Accessible Transportation Services – (PW03128(d)) (City Wide) (Item 5. 3 – March 6)

That the General Manager of Public Works be directed to implement the Accessible Transportation Services (ATS) Program Enhancement submission, as identified on Page 53 of the 2012 Tax Supported, Preliminary Operating Budget, Book 1, Budget Summary Report, FCS12014, that includes a multi-year implementation forecasted to have a \$5.7 million (2012) Operating Budget impact as follows:

- (a) That initial Operating Budget in the amount of \$850,000 is approved in 2012;
- (b) That the remaining budget for this service enhancement be allocated through the annual budget process based on applicant demand and other relevant factors at the time of consideration with the understanding that implementation is to be completed no later than January 2017.

9. Funding Request for 2012 Supercrawl (Added Item 6.2 – March 22)

That one-time funding in the amount of \$60,000 for the 2012 James Street North Supercrawl be approved, and that this amount be funded from the Economic Development Department 2012 Operating Budget, or if required, the 2012 City surplus or the Tax Stabilization Reserve.

10. Workforce Management Technology Project – KRONOS (CM12002) (City Wide) (Item 5.2 – March 27)

- (a) That Report CM12002 respecting Workforce Management Technology Project (KRONOS) be tabled to the 2013 budget process;
- (b) That the money allocated for 2012 in the amount of \$2.7 million be reinvested into the Public Works Infrastructure Program Project No. 403211018 – Council Priority Roads – Minor Rehabilitation.
- (c) That in the interim, staff be directed to bring a report back providing the following additional information:
 - (i) How other municipalities are handling this information – examples
 - (ii) Experience of other jurisdictions i.e., efficiencies/savings
 - (iii) How this system will make improvements in respective Departments
 - (iv) How this system works with PeopleSoft
 - (v) How long has this system been used in other communities

- (vi) How many FTE's will be saved as a result of this investment
- (vii) Financial cost/benefit analysis.

11. Outstanding 2012 Budget Items (Item 5.4 – March 27)

- (a) That the “Forestry and Horticulture – Street Tree Trimming (PW05015(a) and (b)) – Deferral recommended of \$1.32 million, including 2012 and deferred amounts from 2010 and 2011” be deferred to the 2013 budget process;
- (b) That one-time funding for the following programs be approved, to be funded firstly from the 2012 Unallocated Capital Projects Funding and secondly, from the Unallocated Capital Reserve Funding:
 - (i) Roads – Road and Sidewalk Safety Maintenance (PW11017) – address deficiencies; sidewalk (\$600K); road surface (\$500K); Minimum Maintenance Standards compliance
 - (ii) Roads – Storm Water Facilities Maintenance (2011 Budget); Catch basin inspection and 3 cleaning cycle (\$300K); Catch basin repairs (\$150K); Storm Water Pont Maintenance (\$650K); Culvert and outfall inspection and maintenance (\$270K)
 - (iii) Horticulture – Maintenance of new traffic roundabouts (\$161,400)
- (c) That the programs outlined in sub-section (b)(i), (ii) and (iii) be forwarded to the 2013 budget process for consideration.

12. Reduction of One Internal Auditor (March 27)

That the two additional auditors included in the 2012 budget be reduced to one additional internal auditor (savings of -\$110,000), with a review during the 2013 budget process with respect to the provision of the second internal auditor.

13. Funding Agreement with the Hamilton Conservation Authority for the Purpose of Supporting the Cootes to Escarpment Eco-Park Area (Item 6.1 – March 27)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton enter into a funding agreement with the Hamilton Conservation Authority for the purpose of supporting land acquisition in the Cootes to Escarpment Eco-Park area;
- (b) That said funding agreement total \$250,000 for 2012 and be funded from the following sources:

- (i) \$50,000 from the Unallocated Capital Reserve (108020) that was approved through the 2012 capital budget process for the purpose of the Cootes Paradise to Escarpment land acquisition project
- (ii) \$100,000 through closing and transferring the uncommitted and unspent funding from Capital Project #8121159100 Natural Areas Acquisition Fund; and
- (iii) \$100,000 through the 2011 tax supported operating surplus.

14. Reduction to Winter Snow Clearing Operating Budget (March 27)

That the Winter Snow Clearing Operating Budget be reduced by \$1 million to further reduce the 2012 tax impact.

15. Further Budget Reductions (March 22)

- (a) That the presentation updating the 2012 Operating Budget be received;
- (b) That the following budget amendments be approved:
 - (i) Reduction to Employer Health Benefits Cost in the amount of (\$650,000);
 - (ii) Fund Addiction Services from the Ontario Works (OW) Stabilization Reserve in the amount of (\$143,000);
 - (iii) That the 2012 Planning budget not be adjusted for the potential loss in revenue from reductions to Licencing fees of approximately \$412,000 (PED11040(e)) and the potential variance be funded first from Departmental surplus, then corporate surplus and then tax stabilization reserve, if required;
 - (iv) That the 2012 Planning budget not be adjusted for the loss in revenue from the elimination of parking meters in Stoney Creek and Flamborough of approximately \$176,000 and the potential variance be funded first from Departmental surplus, then corporate surplus and then tax stabilization reserve, if required.

16. Further Budget Reductions (March 27)

That the following budget amendments be approved:

- (a) Conference/Training – 5% reduction (in addition to the \$87,000 already reduced) – (\$156,000);
- (b) Revised OW Caseload Assumption – (\$450,000);
- (c) Adjusted Recycling Reserve Revenue/WDO Subsidy Projection – (\$350,000);
- (d) Fire Protective Clothing – 2012 impact, not annualized – (\$65,000).

17. 2012 Tax-Supported Operating Budget (FCS12014) (March 2)

(a) Public Health Services Department

- (i) That the Public Health Services operating budget in the amount of \$10,267,858, inclusive of the amendments as per Appendix “B” attached hereto, be approved;
- (ii) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to execute all 2012 Federal and Provincial Program Service Level Funding Agreements and any ancillary agreements required to give effect thereto and Contracts for Public Health Services as provided for in Appendix 2-2 to report FCS12014. This also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly/year end.

(b) Community Services Department

- (i) That the Community Services operating budget in the amount of \$136,682,017, inclusive of the amendments as per Appendix “B” attached hereto, be approved;
- (ii) That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized and directed to execute all 2012 Federal and Provincial Program Service Level Funding Agreements and any ancillary agreements required to give effect thereto and Contracts for Community Services as provided for in Appendix 2-3 to report FCS12014. This also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly/year end reporting.

(c) Hamilton Emergency Services Department

That the Hamilton Emergency Services operating budget in the amount of \$94,728,611, inclusive of the amendments per Appendix “B” attached hereto, be approved.

(d) Public Works Department

That the Public Works operating budget in the amount of \$180,862,187, inclusive of the amendments per Appendix "B" attached hereto, be approved.

(e) City Manager Department

That the City Manager operating budget in the amount of, \$9,596,012, inclusive of the amendments per Appendix "B" attached hereto, be approved.

(f) Corporate Services Department

That the Corporate Services operating budget in the amount of \$19,324,791 be approved.

(g) Legislative

That the Legislative operating budget in the amount of \$3,956,525, be approved.

(h) Corporate Financials/Capital Financing/Non Program Revenues

(i) That the Corporate Financials operating budget in the amount of \$3,145,650, inclusive of the amendments per Appendix "B" attached hereto, be approved;

(ii) That the Capital Financing operating budget in the amount of \$86,727,000, be approved;

(iii) That the Non Program Revenues operating budget in the amount of -\$40,529,752, inclusive of the amendments per Appendix "B" attached hereto, be approved.

(i) Planning & Economic Development Department (March 6)

(i) That \$100,000 for the Jobs Prosperity Collaborative not be approved;

(ii) That the Planning & Economic Development operating budget in the amount of \$16,956,299 inclusive of amendments as per Appendix "B" attached hereto, be approved.

- (j) That the City Solicitor and Corporate Counsel be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, for the purposes of establishing the 2012 tax levy.

18. Information Services – City of Hamilton Website (February 7)

- (a) That the City Manager be encouraged to proceed with the release of the website review report;
- (b) That City staff be requested to ensure adequate consultation with Council and interested citizenry before significant changes to the City's website and functions are implemented.

19. Innovation Factory Funding Request (PED12023) (City Wide) (Item 5.1 – February 17)

- (a) That funding of \$50,000 to the Innovation Factory as the City of Hamilton's 2012 community partnership contribution, be approved;
- (b) That staff, in conjunction with Innovation Factory, develop a set of key performance measures to be presented and approved by Council prior to consideration for an additional \$50,000 community partnership contribution in 2013; and,
- (c) That the \$50,000 contribution for the Innovation Factory be funded from the Economic Development Investment Reserve.

20. Upgraded Parking Enforcement Management System and Hand-held Computerized Issuance Equipment (PED11200(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.2 – February 17)

That Report PED11200(a) respecting Upgraded Parking Enforcement Management System and Hand-held Computerized Issuance Equipment, be received.

21. Project Compliance Update (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8) (PED10049(g)) (City Wide) (Item 5.3 –February 17)

- (a) That the 18 month Proactive By-law Enforcement Pilot Program for Wards 1 to 8 be extended to the end of December 2012 to be funded from the Parking Reserve Account #108021;

- (b) That the temporary Vital Services Program be extended to the end of December 2012 to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve Account No. 110046.

22. Financial Update on Paid Parking in Waterdown and Stoney Creek (PED11104(a)) (Wards 9 and 15) (Item 5.4 –February 17)

That Report PED11104(a) respecting Financial Update on paid Parking in Waterdown and Stoney Creek, be received.

23. Animal Services in Glanbrook (PED11190(b)) (Ward) (Item 5.4 – March 2)

- (a) That staff be directed to award Contract C3-01-12 for Animal Services in Glanbrook to Glanbrook District Animal Control for the nine month term April 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012; as per their submitted Form of Tender - Schedule of Quantities and Prices dated January 31, 2012;
- (b) That the estimated additional cost for the contract be funded firstly from any Planning and Economic Development Department 2012 surplus; secondly from 2012 corporate surplus; and, thirdly from the tax stabilization reserve.

24. Hamilton Conservation Authority Surcharge (February 24)

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute a Surcharge Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Conservation Authority with respect to the wastewater services at the Wild Waterworks Wave pool, effective January 1, 2013, in form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

25. Conservation Halton 2012 Budget Request (February 24)

That Conservation Halton be requested to reconsider their 5.3% increase to the Hamilton Assessment.

26. Funding for Flamborough Women's Resource Centre (Item 5.4(a) – February 29)

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

27. Provincial Downloading resulting from Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Legislation (March 6)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton petition the Province of Ontario to include AODA financial implications into the downloading formula and that a resolution to the downloading crisis be pursued and implemented, thereby eliminating the regressive form of taxation
- (b) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all local M.P.P.'s.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

STAFF DIRECTIONS BY MOTION:

(a) Incentive Program to Mitigate Absenteeism (January 30)

On a motion, staff was directed to assess means of formulating an incentive program to mitigate absenteeism in the City, and report back to the General Issues Committee.

(b) Privatization of Hamilton Farmers' Market (February 2)

- (a) That staff be directed to conduct a feasibility study on privatizing the management of the Hamilton Farmers' Market, and provide a report back to the General Issues Committee for consideration;
- (b) That the Farmers' Market Sub Committee be requested to review the Terms of Reference, in consultation with staff, to look at ways and means to internally reduce the annual subsidy for the market and report back to the General Issues Committee for consideration;

On a motion, the following was added as sub-section (c):

- (c) That in concurrence with the feasibility study, that staff be requested to divide and measure the responsibilities of the Farmers' Market Manager between programming and marketing vs property maintenance and daily operation in adherence to the legislation.

The Amendment **CARRIED**

The Main Motion, as amended, **CARRIED** on the following vote:

Yeas: Whitehead, Bratina, Pearson, Johnson, Ferguson,
Partridge, Jackson, Collins, Farr, McHattie
Total Yeas: 10
Nays: 0
Absent: Clark, Powers, Pasuta, Duvall, Morelli, Merulla
Total Absent: 6

(c) Method of Payment – Municipal Taxes (February 7)

On a motion, staff was directed to report back to the Committee with respect to how people pay for their taxes i.e., through mail, debit, automatic debit, and what the percentage is and the dollar figures, how tax revenue comes in from the consumer to the City.

(d) Elimination of Current Technology (February 7)

On a motion, staff was directed to investigate a strategy to eliminate current technology with new technology and report back to the appropriate Committee.

(e) Hamilton Emergency Services (February 10)

On a motion, the Fire Chief was directed to provide a report back to the General Issues Committee on the following:

- (a) Job descriptions for all managerial and supervisory positions within the Fire Department;
- (b) Responsibilities, duties, competencies and authority of each role;
- (c) Duties performed during “down time” and when not at an incident.

(f) Early Retirement Packages (February 24)

On a motion, staff was directed to investigate and present some options with respect to early retirement packages, looking at all eligible positions and report back to the General Issues Committee.

(g) Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund – Variances (February 24)

On a motion, staff was directed to review the 2012 upload notice to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund and address the variances with the City’s numbers, and respond as to why the Ontario Works Benefits component is almost half of what the administration component is.

(h) Seniors' Tax Credit (February 24)

On a motion, the Committee directed that the issue of the Seniors' Tax Credit offered by the City, and its current eligibility requirements, be brought forward in a report to a future General Issues Committee meeting in 2012 for discussion and review.

(i) Public Works 2012 Council-Referred Program Enhancements (March 2)

On a motion, staff was directed to bring a report back indicating how much work could be accomplished with 50% of the budget (2012 Council-referred Program Enhancements) with respect to sidewalks and catch-basins.

(j) List of Traffic Islands requiring Beautification (March 22)

On a motion, staff was directed to provide a list of outstanding traffic islands in the City that require beautification to assist the Committee during discussions of the horticulture – maintenance of new traffic roundabouts.

(k) Allocation of Capital Budget Enhancement for Roads and Sidewalks (March 22)

On a motion, staff was directed to bring a report to the Public Works Committee presenting options and alternatives on the allocation of the \$3 million enhancement for Roads and Sidewalks during the 2012 construction season, which was approved through the Capital Budget.

(l) Assessment Growth (March 27)

On a motion, staff was directed to bring a report back to the Committee with respect to the 1.2% in assessment growth, outlining what percentage is derived from new construction, and what percentage is derived from existing assessment.

(m) Floral Traffic Islands (March 27)

On a motion, staff was directed to review all former floral traffic islands that were not reinstated in the 2007 floral traffic enhancement program and report back to the General Issues Committee providing the costs associated to convert them back to floral islands, including irrigation, in the 2013 budget; and that the report include a review of the on-going maintenance required for the existing islands.

(n) Additional Budget Savings (March 27)

On a motion, staff was directed to find an additional \$500,000 reduction from the 2012 levy from the employee-related cost, with no impact on service levels, and report back to the General Issues Committee during the 2012 calendar year.

RECORDED VOTES

(a) Animal Services in Glanbrook (PED11090(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.5 – February 17)

The Amendment to add sub-section (b) **CARRIED** on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: Clark, Johnson, Powers, Pasuta, Duvall, Jackson, Collins, Merulla, Morelli, Farr, McHattie
Total Yeas: 11
Nays: Partridge, Whitehead
Total Nays: 2
Absent: Bratina, Ferguson, Pearson
Total Absent: 3

The Main Motion, as amended, **CARRIED** on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: Clark, Johnson, Powers, Pasuta, Duvall, Jackson, Collins, Merulla, Morelli, Farr, McHattie
Total Yeas: 11
Nays: Partridge, Whitehead
Total Nays: 2
Absent: Bratina, Ferguson, Person
Total Absent: 3

(b) Removal of Parking Meters in Downtown Stoney Creek and Down-town Waterdown (Item 6.2 – February 24)

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

Yeas: Clark, Pearson, Johnson, Ferguson, Partridge, Pasuta, Jackson, Collins, Merulla, McHattie
Total Yeas: 10
Nays: Duvall, Whitehead
Total Nays: 2
Absent: Bratina, Powers, Morelli, Farr
Total Absent: 4

(c) 2012 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Boards and Agencies (FCS12013) (City Wide) (Item 5.2 – February 24)

The 2012 budget for Conservation Halton **CARRIED** on the following vote:

Yeas: Pearson, Johnson, Partridge, Pasuta, Duvall, Jackson, Collins,
Merulla, Farr, McHattie
Total Yeas: 10
Nays: Clark, Ferguson, Whitehead (opposed to the Conservation Halton
budget in the amount of \$179,658)
Total Nays: 3
Absent: Powers, Bratina, Morelli
Total Absent: 3

(d) Conservation Halton 2012 Budget Request (February 24)

The motion to request Conservation Halton to reconsider their 5.3% increase to the Hamilton Assessment **CARRIED** on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: Clark, Pearson, Johnson, Ferguson, Whitehead, Duvall, Jackson,
Collins, Merulla, Farr
Total Yeas: 10
Nays: McHattie, Pasuta, Partridge
Total Nays: 3
Absent: Bratina, Morelli, Powers
Total Absent: 3

(e) Emergency Services Program Enhancements (February 29)

On a motion:

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

(f) Community Services Program Enhancements (February 29)

The motion with respect to the Community Services Program Enhancements **CARRIED** on the following vote:

Yeas: Clark, Pearson, Johnson, Pasuta, Partridge, Bratina, Whitehead,
Duvall, Jackson, Collins, Merulla, Morelli, Farr, McHattie
Total Yeas: 14
Nays: Ferguson
Total Nays: 1
Absent: Powers
Total Absent: 1

(g) Ward Budgets (Item 5.4(b) (February 29)

On a motion: That the Ward Budgets report be TABLED.
The Motion to Table was **DEFEATED**.

On a motion, sub-section (b) was 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"

The motion to amend sub-section (b) **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: Morelli, Powers
Total Absent: 2

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

(h) Community Services Department Operating Budget (March 2)

The Motion respecting the Community Services Department Operating Budget **CARRIED** on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: Johnson, Ferguson, Powers, Partridge, Bratina, Clark, Duvall,
Jackson, Collins, McHattie
Total Yeas: 10
Nays: Whitehead
Total Nays: 1
Absent: Pearson, Pasuta, Morelli, Merulla, Farr
Total Absent: 5

(i) Corporate Financials/Capital Financing/Non Program Revenues (March 2)

The Motion respecting the Capital Financing operating budget **CARRIED** on the following vote:

Yeas: Johnson, Powers, Partridge, Bratina, Clark, Duvall, Jackson,
Collins, McHattie
Total Yeas: 9
Nays: Whitehead
Total Nays: 1
Absent: Pearson, Ferguson, Pasuta, Morelli, Merulla, Farr
Total Absent: 6

January 24, 2012

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised that there are no changes to the agenda.

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

2012 Tax-Supported Operating Budget (City Wide)

On a motion, the presentation respecting the 2012 Tax Supported Operating Budget, be received.

(e) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion, the Committee recessed at 12:30 p.m.

January 26 and 27, 2012 (Boards and Agencies)

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

January 26

The Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

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

January 27

The Clerk advised that there are no changes to the agenda.

On a motion, the agenda be approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

January 26 and 27

None declared

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

(d) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

On a motion, presentations from representatives of the following boards and agencies were received:

- (i) Hamilton Conservation Authority
- (ii) Conservation Halton
- (iii) Grand River Conservation Authority

- (iv) Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
- (v) Hamilton Police Services
- (vi) HECFI
- (vii) Hamilton Public Library
- (viii) Art Gallery of Hamilton
- (ix) Boris Brott Music Festival
- (x) Festival of Friends
- (xi) Hamilton Beach Rescue
- (xii) Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra
- (xiii) Opera Hamilton
- (xiv) Royal Botanical Gardens
- (xv) Theater Aquarius

On a motion, Report FCS12013 respecting 2012 Tax-Supported Operating Budget – Boards and Agencies, was referred to the 2012 budget deliberations.

(e) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion, the Committee recessed at 2:45 p.m. on January 26.

On a motion, the Committee recessed at 2:10 p.m. on January 27.

January 30, 2012

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

ADDED PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

- (i) Collective Bargaining Agreement – Amalgamated Transit Union Local 107
- (ii) Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1041 – Negotiations Update

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

None

(d) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

On a motion, the Committee moved into Closed Session 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 or employee negotiations with respect to the Collective Bargaining Agreement – Amalgamated Transit Union Local 107 and Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1041.

The Committee reconvened in Open Session at 10:25 a.m.

(i) Collective Bargaining Agreement – Amalgamated Transit Union Local 107

On a motion, the verbal update provided by staff respecting Collective Bargaining Agreement – Amalgamated Transit Union Local 107 was received.

(ii) Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1041

On a motion, the update provided by staff with respect to negotiations with the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1041, was received.

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

On a motion, the following 2012 Operating Budget presentations were received:

- (i) City Manager's Office
- (ii) Public Works (Environment & Sustainable Infrastructure; Operating & Waste Management)

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Centennial Parkway Regional Shopping Complex Transit Service (PW12009) (Ward 5) (Outstanding Business List Item)

See Motion 7.5 of the February 8, 2012 Council Minutes for the disposition of this item.

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor C. Collins introduced a Notice of Motion respecting Privatization of the Hamilton Farmers' Market.

See staff direction provided under February 2, 2012 Minutes of the General Issues Committee.

(h) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion, the Committee recessed at 5:05 p.m.

February 2, 2012

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

ADDED MOTION

(i) Privatization of Management of Hamilton Farmers' Market

ADDED NOTICE OF MOTION

(ii) 2012 Budget Deliberations – FTE's

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

None

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

On a motion, the presentation respecting the Community Services Department 2012 Budget was received.

(e) MOTIONS

(i) Items referred to 2012 Budget Deliberations

On a motion, the following 2012 Council-referred items in the Community Services Department were referred to the 2012 budget deliberations:

- (i) Culture – City of Hamilton Art Awards - \$51,500
- (ii) Employment & Income Support – Continuation of Addictions Services Initiative beyond June 30, 2012 - \$224,166
- (iii) Recreation – YWCA Grant – MacNab Street and Ottawa Street Seniors' Centres - \$85,400

The Motion **CARRIED**.

On a motion, the following 2012 Program Enhancements Options in the Community Services Department were referred to the 2012 budget deliberations:

- (i) CityHousing Hamilton – Operations - \$0 – FTE Impact: 20.0
- (ii) Recreation – North Wentworth Twin pad Arena - \$339,000 – FTE Impact: 4.82

The Motion **CARRIED**.

(f) NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor R. Powers' Notice of Motion respecting 2012 Budget Deliberations – FTE's, as indicated under Changes to the Agenda, was not introduced.

(g) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion, the Committee recessed at 3:10 p.m.

February 3, 2012

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

ADDED PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

The following items were referred from the February 1, 2012 General Issues Committee meeting:

- (i) City of Hamilton ats Bre-Ex Limited (LS10005(a)) (City Wide)
- (ii) Recent Communications from the Office of the Ombudsman

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

None

(d) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

Based on advice provided by Mr. Barkwell relative to the Committee's requirement to move into closed session to discuss the two issues, specifically City of Hamilton ats Bre-Ex Limited, and Recent Communications from the Office of the Ombudsman, the Committee agreed to discuss the Ombudsman's issue in open session, and will move into closed session to discuss the City of Hamilton ats Bre-Ex Limited.

On a motion, the Committee moved into closed session pursuant to sub-sections (b), (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law and Sections 239(2)(b), (e) and (f) of the Municipal Act as the subject matters pertain to:

- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees;
- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City;
- (f) the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose

respecting City of Hamilton ats Bre-Ex Limited (LS10005(a))

The Motion to move In Camera **CARRIED** on the following vote:

Yeas: Bratina, Whitehead, McHattie, Farr, Morelli, Merulla, Collins,
Jackson Partridge, Pasuta, Powers, Ferguson, Johnson, Pearson
Total Yeas: 14
Nays: Clark, Duvall
Total Nays: 2
Absent: 0

On a motion, the Committee reconvened in Open Session.

See Motions 7.7 and 7.8 of February 8, 2012 Council meeting for the disposition of the two items respecting City of Hamilton ats Bre-Ex Limited and Recent Communications from the Office of the Ombudsman.

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

On a motion, the staff presentation respecting the Public Works 2012 Tax-Supported Operating Budget (Operations & Waste Management, Transportation, Energy & Facilities and Transit) was received.

(f) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion, the Committee recessed at 3:00 p.m.

February 7, 2012

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

ADDED PRESENTATION

(i) Corporate Services (Added Item 4.1)

ADDED PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

(ii) Proposed Acquisition of Land (Added Item 9.1) (No copy)

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

None

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

On a motion, the staff presentation respecting 2012 Tax-Supported Operating Budget for Corporate Services, be received.

(e) NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor R. Powers introduced the following Notice of Motion:

2012 Budget Deliberations – Full Time Equivalents

That the final 2012 City of Hamilton budget reflect no net increase in FTE's (Full-Time Equivalents) in the City's work force as compared to the 2011 employment numbers.

(f) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

On a motion, the Committee moved into closed session at 3:10 p.m. pursuant to Sub-section (c) of the City's Procedural By-law and Section 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act as the subject matters pertain to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City purposes.

The Chair noted that staff from Legal Services and the Real Estate Section of the Planning and Economic Development Department were currently looking at a proposed property acquisition, and wished to seek direction from the Committee In Camera as to whether or not to pursue the property and if so, on what terms and conditions.

As this involved the potential acquisition of a property, staff was of the view that it will disadvantage the City with respect to the private negotiations if the property is identified publicly at this time. Should negotiations succeed, the purchase would require public approval at that time.

The Committee reconvened in open session at 3:45 p.m.

The Chair reported that direction was provided to staff In Camera respecting a proposed property acquisition.

(g) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion, the Committee recessed at 3:45 p.m.

February 9, 2012

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

None

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(i) Public Health Services

On a motion, the Public Health Services budget presentation was waived. The information contained in the Public Health Services power point presentation distributed on February 2, 2012 was received.

(e) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion, the Committee recessed at 1:15 p.m.

February 10, 2012

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the additional budget presentation:

- (i) Other Programs – Legislative (Added as Item 4.1); balance of agenda re-numbered accordingly.

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

None

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(i) Other Programs – Legislative (Added Item 4.1)

On a motion, the power point presentation with respect to the Legislative budget was waived.

On a motion, the information provided with respect to the Legislative Budget was received.

(e) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion, the Committee recessed at 2:05 p.m.

February 15, 2012

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the following:

ADDED DELEGATION REQUESTS

- (i) Susan Braithwaite, Executive Director, International Village B.I.A.
- (ii) Kathy Drewitt, Executive Director, Downtown Hamilton B.I.A.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM:

- (iii) Written submission from Lisa Schumph on behalf of Lawson Ministries respecting Accessible Transportation Services Master Plan – Eligibility and Registration Policy Revision for Accessible Transportation Services (PW03128(c)) (City Wide)
- (iv) Trevor Clark, Regional Director of Development and Acting CEO, Alzheimer Society of Hamilton and Halton

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

(c) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

On a motion, the following public delegations were received:

- (i) Lisa Schumph, Program Manager, The Salvation army Lawson Ministries Hamilton; Judy Mansfield-Jones and daughter, Kristen
- (ii) Roman Sarachman
- (iii) Stan Haworth
- (iv) Andy MacLaren, Chair, Flamborough Citizens' Coalition
- (v) Susan Braithwaite, Executive Director, International B.I.A.
- (vi) Kathy Drewitt, Downtown Hamilton B.I.A.

On a motion, correspondence from Trevor Clark, Regional Director and Acting CEO, Alzheimer Society of Hamilton and Halton, respecting Accessible Transportation Services and the 2012 budget, were received.

(d) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion, the Committee recessed at 7:00 p.m.

February 17, 2012

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the following change:

ADDED DISCUSSION REPORT

- (i) Animal Services in Glanbrook (PED11090(a)) (City Wide)
(Added Item 5.5)

ADDED NOTICE OF MOTION

- (ii) Notice of Motion respecting PFOS at John C. Munro/Hamilton International Airport (Added Item 7.1)

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

None

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

On a motion, the presentations respecting the 2012 Tax-Supported Operating Budget for the following, were received:

- (i) Parking and By-law Services
- (ii) Tourism Hamilton
- (iii) Strate Services/Special Projects
- (iv) Planning
- (v) Growth Management
- (vi) Building Services
- (vii) Economic Development

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS

- (i) **Animal Services in Glanbrook (PED11090(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.5 – February 17)**

On a motion, Report PED11090(a) respecting Animal Services in Glanbrook, was received, staff was directed to provide financing options for continuing to outsource Animal Services in Glanbrook for one more year while further review of the service is being undertaken, prior to the end of the 2012 budget process.

See Item 23 for the disposition of this Item.

(f) NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor B. Johnson introduced the following Notice of Motion:

PFOS at John C. Munro/Hamilton International Airport

- (a) That staff be directed to facilitate a Public Open House in June, 2012 in conjunction with representatives of the consultant team from EXP and TradePort respecting On-site PFOS at the John C. Munro/ Hamilton International Airport;
- (b) That staff from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and the Ministry of the Environment be invited to attend the Public Open House in June, 2012; and,
- (c) That staff be directed to bring forward a status report regarding the item on the General Issues Committee's Outstanding Business List respecting On-site PFOS at the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport, on or before the August 13, 2012 General Issues Committee meeting."

The Notice of Motion will be placed on the March 21, 2012 agenda of the General Issues Committee.

(g) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Jobs Prosperity Collaborative

Staff was directed to note that the Committee wished to revisit the funding to the Jobs Prosperity Collaborative during the budget deliberations.

(h) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion, the Committee recessed at 3:45 p.m.

February 24, 2012

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

- (i) Appendix "A" to Report FCS12013 respecting 2012 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Boards and Agencies (omitted from printing of the agenda) (Item 5.2)

ADDED NOTICE OF MOTION

- (ii) Hamilton Conservation Authority Surcharge (Added Item 7.1)

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion, the following Minutes of the General Issues Committee were approved, as presented:

- (i) January 24, 2012
- (ii) January 30, 2012
- (iii) February 2, 2012
- (iv) February 3, 2012
- (v) February 7, 2012
- (vi) February 9, 2012

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

On a motion, the update respecting the 2012 Tax-Supported Operating Budget, was received.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Hamilton Cycling Committee (PW11089) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.2(a))

On a motion, sub-section was amended by reducing the additional budget request from \$7,000 to \$6,000.

The Amendment **CARRIED**.

(f) NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) Hamilton Conservation Authority Surcharge

The following is the preamble to the above-noted Notice of Motion:

Whereas, the 2012 Rate Supported Budget is fully funded and is a self-supported budget outside of the Tax Supported Budget process;

Whereas, the HCA has identified a 2012 budget pressure of \$40,000 in relation to the cost of wastewater charges specific to the operation of the Wave pool;

Whereas, the 2012 Rate Supported Budget did not assume the \$40,000 surcharge revenue against the HCA.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute a Surcharge Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Conservation Authority with respect to the wastewater services at the Wild Waterworks Wave pool, effective January 1, 2013, in form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

On a motion, the rules of order were waived in order to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Hamilton Conservation Authority Surcharge.

See Item 24 for the disposition of this item.

(g) MISCELLANEOUS

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

This item was deferred to a future budget deliberations meeting.

(ii) 2012 Budget Deliberations – Full-Time Equivalent

This item was withdrawn and presented to Council. See Motion 7.4 of February 22, 2012 Council Minutes.

(h) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion, the Committee recessed at 2:45 p.m.

February 29, 2012

(a) 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)

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

(b) 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.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

None

(d) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

(i) 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.

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.

On a motion, the delegation from Toromont Industries Ltd. was received.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Public Works Program Enhancements

On a motion, the following two items were TABLED pending additional information respecting KRONOS:

- (i) Roads – Road and Sidewalk Safety Maintenance (PW11017) – address deficiencies; sidewalk (\$600K); road surface (\$500K); Minimum Maintenance Standards compliance – TABLED (February 29)
- (iii) Roads – Storm Water Facilities Maintenance (2011 Budget); Catch basin inspection and 3 cleaning cycle (\$300K); Catch basin repairs (\$150K); Storm Water Pont Maintenance (\$650K); Culvert and outfall inspection and maintenance (\$270K) – TABLED (February 29)

(f) PARKED ITEMS

On a motion, the 2012 Council-referred Item respecting Transit ATS – Implement new AODA Eligibility and Registration for transit ATS were parked pending a report back from the staff, to include 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.

See Item 8 for the disposition of this item.

(g) MOTIONS

- (i) **Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) Task Force to Explore Downtown Locations for HWDSB Headquarters (Item 7.1) (February 29)**
- (ii) **Declaration of Interest – Integrity Commissioner (Item 7.2) (February 29)**

See Motions 7.3 and 7.4 of the March 7, 2012 Council Minutes.

(h) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion, the Committee recessed at 4:20 p.m.

March 2, 2012

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

ADDED DISCUSSION REPORT

- (i) Animal Services in Glanbrook (PED11190(b)) (Ward 11) (Added Item 5.4)

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion, the following Minutes were approved, as presented:

- (i) January 26 and 27, 2012 (Boards and Agencies)
(ii) February 10, 2012
(iii) February 15, 2012 (Public Delegations)
(iv) February 17, 2012
(v) February 24, 2012
(vi) February 29, 2012

(d) PRESENTATIONS

On a motion, the update provided with respect to the 2012 Tax-Supported Operating Budget, was received.

(e) PARKED ITEMS

(i) Public Works

On a motion, the 2012 Department-requested Program Enhancement for Horticulture – Maintenance of new traffic roundabouts, with a 2012 net impact of \$161,440, was parked pending receipt of additional information from staff with respect to alternate methods to minimize horticultural maintenance of the roundabouts.

See Item 11 for the disposition of this item.

(ii) Planning & Economic Development Department

On a motion, the Planning & Economic Development operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-1, page 7, \$16,956,299 was parked to allow the opportunity for discussions at a future meeting.

(f) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion, the Committee recessed at 12:00 p.m.

March 6, 2012

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

REPORTS POSTPONED

- (i) Public Health Services Accommodation – McMaster Health Campus (PED1134(d)/FCS11063(d)/BOH11026(d)/CM11008(d)) (Ward 2) (Item 5.1(a))
- (ii) Public Health Services Accommodation – McMaster Health Campus (PED1134(c)/FCS11063(c)/BOH11026(c)/CM11008(c)) (Ward 2) (Deferred by Committee on February 27, 2012) (Item 5.1(b))
- (iii) Lease Extension for Public Health Services – 35 King Street East/1 Hughson Street North – Park Place Real Estate Limited Partnership (PED12013) (Ward 2) (Item 5.2)

ADDED REPORT

- (iv) 2011 Draft Tax and Rate Operating Year End Variance (Unaudited) (FCS12017) (City Wide) (Added Item 5.5)

ADDED CORRESPONDENCE

- (v) Opinion from Kevin Christenson, Municipal Advisor to the Mayor, respecting a ruling of the Chair at the March 2, 2012 meeting

ADDED PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

- (vi) Proposed or Pending Land Acquisition or disposition of land for City purposes

On a motion, no action was taken with respect to the Opinion from Kevin Christenson, Municipal Advisory to the Mayor, respecting a ruling of the Chair at the March 2, 2012 meeting.

Councillor S. Merulla indicated that he wished to be recorded as opposed to the opinion being formally adopted as part of the agenda.

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 5.3 Eligibility and Registration for Accessible Transportation Services

Councillor L. Ferguson declared a conflict of interest as he has a family member who is severely disabled who may or may not be eligible for ATS (DARTS), pending the decision of Committee and Council.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

None

(d) PRESENTATIONS

(i) 2012 Tax-Supported Operating Budget – Update

Rob Rossini provided an update on the budget amendments to date.

On a motion, the update provided by Rob Rossini respecting the 2012 Tax-Supported Operating Budget, was received.

(ii) 2011 Draft Tax and Rate Operating Year End Variance (Unaudited) (FCS12027) (City Wide) (Item 5.5 – March 6)

Mr. Rossini provided a power point presentation on the above-noted matter. He advised the Committee that a full report will be presented to the Committee at the April 18 General Issues Committee meeting; however, the presentation today is very high level and responds to questions and concerns expressed at previous budget meetings. The presentation also responds to surpluses over the past few years and gapping.

On a motion, Report FCS12027 respecting 2011 Draft Tax and Rate Operating Year End Variance (Unaudited), was received.

On a motion, the City Clerk was directed to schedule two additional dates of the General Issues Committee, following the March break, to continue with the budget deliberations.

On a motion, staff was directed to provide, on a regular basis, a tertiary line item that shows, by Ward, the assessment growth rate for 2012 and the assessment value in 2011.

(iii) Provincial Downloading resulting from Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Legislation

Whereas Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) legislation will have a significant financial impact on the residential taxpayer of Hamilton;

And Whereas Provincial downloading continues to be a financial burden, representing nearly 25% of the City of Hamilton's Operating Budget.

See item 27 for the disposition of this item.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Eligibility and Registration for Accessible Transportation Services – (PW03128(d)) (City Wide) (Item 5.3) (March 6)

Don Hull provided introductory remarks to the report.

(ii) 2012 Tax-Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations (FCS12014) (City Wide) (Item 5.4) (March 6)

Consideration of Recommendations from Report FCS12014 (Item 5.4(b) – March 6)

(aa) Planning & Economic Development Department

On a motion, the Planning & Economic Development Operating Budget was unpassed.

(iii) Public Health Services/McMaster Health Campus (March 6)

On a motion, the City Manager was directed to communicate with McMaster to express the reasons for the delay in the City's decision, and request that they be kindly requested to stay with the City before making any final decision.

(iv) Public Health Services Accommodation – McMaster Health Campus (PED1134(c)/FCS11063(c)/BOH11026(c)/CM11008(c)) (Item 4.1(b) – March 27)

On a motion Report PED1134(c)/FCS11063(c)/BOH11026(c)/CM11008(c) respecting Public Health Services Accommodation – McMaster Health Campus be received and no action taken.

(f) OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

(i) Outstanding Issues:

Chair Clark advised the Committee that the budgets for the following items are still outstanding:

- (aa) Forestry and Horticulture – Street Tree Trimming (PW05015(a) and (b) – Deferral recommended of \$1.32 million, including 2012 and deferred amounts from 2010 and 2011 – DEFERRED (February 29)
- (bb) Roads – Road and Sidewalk Safety Maintenance (PW11017) – address deficiencies; sidewalk (\$600K); road surface (\$500K); Minimum Maintenance Standards compliance – TABLED (February 29)
- (cc) Roads – Storm Water Facilities Maintenance (2011 Budget); Catch basin inspection and 3 cleaning cycle (\$300K); Catch basin repairs (\$150K); Storm Water Pont Maintenance (\$650K); Culvert and outfall inspection and maintenance (\$270K) – TABLED (February 29)
- (dd) Horticulture – Maintenance of new traffic roundabouts (\$161,400) – PARKED (March 2)
- (ee) Recommendation (l) of Report FCS12014 respecting the 2012 tax levy and preparation of the necessary by-law

(g) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

On a motion, the Committee moved into closed session at 12:00 noon pursuant to sub-sections 8.1(c), (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law and Sections 239.2(c), (e) and (f) of the Municipal Act as the subject matter pertain to:

- (c) Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City purposes;
- (e) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City;
- (f) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, respecting City of Hamilton ats Yale Properties.

On a motion, the Committee reconvened in Open Session at 2:40 p.m.

(i) City of Hamilton ats Yale Properties (LS12004) (City Wide)

No action to report.

(ii) **Siemens Hamilton Plant, 30 Milton Street, Hamilton**

Direction provided to the Committee In Camera.

(h) **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion, the Committee recessed at 2:40 p.m.

March 22, 2012

(a) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

PRESENTATION

- (i) Budget Update – Rob Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services

NOTICES OF MOTION

- (ii) Funding Agreement with the Hamilton Conservation Authority for the purpose of supporting the Cootes to Escarpment Eco-Park area (Added Item 6.1)
- (iii) Funding Request for Supercrawl (Added Item 6.2)

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- (iv) City of Hamilton v Metcalfe & Mansfield (Added Item 7.1) (No Copy)

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

(b) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

(c) **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

On a motion, the Minutes of the March 2 and 6, 2012 Minutes of the General Issues Committee were approved.

(d) PRESENTATIONS

Rob Rossini provided a power point presentation updating the Committee on the status of the 2012 operating budget in terms of percentage increase to date. Comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Bit of progress since last meeting in terms of reducing the budget impact
- 1.3% increase as of previous meeting
- Recommending to additional budget amendments i.e., reduction to Employer Health Benefits Cost (\$650,000) and funding the Addiction Services from the Ontario Works Stabilization Reserve (\$143,000)
- \$800,000 in reductions would bring overall tax impact down to 1.2% level

- If approved, overall tax impact would be at \$42 per average household, (assessed at \$258,000)
- To get to 1%, would require another \$1.9 million in reductions and \$3.5 million to get to 0.8% as last year
- Items outstanding on today's agenda include: street tree trimming, roads and sidewalks, stormwater facility maintenance, horticultural roundabouts

Within the budget information handout, the Committee was provided with:

- (i) an up-to-date Appendix "A" reflective of proposed reductions
- (ii) 2012 total residential tax impacts – Urban by former area municipality and by Ward
- (iii) 2012 total residential tax impacts – Rural by former area municipality and by Ward
- (iv) 2012 total residential tax impacts – Urban with Rural Fire by former area municipality and by Ward
- (v) 2012 total residential tax impacts – Rural with Urban Fire by former area municipality and by Ward
- (vi) 2011 Growth for 2012 Taxation.

Councillor Powers requested information respecting comparables over the 2011 figures relative to the 2011 growth for 2012 taxation.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Outstanding 2012 Budget Items

On a motion, the following items were tabled to the March 27, 2012 General Issues Committee budget meeting:

- (aa) Forestry and Horticulture – Street Tree Trimming (PW05015(a) and (b)) – Deferral recommended of \$1.32 million, including 2012 and deferred amounts from 2010 and 2011 (Deferred from February 29)
- (bb) Roads – Road and Sidewalk Safety Maintenance (PW11017) – address deficiencies; sidewalk (\$600K); road surface (\$500K); Minimum Maintenance Standards compliance (Tabled at February 29)
- (cc) Roads – Storm Water Facilities Maintenance (2011 Budget); Catch basin inspection and 3 cleaning cycle (\$300K); Catch basin repairs (\$150K); Storm Water Pont Maintenance (\$650K); Culvert and outfall inspection and maintenance (\$270K) (Tabled at February 29)
- (dd) Horticulture – Maintenance of new traffic roundabouts (\$161,400) (Parked at March 2)
- (ee) Recommendation (l) of Report FCS12014 respecting the 2012 tax levy and preparation of the necessary by-law

(f) NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor B. McHattie introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Funding Agreement with the Hamilton Conservation Authority for the purpose of supporting the Cootes to Escarpment Eco-Park area (Item 6.1)

Whereas, Hamilton City Council has endorsed the Cootes to Escarpment Eco-Park Strategy and the City of Hamilton has a seat on the project steering committee, and;

And Whereas, the Cootes to Escarpment Eco-Park area from Dundas to Burlington connecting the Cootes Paradise Marsh and the Grindstone Creek Estuary to the Niagara Escarpment is one of the richest bioal areas in Canada, and represents the only location on the north side of Lake Ontario where the Niagara Escarpment is connected to the Great Lakes without being interrupted by a 400 series highway, and;

And Whereas, this corridor faces intense pressures from the surrounding urbanized portions of Hamilton and Burlington, and major transportation arteries such as Highways 403 and 6, and;

And Whereas, since 2009, the City of Hamilton has supported the concept of acquisition of natural areas through the establishment of a Natural Areas Acquisition Fund.

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton enter into a funding agreement with the Hamilton Conservation Authority for the purpose of supporting land acquisition in the Cootes to Escarpment Eco-Park area;
- (b) That said funding agreement total \$250,000 for 2012 and be funded from the following sources:
 - (i) \$50,000 from the Unallocated Capital Reserve (108020) that was approved through the 2012 capital budget process for the purpose of the Cootes Paradise to Escarpment land acquisition project;
 - (ii) \$100,000 through closing and transferring the uncommitted and unspent funding from capital project 8121159100 Natural Areas Acquisition Fund; and
 - (iii) \$100,000 through the 2011 tax supported operating surplus.

Notice of Motion will be placed on the March 27 GIC agenda as a Motion.

Councillor Farr introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(ii) Funding Request for 2012 Supercrawl (Item 6.2)

Whereas the approximate total direct Gross Domestic Product impact on Hamilton from Supercrawl was \$1.5 million;

And Whereas based on the survey results taken on the street at the time of the 2011 event, and the responses to questions about where the attendees came from and what they spent, the Ontario government's Tourism Regional Impact Model concludes that the largest sector benefit was to the Food and Beverage industry, at \$283,000, the second largest sector benefit was to Retail Trade, at \$272,000, followed by Accommodation at \$114,000;

And Whereas this same model estimates that the total impact on Ontario's economy, when spin-off benefits and sales tax are included, was \$3.9 million. This number takes into account the money spent getting to Hamilton, and the benefit to the 'downstream producers' such as farmers, manufacturers and shipping and storage, amongst others;

And Whereas Supercrawl organizers have, in a short time, proven that this event is a major festival with respect to draw (approximate attendance of 50,000), and have done so for the most part at their own expense;

And Whereas the event is community based and features thousands of hours in community volunteer time;

And Whereas the 2012 Festival will have considerably more content, with a much larger street closure area than 2011;

And Whereas the organizers of this event are looking to continue to expand and create an event that will be a showcase for Hamilton for the Pan Am Games in 2015.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That one-time funding in the amount of \$60,000 for the 2012 James Street North Supercrawl be approved, and that this amount be funded from the Economic Development Department 2012 Operating Budget.

On a motion, the Rules of Order were waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion with respect to Funding Request for Supercrawl.

See Item 9 for the disposition of this item.

(g) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

On a motion, the Committee moved into closed Session at 10:43 p.m. pursuant to sub-sections 8.1(e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law and Sections 239.2(e) and (f) of the Municipal Act as the subject matters pertain to:

- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City;
- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose

respecting City of Hamilton v Metcalfe & Mansfield.

The Committee reconvened in Open Session at 11:05 p.m.

(i) City of Hamilton v Metcalfe & Mansfield (Added Item 7.1)

Direction provided to staff In Camera.

(h) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion, the Committee recessed at 11:10 a.m.

March 27, 2012

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

REPORT WITHDRAWN

- (i) Public Health Services Accommodation – McMaster Health Campus (PED1134(d)/FCS11063(d)/BOH11026(d)/CM11008(d)) (Ward 2) (Item 4.1(a))

STAFF PRESENTATION

- (ii) 2012 Budget Update (Added Item 4.2)

VERBAL UPDATE

- (iii) Independent External Review of HECFI Operations – Phase II (RFP)

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

- (iv) Personal Matter respecting an Identifiable Individual (No Copy) (Added Item 7.1)

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

(d) PRESENTATIONS

- (i) **Public Health Services Accommodation – McMaster Health Campus (PED1134(c)/FCS11063(c)/BOH11026(c)/CM11008(c)) (Ward 2) (Deferred by Committee on March 6, 2012) (Item 4.1(b))**

Chris Murray, City Manager, reported the following with respect to the matter of Public Health Services Accommodation – McMaster Health Campus:

- Matter respecting swing space for the School Board has been resolved between the HWDSB and Yale Properties; 3 locations do not involve the leasing space that the City was focused on in the Robert Thomson Building
- What this means is that the deal that the City had “inked” with Yale has changed, and the City no longer requires the first two years of that deal to be acted on
- Staff has had discussions with Yale and will be coming back to the Committee with some minor changes to the Agreement that was previously presented; hope to get changes done as soon as possible and bring report forward to the April 18 Committee meeting
- Report will include an evaluation of 3 proposals i.e., Yale Properties, City Centre and Right House; report will clarify a decision to simply have a portion of Public Health staff relocate to the McMaster Health Campus in July 2014
- Want to be able to present what would happen if everyone effectively stayed where they were i.e., do not amalgamate all Public Health functions, evaluation of “do nothing” alternative, understanding that some portion of Public Health will be moving to the McMaster Health Campus

(ii) 2012 Budget Update (Added Item 4.2)

Rob Rossini provided a power point presentation updating the Committee on the status of the 2012 operating budget in terms of percentage increase to date, and provided information relative to the following:

- Budget amendments to date (inclusive of additional proposed reductions)
- Proposed Amendments – March 27, 2012
- Tax Impact on Average Home assessed at \$258,000
- 2012 Average Municipal Tax Impacts of other Ontario municipalities
- 2012 Updated budget by Department
- Reducing the tax impact
- Outstanding Budget Items

The Committee was also provided with a revised Appendix which reflects the proposed reductions and updated urban and rural residential tax impacts and urban with rural fire/rural with urban fire residential tax impacts, all by former area municipality and by Ward.

On a motion, the presentation provided with respect to the update of the 2012 operating budget, be received.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Lease Extension for Public Health Services – 35 King Street East/1 Hughson Street North – Park Place Real Estate Limited Partnership (PED12013) (Ward 2) (Item 5.1)

On a motion, Report PED12013 respecting Lease Extension for Public Health Services – 35 King Street East/1 Hughson Street North – Park Place Real Estate Limited Partnership was tabled pending receipt of an additional report.

(ii) Workforce Management Technology Project – KRONOS (CM12002) (City Wide)

Lora Fontana provided a power point presentation on the Workforce Management Technology Project (WMTP), which included the following:

- Project is a long-term workforce technology strategy to support the City's \$675 million investment in human capital investment
- Current system is manual and fragmented electronic solutions
- Not able to respond to basic questions i.e., how many people call in sick; who/how many people are at work today; scheduling; vacation, absenteeism
- Advantages of enhanced workforce technology
- Current technology
- Leverage technology across the City – Phase 1 Implementation
- Review of recommendations
- SMT commitment.

Ms. Fontana also stated that this is a corporate-wide initiative, and reflects the collaborative effort of representatives from all City Departments to bring this proposal forward for the Committee's consideration.

A copy of the power point presentation is available on the City's website.

See Item 10 for the disposition of this item.

(iii) Outstanding 2012 Budget Items (Item 5.3)

On a motion, the following items were lifted from the table:

- (a) Forestry and Horticulture – Street Tree Trimming (PW05015(a) and (b)) – Deferral recommended of \$1.32 million, including 2012 and deferred amounts from 2010 and 2011 (Deferred from February 29)

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- (d) Horticulture – Maintenance of new traffic roundabouts (\$161,400) – PARKED (March 2)

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- (iii) \$100,000 through the 2011 tax supported operating surplus.

See Item 13 for the disposition of this item.

(g) OTHER BUSINESS

HECFI Operational Review – RFP Phase II (New Business) (No Copy)

Art Zuidema provided the Committee with an update on the progress of the review of the proponents' submissions and indicated that additional time is required for this purpose. He respectfully requested the Committee's indulgence to provide staff with more time to carry out their due diligence before bringing a report to the Committee for their consideration and asked that the April 4 reporting date be extended to the last week of April.

On a motion, the Clerk was directed to schedule a special meeting of the General Issues Committee in order to consider the HECFI Proposal – RFP Phase II during the week of April 23.

(h) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Added Item 7.1)

On a motion, the rules of order were waived in order to allow the Committee to move into closed session for the purpose of a personal matter about an identifiable individual.

On a motion, the Committee moved into closed session at 1:18 p.m. pursuant to sub-section 8.1(b) of the City's Procedural By-law and Section 239.2(b) of the Municipal Act as the subject matter pertained to a personal matter about an identifiable individual respecting the application of City policies.

The Committee reconvened in Open Session at 1:30 p.m.

(i) Application of City Policies

Direction was provided to staff in camera.

(i) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor R. Powers
Deputy Mayor – January

Councillor T. Whitehead
Deputy Mayor – February

Councillor B. Clark
Deputy Mayor – March

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Co-ordinator
January-March, 2012

**CITY OF HAMILTON
2012 BOARDS AND AGENCIES AMENDMENTS - APPROVED @ GIC**

<u>Board/Agency</u>	<u>Preliminary Budget</u>	<u>Net Levy Adjustmnet</u>	<u>Approved Budget</u>
City Boards:			
Hamilton Police Services	134,712,320		134,712,320
Hamilton Public Library	28,038,568		28,038,568
H.E.C.F.I.	3,247,140		3,247,140
Sub Total	165,998,028	-	165,998,028
Conservation Authorities:			
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (Net)	519,167	(5,694)	513,473
Grand River Conservation Authority	238,164		238,164
Conservation Halton	179,658		179,658
Hamilton Conservation Authority (Net)	3,569,320		3,569,320
Sub Total	4,506,309	(5,694)	4,500,615
HCA: Contracted Services			
Total for Contracted Services	1,222,530	(40,000)	1,182,530
Grants:			
Art Gallery of Hamilton (Net)	883,599		883,599
Boris Brott - Approved Grant	90,110		90,110
Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit Inc.	126,810		126,810
Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra	113,700		113,700
HWCA - Festival of Friends	85,270		85,270
Opera Hamilton	126,930		126,930
Theatre Aquarius	73,534		73,534
Hamilton Waterfront Trust	155,344		155,344
Royal Botanical Gardens	599,210		599,210
Sub Total	2,254,507	-	2,254,507
Other Items:			
MPAC	6,205,585		6,205,585
Community Partnership Program	3,212,176		3,212,176
Sub Total	9,417,761	-	9,417,761
Total for All Boards and Agencies	\$ 183,399,135	\$ (45,694)	\$ 183,353,441

**CITY OF HAMILTON
2012 TAX OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENTS - APPROVED @ GIC**

<u>Department</u> <u>DESCRIPTION:</u>	FTE	Preliminary Budget	Net Levy Adjustment	Levy Increase \$	Residential Impact	
					Muni	Total
Operating Levy Impact Preliminary Budget - Budget Book (Jan. 24 GIC)	7,055.40	\$ 713,277,869		\$ 24,243,761	2.3%	2.0%
Feb 24th GIC Amendments						
B&A Reduction to Niagara Conservation levy (FCS12013)			(5,694)			
PW Fare revenue increase (Transit)			(600,000)			
PW Fuel expense decrease (Transit)			(260,000)			
PHS Vector-Borne Diseases - Mosquito Traps and Testing			(20,656)			
PHS Vector-Borne Diseases - Staffing	(1.40)		(14,258)			
Non Prog Using reserves to phase out provincial revenue loss			(2,000,000)			
Corp Fin Utilize Benefit Reserve to offset Retiree Benefit Impact			(437,280)			
Corp Fin Updated corporate contingencies *			(370,000)			
Non Prog Budget Supplementary Tax Revenue @ 5yr Avg			(500,000)			
Corp Fin Updated calculation of Parkland purchases requirement			(108,000)			
Corp Fin Budget Operating Impacts based on 2012 Impact, not annualized impact			(400,000)			
B&A Confederation Park budget reduction related to wastewater charges			(40,000)			
Legislative Hamilton Cycling Committee reserve contribution reduced by \$1K no net levy impact			-			
Legislative Volunteer Committees (Cycling & Veterans Cmmtee inc. to base)			4,160			
Feb 29th GIC - Appendix "B" to FCS12014 Amendments						
EMS (i) Vehicle attendant (add'l 50% funded from reserve)	1.40		34,160			
EMS (ii) Deploy 1 Paramedic Response Unit (add'l 50% from reserve)	5.62		294,344			
EMS (iii) Add 1 Paramedic Sup. for Offload 1yr Pilot (add'l 50% from reserve)	1.00		40,000			
Comm Serv (v) Arts Awards	0.00		43,300			
Comm Serv (vi) Addiction Services	12.00		143,000			
Comm Serv (vii) YWCA Grant	0.00		85,400			
PW (x) Waste Mgt - Commercial Green Cart	0.00		140,000			
CMO (xiii) Audit - Value for Money (3yr Pilot funded from reserve \$143,875 2012)	2.00		-			
Corp Fin (xvi) Physician Recruitment	0.00		25,000			
Comm Serv (xvii) Flamborough Women's Resource Centre	0.00		103,866			
Legislative (xviii) Ward Budgets	0.00		211,428			

* Note - Includes reduction of General Contingency of -\$461,000, offset by an increase of \$91,000 required to fully implement Council's direction to add 2 FTEs in Internal Audit required to address workload issues (AF&A Report 11-003).

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<u>Department</u> <u>DESCRIPTION:</u>	FTE	Preliminary Budget	Net Levy Adjustment	Levy Increase \$	Residential Impact	
					Muni	Total
CONTINUED						
Mar 2nd GIC - Appendix "C" to FCS12014 and other Amendments						
Comm Serv (iv) Recreation - Incremental Oper. Impacts for N. Wentworth arena	4.82		197,000			
Comm Serv (iii) City Housing - on-site staffing (\$642,270 fully funded)	20.00		-			
PED (i) Building - Application Analyst (\$60,414 funded from Enterprise model)	0.60		-			
PED (ii) Ec Dev - Youth Advisor Contract position (\$82,500 gross)	1.00		-			
Corp Fin Reduction in staff compensation			(500,000)			
PW One-time Waste Collection contract increase funded by reserve in 2012			(1,700,000)			
Mar 6th GIC - Appendix "B" to FCS12014 and other Amendments						
PW (viii) Transit ATS - AODA Eligibility & Registration	2.00		850,000			
PED Eliminate grant to JPC (\$100,000 funding remains in PED base)			-			
Previously Approved by Council						
PW Transit Service - Centennial Parkway Regional Shopping Complex (\$150k funded from reserve in 2012) - Feb 8th	2.00		-			
PW DARTS Agreement Renewal (PW11093) - Dec 14th	(2.00)		-			
Mar 22nd GIC Amendments						
Corp Fin Reduction to Employer Health Benefits Cost			(650,000)			
Comm Serv Fund Addiction Services enhancement from OW Stabilization Reserve			(143,000)			
Mar 27th GIC Amendments						
Corp Fin Conference/Training - 5% reduction			(155,000)			
Comm Serv Revised OW Caseload Assumption			(450,000)			
PW Adjusted Recycling Revenue / WDO Subsidy Projection			(350,000)			
Fire Protective Clothing - budget for 2012 impact, not annualized			(65,000)			
PW Winter Control			(1,000,000)			
Corp Fin Reduction in staff compensation			(500,000)			
CMO Audit	(1.00)		(110,000)			
PW Road & Sidwalk Safety Maintenance (\$1.1M funded from capital)			-			
PW Storm Water Facilities Maintenance (\$1.37M funded from capital)			-			
PW Maintenance of new traffic roundabouts (\$161.4k funded from capital)	1.66		-			
	49.70			\$ (8,207,230)	-1.2%	-1.0%
Updated Impacts based on detailed Area Rating model					-0.1%	-0.1%
TOTAL IMPACT					1.0%	0.9%