



General Issues Committee

REPORT 12-013

Special Meeting

9:30 a.m.

Friday, May 11, 2012

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor R. Powers – City Business
Councillors B. Johnson, B. Clark, B. Morelli

Also Present: C. Murray, City Manager
G. Davis, General Manager, Public Works
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate
Services
D. McKinnon, Acting Senior Director, Water and Wastewater
Operations
M. Zegarac, Director, Financial Planning and Policy
A. Grozelle, Legislative Co-ordinator

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 12-013 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

- 1. Biosolids Management Project - P3 Canada Funding Business Plan Approval (PW11098a/FCS11112a) - (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**
 - (a) That the General Manager, Public Works be authorized and directed to submit the Business Case attached as Appendix "A" to Report PW11098a/FCS11112a to Public-Private Partnerships Canada ('P3 Canada') requesting funding approval for either the Enhanced Treatment and/or Thermal Reduction alternatives for the City's long-term Biosolids Management Solution;

- (b) That staff report back to Council with an update subsequent to receiving a response from P3 Canada, and prior to proceeding with Phase 2 of the approved Workplan, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PW11098a/FCS11112a;
- (c) That staff be directed to submit the business case developed in support of the Round three application as a re-application into the Round Four P3 Canada Fund for a proposed biosolids management project.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The agenda was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 3)**(i) Delegation Request by Ray Fullerton to present his opinions respecting P3 Canada Biosolids Business Case (Item 3.1)**

The delegation request of Ray Fullerton to present his opinions respecting P3 Canada Biosolids Business Case, was approved to be heard today.

Chair Duvall indicated that the delegation would be heard following the staff presentation.

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 5)**(i) Biosolids Management Project - P3 Canada Funding Business Plan Approval (PW11098a/FCS11112a) - (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

Dan McKinnon, Director of Water and Wastewater Operations & Remo Bucci, P.Eng., Vice President and Director, Deloitte, addressed the Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the official record.

Dan McKinnon provided the committee with an overview of the past history of the Biosolids and discussed the current status of the project. He

outlined the City's current practice of using land application in respect to biosolids. He discussed changes under the *Nutrient Management Act* which has increased the amount of biosolids that can be placed on a hectare of land as well as increased monitoring requirements and decreased handling restrictions. Mr. McKinnon indicated that the current land application process would likely not qualify under P3 funding opportunities. He discussed the various other options respecting biosolids and the goal of making a long-term biosolids management plan.

Remo Bucci, outlined the business case and how it applies to the P3 Canada grant system as described in the report attached as Appendix "A" to Report PW11098(a)/FCS11112(a). Mr. Bucci provided examples of other successful P3 projects and discussed the current market for P3 biosolids project.

Mr. Bucci discussed the next steps in moving forward with the RFP for a P3 project and indicated the importance of approving the business case today to proceed.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Bucci respecting the thirty-year term and possible changes to legislation for incineration of biosolids. Committee members also asked for clarification of the approval process and what occurs if costs change in the future.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. McKinnon respecting enhanced treatment to biosolids.

Committee members asked for clarification on what endorsement of the Business Plan would result in? Staff indicated that the Business Plan would be submitted to P3 Canada and that staff will return to committee with the results of this application this fall to seek further direction.

The staff presentation respecting Report PW11098a/FCS11112a, Biosolids Management Project - P3 Canada Funding Business Plan Approval, was received.

(i) Delegation by Ray Fullerton to present his opinions respecting P3 Canada Biosolids Business Case (Item 4.1)

Mr. Fullerton discussed the past concerns he raised around some of the P3 suggestions. He went through the report and discussed the costs of the various options.

Mr. Fullerton discussed his concerns with importing biosolids from other areas. He discussed the 17 bidders who have expressed interest in the P3 opportunity. Mr. Fullerton suggested that Council

proceed to the next phase of the project to see what the results of the evaluation of the P3 Business Plan are.

Committee members asked about the establishment of the Sub-Committee on the P3 Biosolids issue and the Fairness Monitor. Staff indicated that they will be bringing more details back on matters, likely when they report back in the fall.

The delegation by Ray Fullerton to present his opinions respecting P3 Canada Biosolids Business Case, was received.

On a Motion a Sub-section (c) was added to read as follows:

- (c) That staff be directed to submit the business case developed in support of the Round three application as a re-application into the Round Four P3 Canada Fund for a proposed biosolids management project.

The Main Motion as amended CARRIED on the following votes:

Yeas:	S. Duvall, T. Whitehead, T. Jackson, J. Farr, B. McHattie, L. Ferguson, J. Partridge, M. Pearson
Total :	8
Nays :	C. Collins (only to subsection (a)), S. Merulla (entirety)
Total:	2
Absent:	R. Bratina, B. Morelli, B. Johnson, R. Pasuta, R. Powers, B. Clark,
Total :	6

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 1.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 6)

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor S. Duvall
Deputy Mayor

Andy Grozelle
Legislative Co-ordinator
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