



General Issues Committee

MINUTES

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

Absent with Regrets: T. Jackson – 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 and Economic
Development
J. Soldera, A/General Manager, Community and Social
Services
D. Fisher, Acting City Solicitor
N. Everson, Director, Economic Development
C. Biggs, Legislative Co-ordinator

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1. Clean City Strategy 2012 Work Plan Spring Update (PW11052(c)) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

(Bratina/Pearson)

That Report PW11052(c) respecting Clean City Strategy 2012 Work Plan Spring Update, be received. **CARRIED**

2. Selection of External Auditor for Fiscal Years 2012 to 2016 (FCS12001) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Bratina/Pearson)

That Report FCS12001 respecting Selection of External Auditor for Fiscal Years 2012 to 2016, be received. **CARRIED**

3. Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) Surplus Land at 560 Grays Road (Stoney Creek) (Ward 10) (PED11018(a)) (Outstanding Business List) (Item 5.3)

(Bratina/Pearson)

That Report PED11018(a) respecting Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) Surplus Land at 560 Grays Road (Stoney Creek), be received. **CARRIED**

4. Hamilton Downtown/West Harbour Remediation Loan Program Application (RLP-12-01) and Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application (ERG 12-01) – 275 James Street North (PED12122) (Ward 2) (Item 5.4)

(Bratina/Pearson)

- (a) That a conditional loan commitment totaling \$333,520 for 275 Jamesville St. North Ltd., the registered owner of the property located at 275 James Street North, be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Hamilton Downtown/West Harbourfront Remediation Loan Program;
- (b) That Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application ERG-12-01, submitted by 275 Jamesville St. North Ltd., owner of the property at 275 James Street North, for an ERASE Redevelopment Grant estimated at \$59,861 but not to exceed \$416,900 the actual cost of the remediation, payable to 275 Jamesville St. North Ltd. over a maximum of ten (10) years, be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the ERASE Redevelopment Agreement;
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute loan agreements together with any ancillary documentation required, to effect recommendations (a) and (b), above, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

- (d) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized to approve and execute any loan amending agreements, together with any ancillary amending documentation, if required, provided that the terms and conditions of the Hamilton Downtown/West Harbourfront Remediation Loan Program and Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant, as approved by City Council, are maintained. **CARRIED**

5. Provincial Offences and Municipal Law Enforcement Workload Challenges (PED11122(b)/LS11007(b)/FCS11049(b)) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)

(Bratina/Pearson)

That Report PED11122(b)/LS11007(b)/FCS11049(b) respecting Provincial Offences and Municipal Law Enforcement Workload Challenges, be received.

CARRIED

6. Illegal Dumping, Litter and Escaped Waste (PED11127(c)) (City Wide) (Item 5.6)

(Bratina/Pearson)

(a) That the Yard Maintenance By-law No.10-118 be amended to require property owners and occupants to keep boulevards abutting their properties free and clear of waste;

(b) That the draft by-law to amend Yard Maintenance By-law No. 10-118, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED11127(c), prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be enacted. **CARRIED**

7. Acquisition of Part of 375 McNeilly Road, Stoney Creek, from DFG Holdings Inc. (PED12115) (Ward 11) (Item 5.7)

(Bratina/Pearson)

(a) That an Option to Purchase with an Authority to Enter, executed by DFG Holdings Inc. on May 8, 2012, and scheduled to close on September 19, 2012, subject to satisfactory environmental review, to purchase 0.51 ha (1.26 acres) of land described as Part of Lot 9, Concession 1, in the former Township of Saltfleet, now in the City of Hamilton, designated as Part 4 on Plan 62R-17671, being part of PIN 17361-0036(LT) and forming the southerly part of property known municipally as 375 McNeilly Road, shown on Appendix "A" attached to Report PED12115, be approved and completed at a purchase price of \$330,000;

(b) That the purchase price of \$330,000 be charged to Project ID 59259-3620407101 (Stoney Creek Industrial Park - Infrastructure);

- (c) That, as consideration, the amount of \$2, paid to the owners pursuant to the agreement, be deducted from the purchase price;
- (d) That the completion of this Option to Purchase is conditional upon the City being permitted for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of acceptance of the Option to Purchase, to enter upon the property for the purpose of carrying out physical and environmental inspections, investigations and testing pursuant to the Authority to Enter provided by the Owner to the City. Following said investigations, should the City not be satisfied with the findings, then the City may terminate this agreement;
- (e) That the City agrees, at its cost, to construct a driveway from Arvin Avenue to the south limit of Part 4, 62R-17671 at the time of construction of Arvin Avenue, on the condition the owner requests a driveway and specifies its location prior to commencement of construction of Arvin Avenue by the City;
- (f) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any necessary documents, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (g) That costs incurred for Real Estate (inclusive of an appraisal) and legal expenses in the amount of \$22,907, be funded from Account No. 3620407101 (Stoney Creek Industrial Park - Infrastructure) and credited to Account No. 45408-3560150200 (Property Purchases and Sales).

CARRIED

8. Cultural Policy Report (PED12117) (City Wide) (Item 7.4)

(Powers/Whitehead)

- (a) That The Citizen's Reference Panel on Cultural Policy and Planning Report, prepared by the consulting firm MASS LBP, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED12117, be received;
- (b) That the Cultural Policy, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED12117, be approved.

CARRIED

9. Correspondence from Janice Brown on behalf of the Durand Neighbourhood Association expressing support for the Downtown Super-market Incentive Program (Item 7.5)

(Ferguson/Pasuta)

That the correspondence from Janice Brown on behalf of the Durand Neighbourhood Association expressing support for the Downtown Super-market Incentive Program, be received.

CARRIED

10. Development Charges Annual Indexing and Industrial Development Charges Increases – Effective July 6, 2012 (FCS12048) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Whitehead/Ferguson)

That Report FCS12048 respecting Development Charges Annual Indexing and Industrial Development Charges Increases – Effective July 6, 2012, be received.

CARRIED

11. Residential Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program (PW11056(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.2)

(Collins/Whitehead)

(a) That Report PW11056(a) respecting Residential Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program, be received;

(b) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee on a community improvement plan to expand eligibility of the Residential Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program to owners of residential rental properties;

(c) That given funding for this program will be fully allocated by July 2012, staff report back on options to refund the program. **CARRIED as amended.**

12. Five-Year Review – Hamilton Realty Capital Corporation (PED11198(a)) (Wards 1, 2, and 3) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.4)

(McHattie/Whitehead)

That Report PED11198(a) respecting Five-Year Review – Hamilton Realty Capital Corporation, be received. **CARRIED**

13. Five-Year Review – Hamilton Realty Capital Corporation (PED11198) (Wards 1, 2 and 3) (Item 8.4)

(McHattie/Whitehead)

(a) That Report PED11198 respecting the five-year review of the Hamilton Realty Capital Corporation be received;

(b) That the proposal to increase the City's commitment to the Hamilton Realty Capital Corporation by \$5 million be referred to the 2013 capital budget deliberations and be matched by FH Investco Inc., the private investor;

- (c) That the annual interest costs resulting from the proposed loan (if/when accessed) in recommendation (b), if approved above, in the estimated amount of up to \$150,000 also be referred to the 2013 budget deliberations for consideration;
- (d) That the Redevelopment Zone in which the Hamilton Realty Capital Corporation can make capital expenditures always be in accordance with the boundaries of the Downtown Hamilton Community Improvement Project Area that may be amended from time-to-time;
- (e) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute an Amending Agreement to amend the Unanimous Stakeholders' Agreement with respect to recommendation (b) above, if approved by City Council during the 2013 capital budget deliberations, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.

14. Employee Attendance Incentives (HUR12012) (City Wide) (Item 8.6)

(Pearson/Whitehead)

That Report HUR12012 respecting Employee Attendance Incentives, be received.

CARRIED

**15. Pan Am Stadium Precinct Sub-Committee Report 12-003 – May 28, 2012
(Item 8.7)**

(Whitehead/Morelli)

That Item 1 of Report 12-003 of the Pan Am Stadium Precinct Sub-Committee respecting Hamilton Pan Am Business Plan and Games Budget, be received.

CARRIED

16. Airport Implementation Task Force Report 12-001 – May 30, 2012 (Item 8.8)

- (a) Independent Auditor's Report on the Annual Schedule of Percentage Rent Computation regarding TradePort International Corporation (PED12087) (City Wide)**

(Whitehead/Pearson)

That Report PED12087 respecting Independent Auditor's Report on the Annual Schedule of Percentage Rent Computation regarding TradePort International Corporation, be received.

CARRIED

- (b) **TradePort International lease Compliance Audit and Performance Review (PED12014)(City Wide)**

(Whitehead/Pearson)

That Report 12014 respecting TradePort International lease Compliance Audit and Performance Review, be received. **CARRIED**

- (c) **Reporting Requirements for Hamilton International Airport (December 2011 Semi-Annual Report)**

(Whitehead/Pearson)

That the Reporting Requirements for the Hamilton International Airport (December 2011 Semi-Annual Report), be received. **CARRIED**

- (d) **Status Update on John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport – Federal Zoning Regulations (PED12088)(City Wide) (Item 6.1)**

(Whitehead/Pearson)

That Report PED12088 respecting Status Update on John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport – Federal Zoning Regulations, be received. **CARRIED**

17. Governance Review Sub-Committee Report12-002

- (a) **Council Meeting Start Times**

(Pearson/Merulla)

That the 5:00 p.m. start time of Council meetings pilot project be continued to the end of December, 2012. **CARRIED**

- (b) **Development of Recognition Protocol for Ceremonial Activities**

(Pearson/McHattie)

That the Ceremonial Protocol attached hereto as Appendix “B” be approved. **CARRIED**

18. 21 Weirs Lane, Dundas – Connection to Municipal Water System (Item 9.2)

(Pearson/Johnson)

That the property owners of 21 Weirs Lane, Dundas, be permitted to connect their single-family residence to the municipal water system, located approximately 132 metres away, in a manner acceptable to the City of Hamilton.

CARRIED

19. Heads and Beds Tax Policy

That further to the recent Supreme Court of Canada's unanimous ruling on the payments in Lieu of Taxes Act (PILT Act) confirming the responsibility of the Federal Government to compensate municipalities fairly;

- (a) That Council utilize this opportunity to engage in discussions with AMO and the Provincial Government by directing the Mayor to meet with the appropriate Provincial officials to address a fair compensation for Municipalities with respect to the Heads and Beds tax policy as this inequity has not been addressed since 1987;
- (b) That failing any fruitful discussions with the Provincial Government that staff be directed to investigate and report back on the merits of pursuing a similar law suit in light of this recent ruling by the Supreme Court.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Correspondence from Janice Brown on behalf of the Durand Neighbourhood Association expressing support for the Downtown Supermarket Incentive Program (Item 7.5)

ADDED DISCUSSION ITEM

- (ii) Report 12-002 of the Governance Review Sub-Committee – June 14, 2012 (Added as Item 8.9)

ADDED NOTICES OF MOTION

- (iii) Notice of Motion respecting 709 Wilson Street East, Ancaster – Connection to City Watermain (Added as Item 10.1)
- (iv) Notice of Motion respecting Hamilton Health Sciences Urgent Care Facility in West Hamilton – Reduction to Hours of Operation (Added as Item 10.2)
- (v) Notice of Motion respecting Heads and Beds Tax Policy (Added as Item 10.3)

MOTION WITHDRAWN

- (vi) One-time Funding for Hamilton Art Market – June 30 to August 25, 2012
(Item 9.1)

(Pearson/Clark)

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

(Whitehead/McHattie)

That the June 6, 2012 Minutes of the General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) CONSENT ITEMS

(i) Minutes of Sub-Committees:

(Bratina/Pearson)

That the April 25, 2012 Minutes of the Open for Business Sub-Committee be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Hamilton Downtown/West Harbour Remediation Loan Program Application (RLP-12-01) and Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application (ERG 12-01) – 275 James Street North (PED12122) (Ward 2) (Item 5.4)

(Ferguson/Powers)

That sub-section (b) be amended by deleting \$416,900 and replacing it with \$75,000, and by adding that staff report back to the General Issues Committee should the amount exceed \$75,000.

The Amendment was **DEFEATED** on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Clark, Ferguson, Powers, Pasuta

Total Yeas: 4

Nays: Bratina, Farr, Pearson, Johnson, Partridge, Whitehead, Collins,
Merulla, Morelli, McHattie

Total Nays: 10

Absent: Duvall, Jackson

Total Absent: 2

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

Yeas: Bratina, McHattie, Farr, Morelli, Merulla, Collins, Whitehead,
Partridge, Johnson, Pearson

Total Yeas: 10

Nays: Clark, Ferguson, Powers, Pasuta

Total Nays: 4

Absent: Duvall, Jackson

Total Absent: 2

(e) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Judy Travis, Workforce Planning Hamilton, to present findings from report respecting Immigrant Entrepreneurship and Recommendations from the Report (Item 6.1)

Judy Travis and Sarah Wayland of Workforce Planning Hamilton appeared before the Committee to share the findings of the report entitled, "Winning Strategies for Immigrant Entrepreneurship in Five Communities", and to report on how Hamilton is performing, and make suggestions on how Hamilton can better capitalize in this area.

The Committee was presented with a power point presentation respecting "Immigrant Entrepreneurship: Next Steps for Hamilton", in which the following issues were addressed:

- Why is this important?
- Self-employed Immigrant Profile
- Successful Entrepreneurs: Commonalities
- What Entrepreneurs Need
- What can the City do?

A copy of the presentation was submitted to the Clerk for the public record and can be viewed on the City's website.

The Committee was distributed with the Final Project Report.

(Pearson/Powers)

That the presentation by Judy Travis and Sarah Wayland of Workforce Planning Hamilton respecting Immigrant Entrepreneurship, be received.

CARRIED

(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(i) Human Services Plan Award (Item 7.1)

Chair Farr called on Jane Soldera, Acting General Manager of Community Services, to speak to the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) Local Municipal Champions Award received by the City's Community Services Department in 2011 for their work in Human Services Planning.

The Committee was shown a video developed by the OMSSA which illustrates what can be achieved when a City collaborates with its community and which captures the vision of the human services planning team. The Committee was also distributed with Fact Sheet outlining the Human Services Planning Initiative.

Chair Farr called upon Councillor J. Partridge, Chair of the Emergency & Community Services Committee, to provide some remarks. Councillor Partridge commented that the OMSSA annually selects a Local Municipal Champion and celebrates their outstanding contributions made toward extraordinary leadership, community engagement, investing in people and innovation in Human Services Planning in Ontario. Councillor Partridge presented the award to Jane Soldera and acknowledged Joe-Anne Priel, Jane Soldera and her staff for receiving the award, and for their innovative and leading-edge work in this complex initiative, and extended congratulations to the entire Human Services Planning team.

(Clark/Powers)

That the presentation respecting the Human Services Plan Award, be received. **CARRIED**

(ii) Stoney Creek Urban Boundary Expansion (SCUBE) Subwatershed Study (PW12049) (Ward 11) (Item 7.2)

Nahed Ghban provided a presentation on the SCUBE East & West Subwatershed Study which outlined the following:

- Study Area and Goals
- Uniqueness of Stoney Creek
- Municipal Master Plan Process
- Consultation Process
- Study findings/recommendations
- General Developer works
- General Municipal works
- Recommended stormwater strategy
- Recommended Natural Heritage (NHS) and Environmental Restoration Strategy

- Short and long term requirements
- Committee report recommendations

A copy of the presentation was distributed to the Committee and is available for viewing on the City's website.

(Pearson/Whitehead)

That the presentation respecting the Stoney Creek Urban Boundary Expansion (SCUBE) Subwatershed Study be received. **CARRIED**

(Johnson/Pearson)

That the Report PW12049 respecting the Stoney Creek Urban Boundary Expansion (SCUBE) Subwatershed Study be tabled to December, 2012, pending completion of all reports and studies, and that such reports and studies be properly vetted by staff prior to their presentation to the General Issues Committee. **CARRIED**

(iii) Attractions Ontario Culture and Heritage Passport (Item 7.3)

Tim McCabe spoke to the Cultural & Heritage Passport which was distributed to the Committee. The Passport is a Provincial initiative, the first of its kind in terms of celebrating heritage and culture together.

Mr. McCabe introduced Brenda Branch, Marketing Promotions Officer, and recognized her for her leadership in this initiative, including overseeing the process to complete the extensive research, industry consultation, obtaining a key sponsor and obtaining funding.

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Collins with respect to the feasibility of developing a "super pass" to allow individuals/families to access museums and cultural facilities in the City, Mr. McCabe responded that staff are currently exploring this option and will provide an Information Update to the Committee.

(Pearson/Duvall)

That the presentation by Tim McCabe, General Manager of Planning and Economic Development, respecting the Culture and Heritage Passport, be received. **CARRIED**

(iv) Cultural Policy Report (PED12117) (City Wide) (Item 7.4)

Anna Bradford, Acting Director of Tourism and Culture, appeared before the Committee to introduce the speakers who will be addressing the draft Cultural Policy, including Gord Hume, who is recognized as one of Canada's leading authorities on municipal government, cultural planning and creative cities, and Alice Sabourin, Senior Project Manager, who will be providing the presentation to the Committee.

Mr. Hume spoke in support of the Cultural Policy. His comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- The fact that the City has combined Economic Development, Culture and Tourism into one department delivers a powerful message and focuses on the close connections between these three important civic activities
- Municipalities are in a highly-competitive environment to attract jobs, investment dollars, improve the downtown and create a livable, attractive and appealing community
- Hamilton is positioning itself to assume a leadership role and the Policy will help the City to fulfill the potential that the citizens want to achieve

Alice Sabourin, Senior Project Manager and Cultural Plan lead, provided a power point presentation, outlining Hamilton's journey to the Cultural Plan. Her comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Have received support from all levels of government
- Sharing key outcome from Phase 2
- Proposed Policy is steeped in community engagement, using a variety of methods, which included 2100 citizens through festivals/events; cultural leaders' roundtable; uncommon voices; on-line survey; public roundtable; citizens' reference panel.

Eric Ames, a member of the Citizens' Reference Panel, spoke to the Committee and thanked the City for giving him the opportunity to give something back to the community in which he resides with his family. He commented that this experience has given him the opportunity to get more plugged in to where he lives and to not take so much for granted. He reflected on the first meeting of the Citizen's Reference Panel which took place in Ancaster and over the duration of meetings since that time, although each person on the Panel shared their living experiences living in the same patch of geography, each one experienced something different.

(Ferguson/Johnson)

That the presentations with respect to the Cultural Policy Report, be received. **CARRIED**

(v) Supermarket Development Incentives (PED12120) (Ward 2) (Item 7.5)

Glen Norton, Manager of Urban Renewal, provided a power point presentation starting with a timeline of where we were and where we are going. The presentation also included the following:

- Supporting Policies/Documents

- Why a Supermarket Development Initiative
- Rationale for a Downtown Supermarket
- Population density around supermarket locations
- Walkability
- Draft Pedestrian Mobility Master Plan
- Walkable destinations
- Supermarket Incentive Program Terms and Conditions
- Downtown urban growth centre
- Supermarket Incentive Program Evaluation Criteria
- Evaluation Criteria: The Development; The Business; The Proponent

Alan Waterfield and Hazel Milsome from the Urban Renewal Office were in attendance to respond to questions of the Committee.

(Ferguson/Johnson)'

That the presentation with respect to Supermarket Development Incentives, be received. **CARRIED**

(Collins/Whitehead)

That Report PED12120 respecting Supermarket Development Incentives be referred back to staff for further review and report back with a revised program description and terms with options and alternatives including, but not limited to, grants, loans, parking incentives, etc. for the Committee's consideration. **CARRIED**

(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Residential Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program (PW11056(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.2)

(Collins/Merulla)

That the following be added as sub-sections (b) and (c):

- (b) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee on a community improvement plan to expand eligibility of the Residential Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program to owners of residential rental properties;
- (c) That given funding for this program will be fully allocated by July 2012, staff report back on options to refund the program.

Amendment CARRIED
Motion as amended CARRIED

(ii) Public Art Procurement Process (AAC12-002) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(Johnson/Pearson)

That the Report submitted by the Arts Advisory Commission (AAC 12-002) respecting the Public Art Procurement Process be referred to the General Manager of Planning for further review and report back to the General Issues Committee. **CARRIED**

(iii) Study of a Community Improvement Plan for the Creative Industries and a Review of City Policies and by-laws (PED12114) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.5)

(Morelli/Whitehead)

That Report PED12114 respecting Study of a Community Improvement Plan for the Creative Industries and a Review of City Policies and By-laws be tabled to allow the opportunity for the Ward Councillor to meet with staff and the neighbourhood stakeholders. **CARRIED**

(iv) Governance Review Sub-Committee Report12-002

(a) Council Meeting Start Times

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

Yeas: Pearson, Johnson, Farr, Duvall, Merulla, Morelli,
McHattie

Total Yeas: 7

Nays: Pasuta, Whitehead, Collins

Total Nays: 3

Absent: Bratina, Clark, Ferguson, Partridge, Powers, Jackson

Total Absent: 6

(h) NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor M. Pearson introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) 709 Wilson Street East, Ancaster – Connection to City Watermain

Whereas the single detached dwelling located at No. 709 Wilson Street East in the rural area fronts on a rural/urban boundary road;

And Whereas the extension of the water service will be sized only for a single detached dwelling and there is no potential for new development in the rural area nor should the lands be included in the urban area;

And Whereas the water service is based on full cost recovery to the landowner at 709 Wilson Street East;

Therefore be it resolved:

That the owner of 709 Wilson Street East be permitted to connect to the City water main at Montgomery and Wilson.

(Pearson/Merulla)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting 709 Wilson Street East, Ancaster – Connection to City Watermain. **CARRIED**

See Item 18 for the disposition of this item.

Councillor B. McHattie introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(ii) Hamilton Health Sciences Urgent Care Centre in West Hamilton – Reduction to Hours of Operation

Whereas, Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) closed the McMaster University Medical Centre (MUMC) adult emergency department in favour of a pediatric emergency department in spring 2011,

And Whereas, Hamilton Health Sciences opened an Urgent Care Centre in April 2011, to assist patients in west Hamilton by providing low acuity patient care from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.,

And Whereas, using data for less than a year's operations of the Urgent Care Centre, Hamilton Health Sciences will be reducing the hours of the facility July 1 2012 by 14 hours per week, to 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.'

And Whereas, the reasons for the cutbacks are unclear and may relate to the new facility not being adequately advertised, or other issues,

And Whereas, Hamilton Health Sciences made their decision to cut the hours of the Urgent Care Centre with no consultation with the public, nor the City of Hamilton, namely the Emergency Medical Care group (ambulance service);

And Whereas, City of Hamilton data demonstrates a negative impact on ambulance response times following the reduction in service experience following the closure of the MUMC adult emergency department, and that a reduction in service hours in the Urgent Care Centre may similarly result in negative impacts to City of Hamilton EMS services.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

- (a) That HHS be requested to provide Hamilton City Council with data relating to the operation of the Urgent Care Centre as reported to the Ministry of Health via Provincial “Pay for Performance” indicators including but, not limited to, numbers and ages of patients registered, including visitation times; and data outlining patients who left without being seen for all months that the Urgent Care Centre has been open; and
 - (b) That HHS be requested to provide Hamilton City Council with the Urgent Care Centre marketing and attraction plan, including number of patients expected and planned for, understanding that patients from west Hamilton, Dundas, and Flamborough can no longer use the McMaster University Medical Centre adult emergency department.
- (iii) Councillor S. Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion:

Heads and Beds Tax Policy

That further to the recent Supreme Court of Canada’s unanimous ruling on the payments in Lieu of Taxes Act (PILT Act) confirming the responsibility of the Federal Government to compensate municipalities fairly;

- (a) That Council utilize this opportunity to engage in discussions with AMO and the Provincial Government by directing the Mayor to meet with the appropriate Provincial officials to address a fair compensation for Municipalities with respect to the Heads and Beds tax policy as this inequity has not been addressed since 1987;
- (b) That failing any fruitful discussions with the Provincial Government that staff be directed to investigate and report back on the merits of pursuing a similar law suit in light of this recent ruling by the Supreme Court.

(Merulla/Collins)

That the rules of order be waived in order to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting the Heads and Beds Tax Policy. **CARRIED**

See Item 19 for the disposition of this item.

(i) OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

(i) Revised Due Dates:

(Pearson/McHattie)

That the revised due dates for the following items be approved:

City Manager

(aa) Item C: Open Data
Due Date: June 20, 2012
Revised Due Date: Octobed

Corporate Services

(bb) Item D: Licence Renewal Agreements
Due Date: June 20, 2012
Revised Due Date: September 19, 2012

Planning

(cc) Item A: Canadian Ballet Youth Ensemble
Due Date: June 20, 2012
Revised Due Date: September 19, 2012

(dd) Item F: HABIA Terms of Reference and Strategic Plan
Due Date: June 20, 2012
Revised Due Date: September 19, 2012

Public Works

(ee) Item G: Randle Reef
Due Date: June 20, 2012
Revised Due Date: September 19, 2012

CARRIED

(ii) Removal of Items from the Outstanding Business List

(Medrulla/Pearson)

That the following items be removed from the respective Outstanding Business Items Lists:

City Manager

(aa) Item D: POA and MLE Workload Challenges

Planning

- (bb) Item B: ORC Surplus Land – 560 Grays Road
- (cc) Item E: Five-Year Review – Hamilton Realty Corp.

Public Works

- (dd) Residential Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program (P3)

2013 Budget Deliberations

- (ee) Incentive Program to Mitigate Absenteeism **CARRIED**

(j) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

12.1 Minutes of Closed Session Meetings – May 16, 2012

(Pearson/Partridge)

- (a) That the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of the General Issues Committee held on May 16, 2012 be approved;
- (b) That these Minutes remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with the exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED

(Ferguson/Johnson)

That Item 12.2 respecting Relationship between the City of Hamilton and TMR Construction Inc. (FCS12051/LS12015) be deferred to the June 25, 2012 special meeting of the General Issues Committee.

CARRIED

(Pearson/Johnson)

That Item 12.3 respecting Collective Bargaining Update – International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees be deferred to the June 25, 2012 special meeting of the General Issues Committee.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor J. Farr
Deputy Mayor