



## **GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

### **REPORT 12-031**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday, October 31, 2012**

**Council Chambers**

**Hamilton City Hall**

**71 Main Street West**

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

**Absent with Regrets:** Councillor T. Whitehead – Illness  
Councillor B. Johnson – Vacation

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### **THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 12-031 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

#### **1. Extension of Residential Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program.**

That additional funding (estimated \$1.5 million) to sustain the existing Residential Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program (3P) (Project ED5160960900) for the balance of 2012 be approved and funded firstly from the 2012 Rate Budget surplus and secondly, from the Water/Wastewater Reserves.

### **FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**

#### **(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

The Clerk advised of the following change:

- (i) Added Notice of Motion respecting Extension of Residential Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program.

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

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**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**(c) STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 2013 Rate Budget (Item 3.1)**

Dan McKinnon, Director of Water and Wastewater Operations, and John Savoia, Senior Policy Advisor, Current Budgets, provided a power point presentation which addressed the following:

- 4-year Actual vs. Budget Revenue Variance
- Requested 2013 Rate Operating Budget by Cost Category
- Organizational Structure
- Staffing Complement – Water, Wastewater and Stormwater
- Clean Harbour Project Update
- Biosolids Management Program Update
- Protective Plumbing Program (3P)

Mr. McKinnon advised that staff will be providing a full budget presentation to the General Issues Committee on December 7, 2012.

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

On a motion:

- (a) Staff was directed to report back to the General Issues Committee providing options such as, but not limited to, the RFI, RFP or tendering process to deliver the continuation of the Residential Protective Plumbing Program;
- (b) Staff was be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee identifying costs that the City may avoid through the mitigation of flooding risk by the installation of a backwater valve to residential properties that are connected to the City's sanitary system;
- (c) Legal staff was directed to seek options to prevent alleged dubious marketing practices of the program, including incentive programs;
- (d) The Internal Auditor was requested to conduct a value-for-money audit of the Residential Protective Plumbing Program since its inception to date.

On a motion, the presentation respecting the 2013 Capital Budget was received.

**(d) NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor C. Collins introduced the following Notice of Motion:

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On a motion, the Rules of Order were suspended in order to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting Extension of Residential Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program.

See Item 1 for the disposition of this item.

**(e) ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor Brian McHattie  
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs  
Legislative Co-ordinator  
Office of the City Clerk