



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

MINUTES 12-031

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the following change:

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

(Farr/Pearson)

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

3.1 2013 Rate Budget

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.

(Merulla/Collins)

- (a) That staff be 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) That staff 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) That Legal staff be directed to seek options to prevent alleged dubious marketing practices of the program, including incentive programs;
- (d) That the Internal Auditor be requested to conduct a value-for-money audit of the Residential Protective Plumbing Program since its inception to date. **CARRIED**

(Partridge/Ferguson)

That the presentation respecting the 2013 Capital Budget be received. **CARRIED**

4. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor C. Collins introduced the following Notice of Motion:

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.

(Partridge/Pearson)

That the Rules of Order be suspended in order to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting Extension of Residential Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program. **CARRIED**

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(Collins/Merulla)

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5. ADJOURNMENT

(Ferguson/Pearson)

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

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

Councillor Brian McHattie
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk