



## **GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES 12-031(a)**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Friday, December 7, 2012**

**Council Chambers**

**Hamilton City Hall**

**71 Main Street West**

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

**Absent with Regrets:** Councillor B. McHattie – Vacation  
Councillor M. Pearson – Illness  
Councillor B. Clark – Personal Business

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**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- 1. Horizon Utilities Water and Wastewater 2012 Service Activity Report (FCS12077) (City Wide) (Item 3.1)**

**(Powers/Merulla)**

That Report FCS12077 respecting Horizon Utilities Water and Wastewater 2012 Service Activity Report, be received. **CARRIED**

- 2. Anthony Chiarella, Vice President, Hamilton-Halton Home Builders' Association, respecting the 2013 Rate Budget for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater (New Business)**

**(Ferguson/Farr)**

That the correspondence from Michael Barton, Policy Director for the Hamilton-Halton Home Builders' Association, expressing the HHHBA's concerns, attached hereto as Appendix "A", be received. **CARRIED**

3. **2013 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Storm Budget (FCS12076/PW12085) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

**(Powers/Jackson)**

- (a) That the metered water rate effective January 1, 2013, be increased by 4.25% from \$1.174 to \$1.224 per cubic meter;
- (b) That the monthly and bi-monthly water basic charge effective January 1, 2013 be increased by 4.25%;
- (c) That the metered sanitary sewer surcharge rates effective January 1, 2013, remain 100% of the water charge;
- (d) That the combined “non-metered” water and wastewater services charge effective January 1, 2013 be increased by 4.25% from the fixed rate of \$857.06 to \$893.48 per annum;
- (e) That the 2013 Water and Wastewater Proposed User Fees and Charges be approved as per Appendix “F”, as amended, to FCS12076/PW12085;
- (f) That the 2013 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Management Rate Supported Operating Budget in the amount of \$171,971,770 be approved as per Appendix “A” to FCS12076/PW12085;
- (g) That the long-term financing plan for the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater programs and related rate increases required to meet sustainable financing, as identified in the 2013-2022 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Management Rate Supported Operating Budget forecast (Appendix “A”) to FCS12076/PW12085 be approved in principle;
- (h) That the 2013 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Management Rate Supported Capital Budget and Financing Plan in the amount of \$182,443,000 be approved as per Appendix “G” to FCS12076/PW12085;
- (i) That the 2013-2022 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Management Rate Supported Capital Budget forecast and financing plan (Appendix “I”) to FCS12076/PW12085 be approved in principle;
- (j) That the City Solicitor and Corporate Counsel be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, respecting the 2013 water and wastewater user fees and charges set out in recommendations (a) through (e) of Report FCS12076/PW12085.

**CARRIED as amended**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

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

**DELEGATION REQUEST**

- (i) Anthony Chiarella, Vice President, Hamilton-Halton Homebuilders' Association, respecting the 2013 Rate Budget for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater (Added New Business)

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- (ii) Revised Appendix "F" to the 2013 Rate Budget and Services Over-view – 2013 Proposed User Fees & Charges Rate Supported

**(Farr/Merulla)**

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

None

**(c) DELEGATION REQUEST**

- (i) **Delegation Request from Anthony Chiarella, Vice President, Hamilton-Halton Home Builders' Association, respecting the 2013 Rate Budget for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater**

**(Merulla/Ferguson)**

That the delegation request from Anthony Chiarella, Vice President, Hamilton-Halton Home Builders' Association, respecting the 2013 Rate Budget for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater be approved, and that the rules of order be suspended to allow the opportunity for Mr. Chiarella to address the Committee at today's meeting.

**CARRIED**

**(d) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS**

- (i) **Anthony Chiarella, Vice President, Hamilton-Halton Home Builders' Association, respecting the 2013 Rate Budget for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater**

Mr. Chiarella appeared before the Committee on behalf of the Hamilton-Halton Home Builders' Association to express their concern respecting the expansion and upgrade of the Woodward Wastewater Treatment Plant as related to the 2013 Rate Budget.

**(Ferguson/Farr)**

That the presentation by Anthony Chiarella, Vice President, Hamilton-Halton Home Builders' Association, respecting the 2013 Rate Budget for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater, be received. **CARRIED**

**(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

**(i) 2013 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget (FCS12076/PW12085) (City Wide)**

**(Merulla/Collins)**

That the staff presentation be waived.

**CARRIED**

**NOTE:** A copy of the power point presentation is available for viewing on the City of Hamilton website.

**(f) ADJOURNMENT**

**(Ferguson/Merulla)**

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted

Councillor B. Morelli  
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs  
Legislative Co-ordinator  
Office of the City Clerk