



## **General Issues Committee MINUTES**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Monday, January 10, 2011**

**Council Chambers**

**Hamilton City Hall**

**71 Main Street West**

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

**Also Present:** C. Murray, City Manager  
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services  
G. Davis, General Manager, Public Works  
T. McCabe, General Manager, Economic Development & Planning  
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services  
Dr E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health  
C. Biggs, Co-ordinator, Committee Services/Council/Budgets

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

- 1. City of Hamilton Purchase of 11 Third Private Road, in the former City of Stoney Creek, from Jennifer Harnest and Jason Harnest (PW11002/ PED11004) (Ward 10) (Item 5.2)**

**(Pearson/Clark)**

- (a) That an Option to Purchase, with an Authority to Enter, executed by Jennifer Harnest and Jason Harnest on November 17, 2010, being subject to a satisfactory environmental review, and scheduled to close on or before March 31, 2011 to purchase the lands and buildings described as Part of Lot 18, Broken Front Concession, in the former Township of Saltfleet, now in the City of Hamilton (as in Instrument 34615CD), with a frontage of 31.4 metres (103.0 feet) more or less along the westerly limit of Third Private Road, with a depth of 16.3 metres (53.5 feet) more or less, being all of PIN 17346-0056, and Assessment Roll Number 251800304014400, known municipally as 11 Third Private Road, shown on Schedule "A" attached to Report PW11002 / PED11004, be approved and completed, at the purchase price of \$380,000;

- (b) That the purchase price of \$380,000 be charged to Project ID 59259-4400856144 (Cherry Beach Land Acquisition and Parkland Development Account);
  - (c) That as consideration, the amount of \$2 paid to the owners pursuant to the agreement, be deducted from the purchase price;
  - (d) That as a condition of the purchase of the property at 11 Third Private Road, the current owners, Jennifer Harnest and Jason Harnest, be allowed, but subject to a suitable municipal inspection of the home, a leaseback of the residence for a period of up to three (3) months at \$950 per month, plus any applicable Harmonized Sales Tax, and all utilities and water/sewer charges, and any other user costs/charges to be paid by the Tenant, save for property taxes, and that the lease income be credited to Project ID 4400856144 (Cherry Beach Land Acquisition and Parkland Development Account) and any administrative costs during the period of the lease be charged to Project ID 4400856144 (Cherry Beach Land Acquisition and Parkland Development Account);
  - (e) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any necessary documents, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
  - (f) That upon acquisition of the lands at 11 Third Private Road, the Director of Transportation, Energy and Facilities be authorized and directed to take all the necessary steps for the demolition of the subject buildings, and that the cost for the demolition and any additional expenses (Legal Services, Environmental Site Assessment, Permits, Designated Substance Studies, Abatement, and Contingency) in the amount of \$60,000 be charged to Project ID 4400856144 (Cherry Beach Land Acquisition and Parkland Development Account);
  - (g) That the costs incurred for the provision of Real Estate's service in the amount of \$10,000 (inclusive of an external appraisal) be credited to Account 45408-3560150200 (Property Purchases and Sales) and debited from Project ID 4400856144 (Cherry Beach Land Acquisition and Parkland Development Account).
- CARRIED**

**2. Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Contribution Agreement Addendum  
(FCS09052(h)) (Ward 8) (Item 5.3)**

**(Pearson/Clark)**

- (a) That the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer (City Manager) be authorized and directed to execute a Contribution Agreement Addendum between the City of Hamilton and the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, related to the project description change for the Sir Allen MacNab

Rehabilitation Project (ISF project no. 2411) as attached as Appendix "A" to Report FCS09052(h) under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Program;

- (b) That the appropriate By-Law, *City of Hamilton/ Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure/Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Contribution Agreement Addendum* By-Law be passed;
- (c) That a certified copy of this By-Law be forwarded to the Canada Ontario Infrastructure Secretariat upon Council approval. **CARRIED**

**3. Dundas Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) – Proposed Budget and Schedule of Payment for 2011 (PED11012) (Ward 13) (Item 5.4)**

**(Pearson/Clark)**

- (a) That the 2011 Operating Budget for the Dundas B.I.A. (attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED11012) be approved in the amount of \$139,000.00.
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the Dundas B.I.A. in the amount of \$100,000.00 be approved.
- (c) That the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services be hereby authorized and directed to prepare the requisite by-law pursuant to Section 208, The Municipal Act, 2001, to levy the 2011 Budget as referenced in sub-section (b) above. **CARRIED**

**4. Waterdown Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) Appointment of the 2011-2014 Board of Management (PED11013) (Ward 15) (item 5.5)**

**(Pearson/Clark)**

That the following individuals be appointed to the Waterdown B.I.A.'s Board of Management for a four (4) year term:

Councillor J. Partridge, Ward 15  
Dianne Kersten  
Gary Titley  
Jim Rudnick  
Derrick Thornborrow  
Richard Kitchen  
Richard O'Brien  
Todd Hayman  
Gary Campbell  
Serge Aubin

**CARRIED**

**5. Waterdown Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) – Proposed Budget and Schedule of Payment for 2011 (PED11014) (Ward 15) (Item 5.6)**

**(Pearson/Clark)**

- (a) That the 2011 Operating Budget for the Waterdown B.I.A. (attached as Appendix 'A' to Report PED11014) be approved in the amount of \$103,000.00.
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the Waterdown B.I.A. in the amount of \$102,000.00 be approved.
- (c) That the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services be hereby authorized and directed to prepare the requisite by-law pursuant to Section 208, The Municipal Act, 2001, to levy the 2011 Budget as referenced in sub-section (b) above. **CARRIED**

**6. Accessible Transportation Service Delivery (PW11003) (City Wide) (Item 5.7)**

**(Pearson/Clark)**

That Report PW11003 regarding Accessible Transportation Service Delivery be received. **CARRIED**

**7. Accessibility Initiatives Undertaken for 2010 Municipal Election (CL11001) (City Wide) (Item 5.8)**

**(Pearson/Clark)**

That Report CL11001 respecting Accessibility Initiatives Undertaken for the 2010 Municipal Election, be received. **CARRIED**

**8. Annual Report 2010, Office of the Integrity Commissioner (Item 5.9)**

**(Pearson/Clark)**

That the 2010 Annual Report of Earl Basse, Integrity Commissioner, be received. **CARRIED**

**9. Downtown Hamilton Employment Analysis (PED11009) (Ward 2) (Item 7.1)**

**(Bratina/Whitehead)**

That Report PED11009, respecting the Downtown Hamilton Employment Analysis, attached as Appendix 'A' to Report PED11009, be received. **CARRIED**

**10. Hamilton Police Services Board – Theft of Gas Drive-Offs (City Wide)  
(PSB10-101) (City Wide)**

**(Morelli/Clark)**

That Report PSB10-101 respecting Theft of Gas Drive-Offs be referred to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee for consideration. **CARRIED**

**11. Confederation Park Master Plan (PW11005/CS11004/PED11015) (Wards 5  
and 14 with City Wide Implications) (Item 8.2)**

**(Ferguson/Bratina)**

- (a) That the Confederation Park Master Plan Review and Update Final Report, August 2010 as submitted by the Hamilton Conservation Authority be received;
- (b) That the General Manager of Public Works be directed to review and report back on the feasibility of implementing the Confederation Park Master Plan, in consultation with the relevant departments;
- (c) That the General Managers of Public Works, Community Services and Planning and Economic Development be authorized and directed to negotiate all necessary agreements in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, including an interim operating agreement for the necessary lands comprising Confederation Park with the Hamilton Conservation Authority;
- (d) That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized and directed to negotiate an interim operating agreement with the Hamilton Conservation Authority for Westfield Heritage Village in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (e) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the agreements as outlined in Report PW11005/CS11004/PED11015;
- (f) That the General Managers of Public Works and Community Services be directed to review and report back on operating alternatives beyond the interim agreements identified in recommendations (c) and (d) respectively. **CARRIED**

**12. Infrastructure Stimulus Projects Implementation Update (FCS09052(i)/  
PW210034(b)/CS10039(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

**(Ferguson/Pearson)**

- (a) That Report FCS09052(i)/PW10034(b)/CS10039(b) respecting “Stimulus Infrastructure Projects Implementation Update” be received;

- (b) That copies of Report FCS09052(i)/PW10034(b)/CS10039(b) be forwarded to local MP's and MPP's. **CARRIED**

**13. Stimulus Project Substantial Completion Deadline Extensions (FCS09052(j)) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)**

**(Ferguson/Jackson)**

- (a) That requests for the substantial completion deadline extension to October 31, 2011 be approved, in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth by the Federal and Ontario Governments, for the following Infrastructure Projects:

ISF#2380	Westmount Recreation Centre
ISF#2296	Lower Stoney Creek Recreation Centre – Phase One
ISF#2425	Morgan Firestone Arena Twinning
ISF#1212	Woodward Water Treatment Plant Upgrades
ISF#660	Biogas/Digester
ISF#672	Ferguson Pumping Station Upgrades
ISF#714	Hillcrest Water Reservoir Upgrades
ISF#687	Kenilworth Water Reservoir and Pumping Station Upgrades
ISF#700	Stonechurch Water Reservoir and Pumping Station Upgrades
RInC/REC#R1154	Turner Park Sports Field Lighting and Washroom Facility
RInC/REC#R1170	Inch Park Outdoor Pool Rehabilitation

- (b) That the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer (City Manager) be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documentation to implement subsection (a), in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (c) That the appropriate By-Law, *Request for Extensions for Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Projects* By-Law be passed and enacted attached as Appendix "A" to Report FCS09052(j) with a certified copy of this By-Law being forwarded to the Canada Ontario Infrastructure Secretariat upon Council approval;
- (d) That the appropriate By-Law, *Request for Extensions for Recreational Infrastructure Canada/Ontario Recreation Program Projects* By-Law be passed and enacted attached as Appendix "B" to Report FCS09052(j) with a certified copy of this By-Law being forwarded to the Ministry of Tourism and Culture Sports, Culture and Tourism Partnership Secretariat upon Council approval;

- (e) That a request be submitted for consideration to the Ministry of Tourism and Culture Sports, Culture and Tourism Partnership Secretariat to permit the flexibility of reallocating funding from RInC/REC project number R1169 *Rosedale Arena Rehabilitation* which is expected to be completed at less than the budget total estimate to offset increased costs to complete RInC/REC project number R1170 *Inch Park Outdoor Pool Rehabilitation* in accordance with the project scope as approved on July 2, 2009;
- (f) That the Purchase Order for ISF Project # 2425 - Morgan Firestone Arena Twinning be increased by \$700,000 to complete additional paving and interior renovations with the additional \$700,000 to be funded from the remaining portion of the approved \$10,275,000.00 project budget;
- (g) That copies of Report FCS09052(j) be forwarded to local MP's and MPP's. **CARRIED**

**14. John C. Munro/Hamilton International Airport Infrastructure Funding Proposal (PED10121(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)**

**(Powers/Whitehead)**

- (a) That the Mayor be authorized to correspond with the Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities; and the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure, to request funding support for the City of Hamilton's infrastructure investment proposal for John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport, in the amount of \$38 million, which is proposed to be equally shared by the Provincial Government, the Federal Government and TradePort International Corporation (TradePort), and at no cost to the City of Hamilton, to be used for the following infrastructure projects:
  - (i) Cargo Apron and Taxiway (\$ 6 million);
  - (ii) Multi-Tenant Cargo Facility (\$12 million); and,
  - (iii) Runway 06-12 Extension (\$20 million),

as more specifically outlined in Appendix "A" to Report PED10121(b).

- (b) That a copy of Report PED10121(b) and Appendix "A" to this Report be forwarded to the Honourable Chuck Strahl Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, and the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure, and all local MP's and MPP's.
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any documentation required, in the opinion of the City Solicitor, to implement the above recommendations, including any agreement required with TradePort International Corporation, to indemnify and reimburse the City for any costs accruing to the City as a result of this request. **CARRIED**

**15. Public Works Infrastructure Service Delivery (PW11008) (City Wide)  
(Item 8.6)**

**(Pearson/Jackson)**

- (a) That a proposed dedicated capital tax levy increase of ½%, for the purpose of roads capital investment, be brought forward for discussion as part of the capital budget deliberation process;
- (b) That the General Manager of Public Works continues to develop the methodology for Infrastructure Service Delivery of all asset classes as presented within Report PW11008. **CARRIED**

**16. Airport Implementation Task Force Report 10-002 (September 23, 2010)  
(Item 8.7)**

- (a) **TradePort International Corporation Lease Compliance Audit and Performance Review and Annual Statement of Percentage Rent Computation (PED10155) (City Wide)**

**(Whitehead/Duvall)**

That Report PED10155 respecting TradePort International Corporation Lease Compliance Audit and Performance Review and Annual Statement of Percentage Rent Computation, be received. **CARRIED**

- (b) **Reporting Requirements for Hamilton International Airport (June 2010)**

**(Morelli/Merulla)**

That the reporting requirements for Hamilton International Airport submitted for the six-month period ending June 30, 2010, be received.

**CARRIED**

**17. Hamilton Future Fund Board of Governors Report 10-002 (October 27, 2010)  
(Item 8.8)**

- (a) **Hamilton Future Fund Reserve Status and Project Funding as of September 30, 2010 (FCS10069(a)) (City Wide)**

**(McHattie/Farr)**

That report FCS10069(a) respecting, Hamilton Future Fund Reserve Status and Project Funding as of September 30, 2010, be received.

**CARRIED**



**(b) Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice Outstanding Loan (FCS10092) (City Wide)  
(Item 5.2)**

**(Merulla/Morelli)**

- (i) That report FCS10092 respecting Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice Outstanding Loan be received.
- (ii) That the Hamilton Future Fund Board of Governors recommends that the City not forgive the outstanding loan to the Bob Kemp Hospice.
- (iii) That staff be directed to explore options to substitute or secure the 1.5 million dollar Future Fund loan to eliminate the liabilities illustrated in report FCS10092 and with the intent of assisting the Bob Kemp Hospice's fundraising efforts by removing current barriers to accessing grants.

**CARRIED**

**(c) Re-assumption of uncommitted funds set aside for the Giants' Rib Discovery Centre and Business Tax Reduction**

**(Jackson/Duvall)**

That the Uncommitted Balances set aside for the Giant's Rib Discovery Centre and Business Tax Reduction be redirected to the Future Fund B Reserve.

**CARRIED**

**18. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 10-006  
(November 9, 2010) (Item 8.9)**

- (a) Request for HECFI to provide Outline of their Implementation Plan on the Accessible Customer Service Standard**
- (b) Request for Information on Renovations and Barrier-Free Design from HECFI**

**(Whitehead/Pearson)**

That Hamilton Entertainment and Convention Facilities be requested to provide a response to the General Issues Committee to the following requests of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities:

- (i) to provide a copy of their implementation plan on the Accessible Customer Service Standard to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities;
- (ii) to prepare a document outlining how the Barrier-Free Design guidelines which are used, where they are used and to provide a list of all planned renovation projects for the next five years to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

**CARRIED**

**19. Public Sector Compensation Restraint to Protect Public Services Act, 2010  
(Item 9.1)**

**(Ferguson/Powers)**

- (a) That the City of Hamilton petition the Province of Ontario to enact the necessary legislation, or pursue other potential measures, to effectively instruct the Provincial arbitrators to follow the guidelines for wage increases in the Public Sector Wage Restraint Act in the arbitration awards;
- (b) That the Province pay shared costs where the provincial arbitrator has awards costs above the 0% guideline;
- (c) That copies of the resolution be circulated to all municipalities having a population of over 50,000 and to AMO. **Motion as amended CARRIED**

**20. Appointments to Sub-Committees, Agencies, Boards and Commissions  
(Items 11.1(a) and (b))**

**(Johnson/Clark)**

- (a) That Councillor L. Ferguson be appointed to the Hamilton Future Fund for the 2010-2014 term of Council;
- (b) That Councillor R. Powers be appointed to the Solid Waste Management Plan Steering Committee for the 2010-2014 term of Council;
- (c) That one Councillor be appointed to the Newalta Landfill Co-ordinating Liaison Committee for the 2010-2014 term of Council; **CARRIED**

**21. Collective Bargaining Agreement (Added items 7.2(a) and (b))**

**(Farr/Merulla)**

- (a) That the presentation provided in public session with respect to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, be received;
- (b) That the information provided in closed session with respect to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, be received. **CARRIED**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**

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

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

**(i) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS**

- 6.2 Charles Bonnaffon respecting the Hamilton Pan Am Velodrome Project – to be removed from the agenda; presentation is scheduled to be provided at the February 14, 2011 General Issues Committee Meeting
- 6.3 Pat Wright, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting funding for 2011 – to be removed from the agenda; presentation is scheduled to be provided at the February 14, 2011 General Issues Committee Meeting

**(ii) ADDED PRESENTATIONS**

- 7.2 Joint Presentation respecting Collective Bargaining Strategy – Follow Up from December 15, 2010 General Issues Committee Meeting
  - (a) Public Session (attached)
  - (b) Private and Confidential (Distributed under separate cover)

**(iii) MOTIONS**

- 9.1 Public Sector Wage Restraint Act (Revised Motion (distributed)
- 9.2 Notice to Hostco - Withdrawn

**(iv) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

- 12.1 Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) Surplus Plan – Project 80-98 – City Acquisition of part of 527 Highland Road West, described as Part of Lot 33, Concession 8, former Township of Saltfleet, now in the City of Hamilton (PED11007) (Ward 9) – Report withdrawn as additional time is required to conduct further due diligence
- 12.3 Closed Session Minutes – December 15, 2010 (Distributed Under Separate Cover)

**(v) APPOINTMENTS TO SUB-COMMITTEES, AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (Item 11.1(a))**

Accessible Transportation Services Review Committee does not require additional membership as this Committee is no longer required.

**(Partridge/Pasuta)**

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

- (i) Item 8 - Annual Report 2010, Office of the Integrity Commissioner

Councillors L. Ferguson, T. Jackson and T. Whitehead declared an interest as they are mentioned in the Report.

- (ii) Information Item (h)(ii)(bb) – Report 10-006 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Councillor L. Ferguson declared an interest as he has a family member who is involved in the taxi industry.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Item 3)**

**(Powers/Pearson)**

That the December 14 and 15, 2010 Minutes of the General Issues Committee be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

**(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)**

**(Bratina/Powers)**

That the following delegations be approved to appear before the General Issues Committee:

- (i) Request from Belma Diamante, The Canadian Ballet Youth Ensemble, to address issues respecting HECFO relative to service and costs at Hamilton Place (Item 4.1)
- (ii) Request from Linda MacDonald, Rotary Mobility Cup 2011, to request support for holding the Rotary Mobility Cup in Hamilton Harbour in 2011 (Item 4.2)
- (iii) Request from Lorna Zaremba, Theatre Aquarius, respecting request for Capital Funding to complete Sustainable Prosperity Project: Theatre Aquarius Renewal with Energy Efficiency (Item 4.3) **CARRIED**

**(e) CONSENT AGENDA**

**(i) Minutes of Various Sub-Committees (Item 5.1)**

**(Pearson/Clark)**

That the following Minutes be received for information:

- (aa) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities – October 12, 2010
- (bb) Hamilton Police Service Monthly Reports PSB 10-102 and 10-109

(cc) Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report PSB 10-130 **CARRIED**

**(ii) Accessible Transportation Service Delivery (PW11003) (City Wide)  
(Item 5.7)**

**(Pearson/Clark)**

That the item "Transportation service delivery models to ensure that persons with disabilities are guaranteed 100% trip service" be identified as completed and removed from the General Issues Committee's Outstanding Business List. **CARRIED**

**(iii) Accessible Initiatives Undertaken for 2010 Municipal Election  
(CL11001) (City Wide) (Item 5.8)**

Members of Committee expressed concerns that were received following the election from their constituents, including locations of advanced and institutional polls, accessibility issues, etc.

Rose Caterini, City Clerk, responded that all 142 candidates in the 2010 election will be receiving a questionnaire from the Elections Manager to solicit their comments and concerns on various aspects of the election. A second phase will include obtaining comments from the general public. All of this information is to be returned to the Elections Manager.

Councillor Ferguson expressed concern with respect to the accuracy of the voters' list i.e., elector eligibility and how this affects the percentage turnout.

Staff responded that the voters' list is generated by MPAC, who not carry out an enumeration for each election.

Councillor Powers indicated that he will meet with the Clerk and Elections Co-ordinator to develop a position which can be forwarded to AMO for their consideration.

Councillor Whitehead requested staff to consider setting up a stand-alone citizen panel to review, evaluate and bring forward improvements and other considerations for the next election.

**(iv) Annual Report 2010, Office of the Integrity Commissioner (Item 5.9)**

Councillor Jackson requested that following completion of the 2011 budget, that the by-law approved to establish the Office of the Integrity Commissioner be reviewed, and that this issue be placed on a future agenda of the General Issues Committee.

**(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS**

**(i) Tyler MacLeod, Hamilton Economic Summit, respecting outcomes of 2010 Economic Summit and plans for 2011 (Item 6.1)**

Tyler MacLeod, President of the Hamilton Economic Summit, appeared before the Committee to present the outcomes of the 2010 Economic Summit and plans for the 2011 Economic Summit scheduled for May 12, 2011 at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

The Committee viewed a DVD which captures the proceedings of the 2010 Summit and featured what lies ahead.

A copy of Mr. MacLeod's comments were submitted to the Clerk for the public record.

**(Powers/Duvall)**

That the presentation from Tyler MacLeod, President of the Hamilton Economic Summit, respecting the 2010 Hamilton Economic Summit, be received. **CARRIED**

**(ii) Renee Wetselaar, Affordable Housing Flagship, respecting status of affordable housing from the community perspective (Item 6.4)**

Renee Wetselaar, Project Director, and Conrad Zurini, Co-chair, Affordable Housing Flagship, appeared before the Committee to address the issue of the affordable housing as a critical component of any community and neighbourhood. Ms. Wetselaar also acknowledged the attendance of Jeff Neven of Homestad Christian Care, the outgoing co-chair, Larry Huibers of the Housing Help Centre, incoming co-chair, and John Hawker of the Tenant Advisory Committee.

The Flagship is asking Council to consider making affordable housing and homelessness a priority for the community for the next three years. Approximately 12,000 homes are needed between now and 2015 to meet the needs of the changing demographics.

A copy of Ms. Wetselaar and Mr. Zurini's comments was submitted to the Clerk for the public record.

**(Johnson/Ferguson)**

That the presentation from Renee Wetselaar and Conrad Zurini, Affordable Housing Flagship, respecting affordable housing, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(iii) David Speers, General Director, and Stephen Bye, Executive Director, Opera Hamilton, respecting financially-debilitating costs at Hamilton Place for Opera Hamilton (Item 6.5)**

David Speers, General Director, and Stephen Bye, Executive Director, Opera Hamilton, appeared before the Committee to address their concern with respect to the significant change in operation of Opera Hamilton. The presentation included their history, reduction of financial deficit through, support from patrons, corporate sponsors and all levels of government, current and future direction, costs of using Hamilton Place for performances, accumulated deficit of Opera Hamilton remains at Hamilton Place, accumulated deficit if an alternate venue is used.

To conclude the presentation, Mr. Bye stated that Opera Hamilton cannot continue to provide Hamilton with international class opera under the present operating environment without significant changes, and that Opera Hamilton has to achieve a more affordable venue and it needs to do so for the 2011-2012 season.

The Committee requested staff to contact other regional centres to obtain production costs/budgets as it is important for staff to review such information in order to provide an independent analysis, and that staff report back with comparators. Mr. Bye indicated that comparisons have been done with Edmonton, Calgary and Winnipeg.

It was pointed out that it should be an “apples to apples” comparison as legislation differs among the Provinces. The comparisons should be done with medium to large-size municipalities, preferably single-tier.

Mr. Speers indicated that he understands the concept of comparing venue cost to venue cost in the same region; however, there is no other major opera company in Ontario other than Opera Hamilton. Therefore, their comparison was done with similar opera company sizes.

A copy of the presentation provided was submitted to the Clerk for the public record.

**(Clark/Johnson)** to receive

That the presentation from David Speers and Stephen Bye respecting operating costs at Hamilton Place, be received. **CARRIED**

**(iv) Annelisa Pedersen, Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, respecting issues and impacts of rising costs at Hamilton Place (Item 6.6)**

Annelisa Pederson was not in attendance at the meeting.

**(g) PRESENTATIONS**

**(i) Downtown Hamilton Employment Analysis (PED11009) (Ward 2)  
(Item 7.1)**

Alan Waterfield, Senior Planner, Downtown Renewal, and Paul Shaker, Centre for Community Study, appeared before the Committee to present the results of the Downtown Hamilton Employment Analysis and to explain what the data means in terms of the objectives of the City. This information will be used in moving forward, to measure density targets, support ongoing marketing and business attraction strategies and to challenge misconceptions about the downtown.

Copies of the power point presentation were distributed to the Committee and a copy has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

The Committee recessed at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

**(h) DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**(i) Hamilton Police Services Board – Theft of Gas Drive-Offs (City Wide)  
(PSB10-101) (City Wide)**

The motion to refer this item to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee CARRIED on the following vote:

Yeas:	Bratina, Collins, McHattie, Farr, Morelli, Merulla, Duvall, Jackson, Clark, Pearson, Johnson, Powers, Pasuta, Partridge
Total Yeas	14
Nays:	Ferguson
Total Nays:	1
Absent:	Whitehead
Total Absent:	1

The Committee requested that staff investigate what steps other municipalities and provinces have taken on this issue.

**(ii) Stimulus Project Substantial Completion Deadline Extensions  
(FCS09052(j)) (City Wide) Item 8.4)**

**(Clark/Pearson)**

That sub-section (e) be amended by replacing R1167 Inch Park with R1169 Rosedale.

**Amendment CARRIED**  
**Motion as amended CARRIED**



(iii) **Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 10-006  
(November 9, 2010) (Item 8.9)**

(aa) **Request for Policy on Usage of Video Surveillance in relation  
to Public Transit**

**(Jackson/Pasuta)**

That the following recommendation of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be referred to the General Manager of Public Works for further investigation and report back to the General Issues Committee:

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities request that staff be directed to prepare a set of guiding principles, policies and procedures for video surveillance cameras usage in relation to public transportation. **CARRIED**

(bb) **Proposed Reforms to Taxi Licensing By-law**

**(Jackson/Pasuta)**

That the following recommendation of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be referred to the General Manager of Economic Development and Planning for further investigation and report back to the General Issues Committee:

- (i) That staff be directed to take the required steps to ensure that by the end of 2012, 20% of licensed taxis in the City of Hamilton are fully accessible for people with disabilities, with a goal of achieving 100% accessible taxis within a reasonable timeframe;
- (ii) That staff be directed to bring forward the required amendments to the Taxi Licensing By-law and program to ensure that as of 2011 all new taxi plates are issued only to accessible taxi cabs;
- (iii) That staff be directed to bring forward the required amendments to the Taxi By-law and program to ensure that all transfers and/or sales of taxi cab plates be permitted to accessible taxis only.
- (iv) That staff be directed to amend the Taxi Licensing By-Law to ensure that all new vehicles are accessible.
- (v) That staff be directed to create a communication strategy to inform the public of reforms to the accessible taxi system and fares. **CARRIED**

(iv) **Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 10-007  
(December 14, 2010) (Item 8.10)**

**Audible Signals Recommendation**

**(Bratina/Partridge)**

That the following recommendation of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be referred to the General Manager of Public Works for further investigation and report back to the General Issues Committee:

- (a) That ACPD recommend to Council that Traffic Engineering, Public Works prepare an implementation plan that details the financial and human resources needed for a replacement and installation plan including replacement criteria for Accessible Pedestrian Signals and that the implementation of these signals be completed by 2025 to meet the goals of the AODA, 2005.
- (b) That ACPD recommend to Council that, if Traffic Engineering, Public Works staff are unable to complete the retrofits and new installs of Accessible Traffic Signals by the year 2025 with current budget conditions, they will also develop a strategy to identify new sources of funding to accelerate the process to meet the target date of 2025.

**CARRIED**

**(j) MOTIONS**

**(i) Public Sector Compensation Restraint to Protect Public Services Act, 2010 (Item 9.1)**

The following is the preamble for the recommendation in Item 18:

Whereas the Premier of Ontario has enacted the Public Sector Compensation Restraint to Protect Public Services Act, 2010 (the "Act"), setting a guideline of 0% increase for non-union public sector wages, and;

Whereas the Act does not affect direct municipal workers; and,

Whereas the Premier has informed municipalities that in the case of transfer payment entities, any salary increase above 0% will not be funded by the Province where the Province shares costs (i.e. Ontario Works, Health Services, and Ambulance, etc.; and;

Whereas since the enactment of the above legislation arbitrators have awarded increases above 0% for the essential service employees.

**(Duvall/Merulla)**

That the following be added as sub-section (b) and the balance re-numbered accordingly:

- (b) That the Province pay shared costs where the provincial arbitrator has awarded costs above the 0% guideline.

**Amendment CARRIED  
Motion as amended CARRIED**

**(ii) Motion Requesting One-Time Funding for Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club (Item 11.2)**

The following motion was referred to the General Issues Committee by City Council on December 15, 2010:

That the City of Hamilton provide \$10,000 in one-time support to the Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club "On Top of the World for Kids", to be funded through the 2010 Corporate financials.

Councillor Merulla withdrew this motion.

**(k) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)**

- (i) Request to Investigate expanding the West Hamilton Innovation District Zoning Plan to include the CPR Yard lands at Aberdeen Avenue and Longwood Road (Presented as a Notice of Motion to the October 13, 2010 meeting of the Committee of the Whole and subsequently Tabled)

Councillor Whitehead withdrew this motion.

**(l) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

- (i) Approval of Closed Session Minutes – December 15, 2010 (Added item 12.3)**

**(Powers/Pasuta)**

- (aa) That the Closed Session Minutes of the General Issues Committee meeting held on December 15, 2010, be approved as presented;
- (bb) 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**

- (ii) Confidential Attachment to Item 1 of Airport Implementation Task Force Report 10-002 (September 23, 2010) (Item 8.7)**

**(Powers/Pasuta)**

Be received.

**CARRIED**

- (iii) Collective Bargaining Agreement (Item 7.2(a))**

- (ii) Collective Bargaining Agreement (Added Item 7.2(a))**

Rob Rossini provided a power point update respecting the 2011 draft budget and labour relations as a result of information requested at the December 15, 2010 meeting of the Committee.

The presentation included the 2011 operating draft budget updates for the Fire Agreement and for the increased capital levy and increased assessment. Information was also provided with respect to the projected tax impact (before the negotiation envelope).

**(Johnson/Pasuta)**

That the Committee move In Camera at 2:30 p.m. pursuant to Section 8.1(d) of the City's Procedural By-law and the Municipal Act as the subject matter deals with labour relations or employee negotiations with respect to the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

**CARRIED**

**(Johnson/Pasuta)**

That the Committee reconvene in Open Session at 4:20 p.m.

**CARRIED**

See Item 21 for the disposition of this item.

**(Johnson/Pasuta)**

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor C. Collins, Deputy Mayor  
General Issues Committee

Carolyn Biggs, Co-ordinator  
Committee Services/Council/Budgets  
January 10, 2011