



Committee of the Whole MINUTES

**1:30 p.m.
April 28, 2006
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton**

- Present:** Mayor L. Dilanni
Councillors D. Braden, B. Bratina, P. Bruckler,
C. Collins, T. Jackson, B. Kelly, B. McHattie,
D. Mitchell, S. Merulla, B. Morelli, M. Pearson,
A. Samson, T. Whitehead
- Absent with regrets:** Councillor M. Ferguson – Illness
Councillors M. McCarthy – City Business
- Also Present:** G. Peace, City Manager
J. Rinaldo, General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services
J. Harnum, Senior Director, Water & Wastewater
P. Mason, Director, Long Range Planning & Design
B. Browett, Acting Chief/General Manager, HES
A. Pekaruk, Director, Audit Services
T. Tollis, Director, Budgets & Finance
R. Caterini, Deputy Clerk
S. Paparella, City Clerks

Mayor Dilanni called the meeting to order.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. "Peak Oil" (CM06012) (City Wide) (Item 4.1)

(Pearson/Samson)

That the report "Hamilton: Electric City" be received for information and that the report, along with Report CM06012, be referred to Committee of the Whole scheduled to address G.R.I.D.S.

CARRIED

(McHattie/Merulla)

- (a) That the "Peak Oil" report be referred to the following staff for a report to the Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee:
 - (i) The Manager of Energy Initiatives for a report on the feasibility of recommendations on reducing energy use by two-thirds by 2018, and well as ideas on producing energy, and to specifically investigate feasibility of applying energy conservation measures currently being employed by Hamilton Emergency Services (HES) Corporation-wide
 - (ii) HSR staff to investigate the feasibility of using electricity (i.e., trolley buses) to fuel transit, specifically on the east-west, and north-south Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) routes
- (b) That staff report to the Planning and Economic Development Committee on the following:
 - (i) A policy to encourage LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for all new buildings to be constructed in Hamilton.
 - (ii) Working with Hamilton Utilities Corporation/Horizon Utilities Corporation to investigate feasibility of establishing an Energy Cluster as part of the City of Hamilton Economic Development Strategy
 - (iii) A joint investigation by Planning and Public Works Departments on the feasibility of preparing the Glanbrook Business Park as an Eco-Park, involving possible use of a district energy system, re-use of waste materials amongst industries etc.
- (c) That the Peak Oil report be forwarded to Hamilton Utilities Corporation (HUC) and Horizon Boards for their consideration;
- (d) That staff consider a Terms of Reference and cost analysis for a follow-up report and report back at the G.R.I.D.S. Committee of the Whole meeting.
- (e) That staff be directed to report back on available federal or provincial funding for projects, which may emanate from any actions that City Council might take.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED**

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(Collin/Kelly)

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none declared.

(c) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(Merulla/Pearson)

That the Minutes of March 28, 2006 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

(d) PRESENTATIONS

4.1 "Peak Oil" (CM06012) (City Wide)

Steve Robichaud, Manager G.R.I.D.S., noted that there are two main areas of concentration for the City of Hamilton to consider; with respect to Peak Oil. One is for the City to minimize its own costs as a consumer and to seek to sustain the economic, financial and environmental welfare for the citizens and businesses of Hamilton.

Steve Robichaud introduced Dr. Richard Gilbert, who has his PhD in Experimental Psychology, is a former Toronto Councillor and former President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

Steve Robichaud and Dr. Gilbert provided Committee with PowerPoint presentations respecting "Peak Oil" (CM06012) and Hamilton: The Electric City and Peak Oil, respectively.

(e) "Peak Oil" (CM06012) (City Wide) (Item 4.1)

Councillor B. McHattie requested that he be provided with copies of existing reports respecting peak oil, more specifically outlining:

- (i) The number of jobs in the downtown, which have been created on Brownfield lands;
- (ii) The reports that show how rail line will be linked to the airport; and,
- (iii) The types of jobs that can be accommodated in the Glanbrook industrial park.

(f) Amendment to "Peak Oil" (CM06012)

The City Manager was asked to investigate the staffing and financial implications of the direction provided in the motion amending Report CM06012 – Peak Oil. Mr. Peace will report back to Committee of the Whole, with his findings, via e-mail.

(g) Chair

Following Item 4.1, Mayor Dilanni relinquished the Chair to Councillor T. Whitehead for the duration of the meeting.

(h) Audit Operational Review - Implementation Plan (CM06001) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(Mitchell/Pearson)

That Item 5.1 – Audit Operational Review - Implementation Plan (CM06001), be deferred to an upcoming meeting of Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

(i) Finance & Administration Organization Review – Implementation Plan (CM05031(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Mitchell/Pearson)

That Item 5.2 – Finance & Administration Organization Review – Implementation Plan (CM05031(a)), be deferred to an upcoming meeting of Committee of the Whole.

(j) Adjournment

Committee of the whole adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

The motion CARRIED on a Recorded Vote as follows:

Yeas: Braden, Bruckler, Collins, Jackson, McHattie, Mitchell, Merulla, Morelli, Pearson, Samson and Whitehead

Total: 11

Nays:

Total: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Dilanni
Mayor