Minutes of the FIRST meeting of the Strategic Initiatives Committee for 2009 held in the Committee Meeting Room, Second Floor, Rundle Tower, Oshawa Civic Administration Complex, on Monday, January 19, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Councillor Marimpietri, Chair
Councillor Lutczyk, Vice-Chair
Councillor Kolodzie, Member
Councillor Sholdra, Member (left at 10:50 a.m.)
Mayor Gray, Ex-Officio (entered at 9:35 a.m.)

Also Present: Councillor Henry
R. Duignan, City Manager
T. Adams, Director, Corporate Communications and Marketing
R. Foster, Auditor General
H. Break, Director, Corporate Strategic Initiatives
M. Pringle, Committee Co-ordinator

Absent: Councillor Pidwerbecki

SIC-09-01 Dr. Adrian Pettyan – Request to Address Committee Concerning the Physician Recruitment Task Force Status Report (SIC-08-48) Presented November 10, 2008 (All Wards)

This matter was previously discussed at the November 10, 2008 Strategic Initiatives Committee meeting when Correspondence SIC-08-48 was tabled to allow Councillor Cullen time to approach the Region to determine any interest in participating in a potential study/analysis of the need for family physicians throughout the Region.

The Committee now reviewed Correspondence SIC-09-01 dated January 6, 2009 from Dr. Adrian Pettyan requesting to address Committee regarding the Physician Recruitment Task Force Status Report (SIC-08-48) presented on November 10, 2008.

Mayor Gray entered the meeting.

Dr. Adrian Pettyan addressed the Committee regarding the Physician Recruitment Task Force Status Report (SIC-08-48) and Correspondence SIC-09-03, the Physician Recruitment Task Force 2008 Year-End Unaudited Financial Statements addressing several inaccuracies in the report reviewed on November 10, 2008.

In addition, Dr. Adrian Pettyan recommended the Oshawa Physician Recruitment Task Force become an autonomous community agency; that managers of the clinics be members of the committee along with interested parties from the local community hospital, the business community and the general public, and that an experienced and committed Physician Recruiter be funded by the City of Oshawa and approved by the Oshawa Physician Recruitment Committee.
The Committee questioned Dr. Adrian Petty on various aspects of the presentation.

Moved by Mayor Gray,
“That Correspondence SIC-09-01 dated January 6, 2009 from Dr. Adrian Petty requesting to address Committee concerning the Physician Recruitment Task Force Status Report (SIC-08-48) be referred to staff for a report.” CARRIED

The Committee viewed a Channel 12 commercial showcasing the Robert McLaughlin Art Gallery.

The Committee questioned the Director, Corporate Communications and Marketing.

The Committee reviewed Correspondence SIC-09-03 dated January 5, 2009 from Bob Malcolmson, CEO & General Manager of the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce reporting that at the end of the 2008 Budget Year for the Community Physician Recruitment Task Force, the Chamber of Commerce has a surplus (unaudited) of approximately $60,000 to turn back to the City of Oshawa.

Moved by Mayor Gray,
“That the Strategic Initiatives Committee recommend to City Council:
That Correspondence SIC-09-03 dated January 5, 2009 from Bob Malcolmson reporting on the Physician Recruitment Task Force 2008 year-end unaudited financial statements be received for information and referred to staff for inclusion in the budget submission.” CARRIED

The Committee reviewed Correspondence SIC-09-04 dated December 16, 2008 from Jim Freeman, President of the Durham Region Labour Council noting specific concerns about Covanta Energy and requesting that the allegations be investigated thoroughly prior to accepting any proposal from Covanta Energy to build and operate the proposed energy-from-waste facility.
Moved by Councillor Kolodzie,
"That the Strategic Initiatives Committee recommend to City Council:

That Correspondence SIC-09-04 dated December 16, 2008 from Jim Freeman, Durham Region Labour Council, requesting that Covanta Energy be excluded from the RFP Process to build and operate the proposed energy-from-waste facility be received for information and referred to the Region of Durham.” CARRIED

SIC-09-05 Canada Border Services Agency – Pival International Inc. – Application for Sufferance Warehouse (All Wards)

The Committee reviewed City Council Referral SIC-09-05 and letter from the Canada Border Services Agency advising that there is no provision for ‘conditional licensing’ of sufferance warehouses within the regulations and advising that licenses are only issued once all requirements are met.

Moved by Councillor Lutczyk,
"That the Strategic Initiatives Committee recommend to City Council:

That the Mayor send a letter to the Minister, Industry Trade and Technology, forwarding a copy of the letter received from the Canada Border Services dated December 11, 2008, and requesting that the application for sufferance warehouse be reconsidered for Pival International Inc.” CARRIED

SIC-09-06 ‘The Challenge’ Presented by the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce, Request for Sponsorship and/or Participation (All Wards)

Moved by Councillor Lutczyk,
"That Item SIC-09-06 regarding the ‘The Challenge’, a team building event sponsored by the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce, taking place at North End Bowl on Monday, March 4, 2009 be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee.” CARRIED

SIC-09-07 Oshawa Harbour (All Wards)

Moved by Councillor Lutczyk,
"That the Strategic Initiatives Committee recommend to City Council:

That staff be authorized to investigate if the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans can assist with the environmental situation at the Oshawa Harbour.” CARRIED
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SIC-09-08 Submission of Priority List of Candidate Projects to Federal and Provincial Governments (All Wards)

Councillor Sholdra left the meeting.

Councillor Lutczyk assumed the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri,
“That the Strategic Initiatives Committee recommend to City Council:

That Council formulate a priority list of candidate projects for submission to the Federal and Provincial Governments to access funding under the Building Canada Fund, the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund or other available funding programs to stimulate investment in the local and national economy.” REFERRED BY THE FOLLOWING MOTION

Councillor Marimpietri resumed the Chair.

Moved by Mayor Gray,
“That the Strategic Initiatives Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That a priority list of projects for submission to the Federal and Provincial Governments be considered at the first budget meeting of Council scheduled on February 13, 2009; and,

2. That the Mayor be authorized to immediately forward a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments setting out a ‘preliminary list’ of priority candidate projects for funding consideration under the Building Canada Fund, Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund or other available funding programs to stimulate investment in the local and national economy and that copies of the letter be provided to Oshawa’s Members of the Federal and Provincial Parliaments.” CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Kolodzie,
“That the meeting adjourn.” CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.