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AN UPDATE FROM YOUR WARD 8 CITY COUNCILLOR • TERRY WHITEHEAD

DEAR FRIENDS,

Welcome to the 2010 Spring and Summer issue of the Whitehead Report. As always, I am pleased to provide you with updates on what's happening in and around our community, and to share information about issues that affect our city.

As your Councillor, I am committed to providing information, bringing resolution and sharing dialogue on issues of concern to you. That's why every year I host various issue oriented, budget – and 22 neighbourhood meetings, throughout the Ward. I also meet area residents each month during my constituency days at Westcliffe Mall.

For those looking to interact online, my new website with blog and Twitter posts is a great source for the latest information and happenings in and around City Hall. You can also connect with me and other ward 8 residents by sharing your thoughts on the latest news items.

I hope you find this edition of my community newsletter informative and encourage you to contact my office if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. You can reach me at 905.546.2712 or terry.whithead@hamilton.ca.

In closing, please accept my best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer.

Terry Whitehead
City Councillor, Ward 8

Remembering Private Mark Anthony Graham

On September 4, 2009 a plaque was unveiled, and a red maple was planted, at Olympic Park in honour of Private Mark Anthony Graham. The 33 year-old Graham died on September 3, 2006 while serving with the Royal Canadian Regiment in Afghanistan. A former Olympic athlete, he grew up in Hamilton and attended Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School where he distinguished himself in track and field.

Sponsored by our Community Advisory Council, the event was well attended and drew attention to the ultimate sacrifice of this remarkable young man. As a further tribute, a new \$110,000 track is being built at Sir Allan MacNab School bearing Private Graham's name. The City of Hamilton will also be renaming Olympic park, the 'Mark Anthony Graham Memorial Olympic Park'. The opening ceremony for the renamed park will take place on September 3, 2010.



Private Mark Anthony Graham

Working for a Safer Community

Superintendent Ken Bond, Division 3, Hamilton Police Service

As Superintendent of Division 3, I work regularly with Councillor Whitehead to improve the safety and security of Ward 8 residents. Over the past five years, we have worked together to address issues in the ward such as crime, traffic concerns and graffiti. I'm happy to update you on the results of these efforts:

- Residential break-ins have declined by 35 per cent
- Officers in Division 3 issue double the traffic tickets than the other two divisions handing out over 20,000 annually

- We made graffiti a priority and made over 30 arrests in 2008
- In addition to enforcement, we are working with to clean-up problem graffiti areas
- I look forward to continuing to provide ward 8 residents with programs and partnerships that protect the public and keeps our community safe for everyone.

Ken Bond has been the Superintendent for Division 3 since 2005.



ANNUAL

'Night in the Park' on June 19th

After two hugely successful 'Nights in the Park' - Gilkson in 2008 and Mountainview in 2009, the Ward 8 Community Council is pleased to announce this year's event at Gourley Park on June 19, 2010. This annual event highlights the many services provided by the City of Hamilton and features entertainment, face painting and a family feature film at dusk – hot dogs, popcorn and drinks available.

Come join your friends and neighbours at Gourley Park on Saturday, June 19th at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

TERRY WHITEHEAD IS WORKING FOR YOU

ROAD WORK AHEAD

For those using Stone Church between West 5th and Garth, construction will be completed this year. Please note that the City awards construction contracts to the lowest qualified bid with a set project cost. Crews appearing idle do not result in further cost to the City as any delays are subject to penalties.

NEW BUS SERVICE

Beginning this month, the Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) will extend Route 44 – Rymal Road west across Garner Road to the Ancaster Business Park and east across Rymal Road to Upper Centennial. The new route will continue north to Eastgate Square. For more information contact either my office or the HSR at 905.527.4441.

'GOLDEN AGE' BUS PASSES

The Hamilton Street Railway, (HSR) recently launched its 'Golden Age' bus pass for residents 80 and over. This special pass provides unlimited free travel on all regular routes. For more information contact either my office or the HSR at 905.527.4441.

NEW CAMPAIGN ON GRAFFITI

The City of Hamilton recently launched a new graffiti awareness campaign which encourages residents to respond to acts of graffiti by calling 911 to report vandalism in progress, or 905.546.2489 to report existing graffiti.

The City has numerous programs in place to provide resources and supplies for organized clean-up efforts. For more details visit www.hamilton.ca/graffiti.

MAJOR RENOVATION AT SIR ALLEN MACNAB

The Sir Allen MacNab Recreation Facility is getting a major renovation thanks to the federal government's Recreation Infrastructure Canada Fund. This \$3 million dollar project will include construction of barrier free change rooms, electrical and mechanical upgrades, new front entrances, replacement of interior fixtures and a new pool filtration system. Preliminary work has already begun with completion scheduled for March 2011.

PROPOSED MOUNTAIN BROW DEVELOPMENT

Under my leadership, a hybrid secondary plan was initiated over a three month period in 2009. At the start of the process, more than 300 people participated. By the conclusion, over 80 local residents concluded that no more than 25 single family units be constructed on the property.

I later made a request to the Economic Development & Planning Committee to hold a special meeting to consider an application for residential development on the mountain brow lands. This special meeting took place on June 10, 2010 at the People's Church.

Those in attendance had the opportunity to share their thoughts on the six to seven hundred units now being proposed. I clearly stated my support for the mountain brow community and my opposition to the massive development proposed.

The community and staff positions on this proposed development are miles apart. In the weeks ahead, I will continue my efforts to defer any decision by Council until after an independent planner is able to work with me and members of the community to reach consensus on the extent of future development.



Auchmar Restoration Continuing

Earlier this year work was completed on a damaged area of the foundation. In addition, two chimneys that were threatening to collapse were rebuilt. As a result of this work, a team of archaeologists was brought in to investigate the grounds at the west end of the estate where the 'west wing' once stood.

Archaeologists uncovered the foundation of the west wing and numerous artifacts including fragmentary plaster remnants with intact original finishes from the walls and ceiling of the ballroom and an Enoch Wood jug – the Enoch Wood pottery house closed in 1840.

Later this summer once heritage permits are in place, work will begin on restoring the picturesque landscape of the Auchmar estate. This project will include extraction of invasive species and removing the vines on the stone walls. Vine removal is necessary to determine the correct approach for restoring the walls.

Towards the end of summer, renovation of the Coach House and Stable will begin. The exterior of the building will be restored to its original appearance, and the interior will be renovated to contain a conservation lab and offices for the Cultural Division and Capital and Building Maintenance staff. This project will take approximately a year to complete.

Good News in Economic Development

During this difficult and challenging time of economic uncertainty, Hamilton has fared the best out of all advanced manufacturing cities in Ontario. We have consistently had the lowest unemployment rate and often reported rates below the national and provincial average.

Despite the economic times, our Economic Development staff has continued to go the extra mile to support existing businesses and attract new ones. As a direct result, building permits issued increased by \$50 million in April 2010 from the same period last year. Better still, total building permits for 2010 exceed \$282 million – an increase of over \$95 million from the same period last year.

Throughout the recession, Hamilton led the way in new housing starts and created 25,000 new jobs. Here are just a few of the good news stories I'm happy to share with you:

CANADA'S LARGEST BAKERY COMING TO HAMILTON

On February 17th, Canada Bread announced their plans to invest over \$100 million for a new 375,000 square foot bakery. Canada Bread will create over 300 jobs and generate nearly \$1.2 million in tax revenue for the City.

FORTINO'S HEAD OFFICE RETURNS

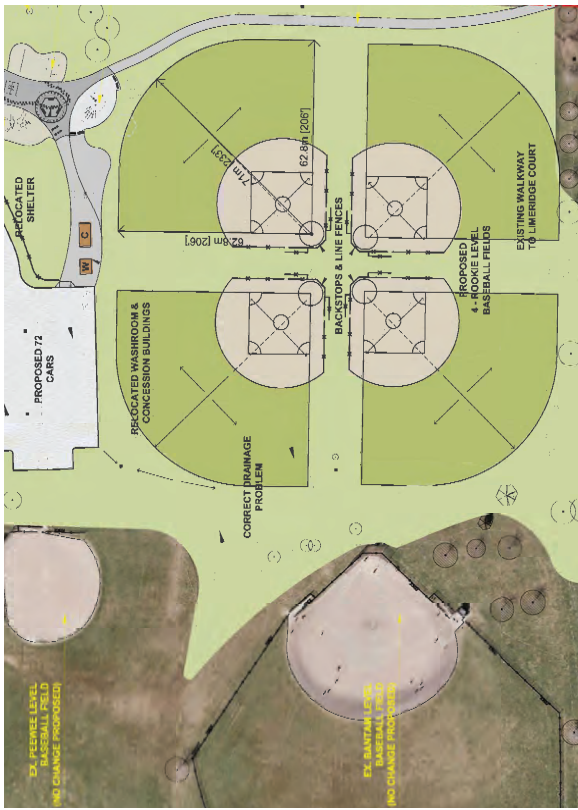
Earlier this spring, Fortino's announced the return of their head office to Hamilton – the city where it all began. The immediate result is that 75 well paying jobs will return to our community.

GERMANY'S MAX AICHER COMES TO HAMILTON

Germany's Max Aicher announced their purchase of three steel mills from US Steel Canada. Aicher expects to start production this fall putting over 300 steelworkers back on the job.

ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING ECONOMIES

Recently, the Conference Board of Canada projected that Hamilton would be one of the fastest growing economies in 2010.



William McCulloch Park Site Plan

Transforming William McCulloch Park

Last November, the City of Hamilton held a Public Information Centre to give residents an opportunity to provide input on the redevelopment of William McCulloch Park. City staff presented conceptual drawings illustrating the proposed project consisting of:

- Converting two soccer fields to 4 rookie level baseball fields
- Adding a parking lot for 71 cars
- Constructing a new playground area with new play equipment

- Building a new spray pad and walkways
- Relocating the sun shelter, concession and washroom facilities
- New tree planting

The project is planned in two stages beginning with construction of the new baseball fields from July to September. After Labour Day, the buildings will be relocated, and the new play area, spray pad and parking lot will be constructed. The work will be completed by year end.

FEATURED BYLAW:

Long Grass and Weeds

The City of Hamilton has several By-laws to ensure properties are maintained. Both the property owner and tenants are responsible if there is a violation of the Yard Waste & Maintenance By-Law such as long grass and weeds exceeding 8" or 20 cm in height.

If there is a violation the Officer investigating will:

- Immediately post an "Order to Comply" which lists the violation(s) and provides a deadline date for the work to be completed.
- Re-inspect after deadline date, if no action has been taken the Officer may issue a ticket to either the property owner(s) or occupant(s).
- Issue a "Fee for Inspection" (\$238.00) which is the responsibility of the property owner. The costs will be added to the property taxes.
- Send in a contractor working on behalf of the City to complete the necessary work. The costs will be added to the property taxes.

Taking care of your lawn shows your civic pride and helps promote our community as a great place to live, work and play.

Leading the Way on the National Stage

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities, (FCM) represents 1,775 municipalities across Canada – from the largest cities to small urban and rural communities. FCM is the national voice of municipal governments that works to develop policies and highlight issues within the jurisdiction of the federal government.

In 2006, I was elected to the board of FCM. That year I introduced a motion to create the Southern Ontario Diversification Fund – this fund would help improve our economy by encouraging business investment to create jobs and economic growth. I'm pleased to report that the Federal Government has established the Southern Ontario Economic

Development Agency – a \$1 billion investment over 5 years. In 2010 Hamilton landed Canada Bread, the largest bakery in the country, with help and funding from this new agency.

I also presented our City's resolution for FCM to form an Economic Development Working Group. FCM unanimously endorsed Hamilton's resolution and created the working group – I am pleased to represent our community on this group.

Most recently at the FCM conference last month, we passed a resolution for pension reform to insure adequate pensions for eligible seniors across the country.

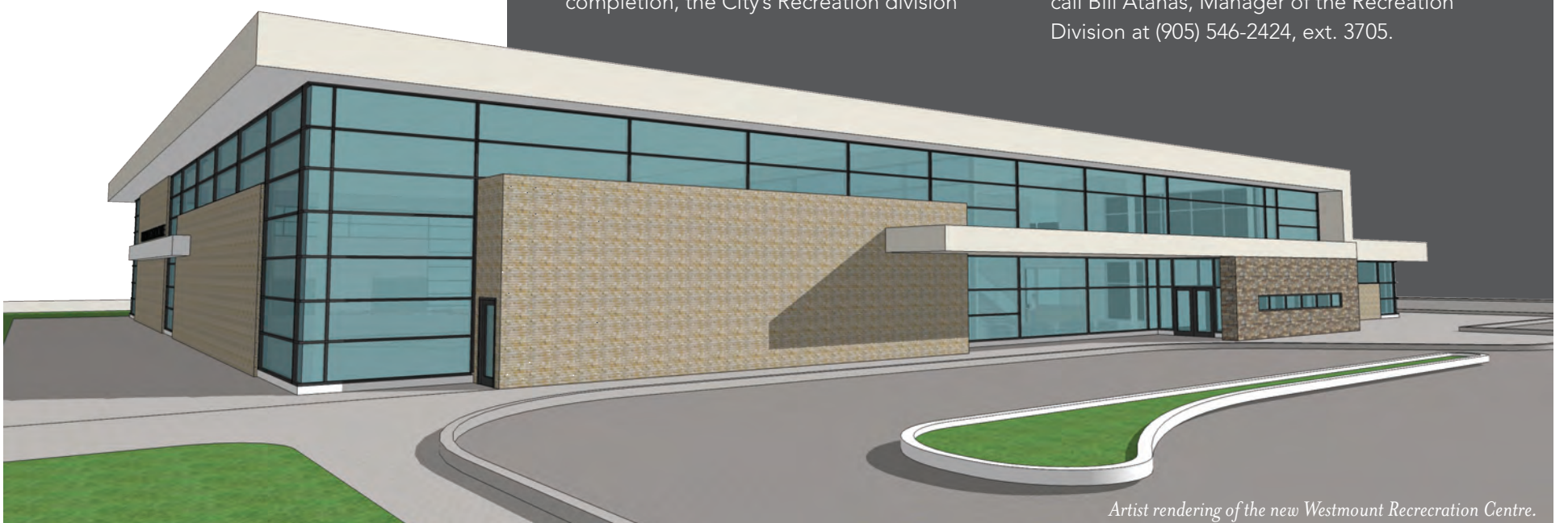
New Recreation Facility at Westmount

Westmount Recreation Centre will be undergoing a major renovation starting this October. As previously announced, the City is investing \$21 million to create a new state-of-the-art facility on the current site. The new facility will include two pool tanks, gymnasium, youth area, a wellness and abilities centre for older adults and community active space.

With the design of the new facility nearing completion, the City's Recreation division

will begin community consultations next month. Construction will begin in August with the new facility expected to reopen in the spring of 2011.

During construction, the City has added swimming lessons to Hill Park and Sir Allen MacNab Recreation Centers. Aquatic groups are being temporarily relocated to other city run pools. For more information, please call Bill Atanas, Manager of the Recreation Division at (905) 546-2424, ext. 3705.



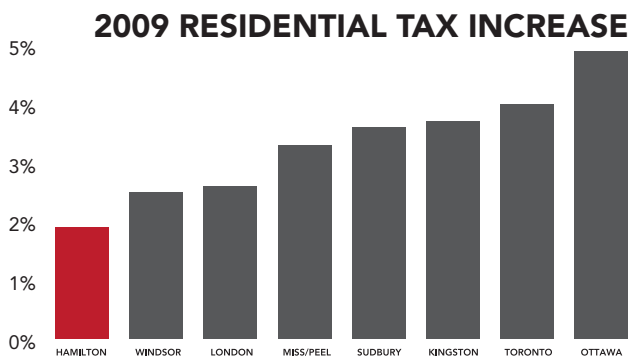
Artist rendering of the new Westmount Recreation Centre.

A Better Way to Budget

Our 2010 budget process began with pressures of 9 percent. This was based on receiving special funding of \$16 million from the Province to off-set our social service costs. The 2010 starting point was very similar to the 2009 budget year. As we look ahead to 2011, strong leadership is required to better prioritize our spending. I have consistently argued for setting a zero percent budget increase for all departments. Doing this would result in our 'must have' budget items receiving funding while our 'want to have' and 'can do without' items would come under closer scrutiny. Unfortunately not enough members of Council have supported this position.

For Hamilton to become one of the best cities to raise a child we must continue to close the gap

between our residential tax rates and those in other municipalities. To give you an idea of how Hamilton compares, see the graph below.



Comparisons of Municipal tax increases excluding Education. Including Education, Hamilton's average tax increase was 1.7%

Construction Begins on New Catholic Elementary School

Sergio Manchia, Ward 8 Trustee Hamilton Wentworth District Catholic School Board



Sergio Manchia

I'm happy to report that a new Catholic elementary school for Ward 8 is on the horizon. Construction crews expect to break ground on the new Annunciation of Our Lord Catholic Elementary School within the next few days. Mindful of our environmental

responsibility, the 2-storey school will employ many of the eco features used by St. Matthew, our new LEED school in Binbrook. These features, such as larger windows and solar louvers, are expected to

improve the energy performance of the building. The school is slated to open in the fall of 2011.

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board is also moving forward on other construction projects which will see new Catholic elementary schools in Waterdown and Ancaster, as well as a new Catholic secondary school in Upper Stoney Creek. These new facilities will ensure that our students continue to learn in state-of-the-art environments.

We continue to take great pride in the achievement of students in our Ward 8 schools and throughout the city, and remain committed to helping them grow in their knowledge and practice of their faith.

New By-law Enforcement Project

As part of the review conducted on rental housing, the Community Liaison Committee assessed various methods of dealing with absentee landlords. Committee members also discussed ways to better manage various issues relating to student housing. A number of recommendations, including proactive by-law enforcement, were forwarded to Council for consideration.

I'm pleased to report that Hamilton is implementing an 18-month proactive by-law enforcement program called 'Project Compliance.' Six part-time Special Enforcement Officers have been hired temporarily to proactively enforce the city's Property Standards and Yard Maintenance by-laws. The program will begin in July once staff training is complete. As always, to report a violation during business hours call 905-546-2782 or email mle@hamilton.ca.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

I work on your behalf on the following Boards and Committees:

- City Council
- Committee of the Whole
- Board of Health
- Audit & Administration Standing Committee
- Economic Development & Planning Standing Committee
- Hamilton Entertainment & Convention Facilities Inc. (HECFI) Board of Directors
- Tourism Hamilton Board of Directors
- Hamilton Business Improvement
- Areas & Business Association Coordinating Committee
- Selection
- Licensing
- Airport Implementation Task Force
- Joint City/School Boards Relations
- Physician Recruitment & Retention Steering Committee
- Facility Naming Sub-Committee
- Governance Sub-Committee
- Purchasing Sub-Committee
- Building & Licensing Division Operational Review Committee
- City Hall Renovations
- Hamilton Triple Bottom Line Business Criteria Task Force
- Truck Route Sub-Committee
- NHL Steering Committee (Golden Horseshoe Sports & Entertainment)
- 2015 Pan Am Games Bid Partnership Committee
- Accountability & Transparency Sub-Committee



For more information on what we're doing, please visit my website at www.terrywhitehead.ca or call my office at 905.546.2712.

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Horizon Utilities	905.522.9200
HSR Information	905.527.4441
MPAC (Property Assessments)	1.866.296.6722
Municipal By-law Enforcement	905.546.2782
Parking Office	905.540.6000
Police (Mountain Division)	905.546.4930
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Public Works - Upper Paradise and East (District 4)	905.546.2424 ext.2038
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Street Parking Enforcement	905.540.6000
Terryberry Library	905.546.3921
Waste Management/ Household Hazardous Waste	905.546.2489

For By-law Enforcement during business hours call 905.546.2782 or e-mail mle@hamilton.ca. After hours please call 905.546.2489.