

## **Board of Directors Meeting – September 8, 2011**

a) HCA Climate Change Strategy – Building Resilience into our Watersheds

Hazel Breton provided a PowerPoint presentation. Hazel introduced Dave Carson (Dundas in Transition), Julia Kollek (Environment Hamilton), and Brian Montgomery (City of Hamilton) who are members of the Climate Change Working Group under the Clean Air Partnership Advisory Group. Hazel's presentation focussed on the HCA role and partnering through signing a "Climate Change Charter" with other agencies to address local climate change issues.

**BD12,1606**                      **MOVED BY:**              **Maria Topalovic**  
**SECONDED BY:**        **Duke O'Sullivan**

**WHEREAS impacts from climate change are being felt around the world and locally in the watersheds of the Hamilton Conservation Authority;**

**WHEREAS Hamilton Conservation Authority is uniquely positioned to take a leadership role in developing Climate Change Adaptation activities given our in-depth knowledge of the features and functions of our watersheds;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the discussion paper entitled "Managing Change: Defining HCA's Role in Climate Change" be endorsed; and further**

**THAT staff be directed to develop a Climate Change Strategy for the Hamilton Conservation Authority; and further**

**THAT the Hamilton Conservation Authority supports the City of Hamilton Climate Change Charter, developed by the local Working Group for Climate Change, and agrees to sign the Charter.**

**CARRIED**

After discussion, the following motion was added.

**BD12,1607**                      **MOVED BY:**              **James Howlett**  
**SECONDED BY:**        **Brad Whitcombe**

**THAT the Board of Directors approve the following recommendation:**

**THAT the discussion paper entitled “Managing Change: Defining HCA’s Role in Climate Change be referred to the Hamilton Conservation Authority Strategic Plan.**

**CARRIED**