



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE  
(2020 OPERATING BUDGET)  
MINUTES 20-002(g)**

9:30 a.m.

Friday, February 7, 2020

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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**Present:** Deputy Mayor J. P. Danko (Chair)  
Councillors M. Wilson, J. Farr, N. Nann, S. Merulla, C. Collins,  
T. Jackson, E. Pauls, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson,  
L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek, J. Partridge

**Absent:** Mayor F. Eisenberger – Other City Business  
Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

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**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**1. Living Wage - School Crossing Guards (HUR20004) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

**(Partridge/Nann)**

That Report HUR20004, respecting Living Wage - School Crossing Guards, be received.

**CARRIED**

**2. Living Wage (HUR20003/FCS20013) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

**(Nann/Collins)**

That Report HUR20003/FCS20013, respecting Living Wage, be received.

**CARRIED**

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 January 30, 2020

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 Correspondence from Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Living Wage

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 7.2.

4.2 Correspondence from Councillor Bridget Doherty, City of Kingston, Portsmouth District, respecting Living Wage

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 7.2.

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Added as Item 6.2(a), Marion Emo, President and CEO Hamilton-Burlington SPCA is in attendance to comment on the Animal Adoption Program matter, at the request of Council.

**(Ferguson/VanderBeek)**

That the agenda for the February 7, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as amended.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**(i) January 30, 2020 (Item 3.1)**

**(Pauls/Jackson)**

That the Minutes of the January 30, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as presented.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)**

**(Wilson/VanderBeek)**

That Communication Items 4.1 and 4.2 be approved, as follows:

- (i) Correspondence from Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Living Wage (Item 4.1)**

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 7.2.

- (ii) Correspondence from Councillor Bridget Doherty, City of Kingston, Portsmouth District, respecting Living Wage (Item 4.2)**

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 7.2.

**CARRIED**

**(e) PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)**

- (i) 2020 Corporate Financials & Non-Program Revenue Budgets (Item 6.1)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2020 Corporate Financials & Non-Program Revenue Budgets.

**(Partridge/Clark)**

That the presentation, respecting the 2020 Corporate Financials & Non-Program Revenue Budgets, be received.

**CARRIED**

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca) or through the Office of the City Clerk.

**(Nann/Collins)**

That the Corporate Pension, Benefits and Contingency, in the amount of \$15,946,000 for 2020, be approved.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:**

YES – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES – Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr  
YES – Ward 3 Councillor Nringer Nann  
YES – Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

YES – Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins  
YES – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
NOT PRESENT – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES – Deputy Mayor – Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
NOT PRESENT – Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
YES – Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge  
NOT PRESENT – Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES – Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES – Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
NOT PRESENT – Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES – Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES – Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**(Collins/Ferguson)**

- (a) That the Hamilton Entertainment Facilities – Global Spectrum 2020 Budget, be reduced by \$350,000; and,
- (b) That the Hamilton Entertainment Facilities – Hamilton Convention Centre by Carmen's 2020 Budget, be reduced \$100,000 by utilizing a transfer from a working fund reserve.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**(ii) 2020 Council Referred Items (Item 6.2)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2020 Council Referred Items.

**(Partridge/Ferguson)**

That the presentation, respecting the 2020 Council Referred Items, be received.

**CARRIED**

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca) or through the Office of the City Clerk.

**(1) Marion Emo, President and CEO Hamilton-Burlington SPCA, addressed Committee, at their request, to speak to the Animal Adoption Program Matter (Item 6.2(a))**

Marion Emo, President and CEO Hamilton-Burlington SPCA, addressed Committee, at their request, and spoke to the Animal Adoption Program Matter.

**(Pearson/Jackson)**

That the presentation, provided by Marion Emo, President and CEO Hamilton-Burlington SPCA, respecting the Animal Adoption Program matter, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(Collins/Partridge)**

That all 2020 Council Referred Items, be DEFERRED to a future 2020 General Issues Committee Budget meeting.

**CARRIED**

**(iii) 2020 Business Cases (Item 6.3)**

**(Jackson/Pearson)**

That, with the exception of the Corporate Pension, Benefits and Contingency; and, the Hamilton Entertainment Facilities matters, the 2020 Businesses Cases be DEFERRED to a future 2020 General Issues Committee Budget meeting.

**CARRIED**

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**(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)**

**(Pearson/Ferguson)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget),  
be adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor J. P. Danko  
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk