



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

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, 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: Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Sidewalk Snow Removal (PW19022(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Pearson/Jackson)

- (a) That staff be directed to expand the existing communications initiatives regarding winter storm activities to include additional information about By-law No. 03-296 and on-street parking during snow events;
- (b) *That staff be directed report to the General Issues Committee on the benefits and challenges associated with universal winter sidewalk snow removal no later than August 10, 2020, with that report to include the impact of proactive enforcement of sidewalk snow removal and a review of current service levels of sidewalk clearing to determine how it may be improved;*
- (c) *That staff be directed to engage with the City's Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, the Seniors' Advisory Committee, and the Hamilton Status of Women's Committee, external interested and relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to, those whom delegated with respect to the sidewalk snow removal matter, as it relates to assisting those with mobility issues (wheelchairs, strollers, scooters, seniors, etc.); and,*
- (d) *That staff be directed to communicate with other municipalities that are providing sidewalk snow removal, in order to gauge and*

understand how it is received in their community and to assess what success is achieved with respect to enhanced mobility of its citizens.

Result: Main Motion, As Amended, CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
NOT PRESENT - 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
YES - 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
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

2. 2020 Volunteer Committee Budget - Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee (PW19093) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Johnson/Partridge)

That the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee's 2020 base budget submission, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PW19093, in the amount of \$18,250, representing a zero-net levy impact from the previous year budget, be approved.

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

NOT PRESENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
NOT PRESENT - 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
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

YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

3. Hamilton Cycling Committee Budget 2020 (PED19194) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

(Pauls/Farr)

- (a) That the Hamilton Cycling Committee 2020 base budget submission, in the amount of \$10,000, as described in Appendix "A" attached to Report PED19194, be approved; and,
- (b) That, in addition to the base funding, a one-time budget allocation for 2020 of \$3,000 to support community events and initiatives that meet the mandate of the Hamilton Cycling Committee, to be funded by the Hamilton Cycling Committee reserve, be approved.

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

NOT PRESENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
NOT PRESENT - 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
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
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

4. 2020 Budget Submissions Volunteer Advisory Committee (HUR19026) (City Wide) (Item 7.4)

(Ferguson/Johnson)

- (a) That the following Volunteer Advisory Committee 2020 budget base submissions be approved, as follows:
 - (i) Advisory Committee on Immigrant & Refugees in the amount of \$3,500, attached as Appendix "A" to Report HUR19026;

- (ii) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Advisory Committee in the amount of \$3,914, attached as Appendix “B” to Report HUR19026;
 - (iii) Aboriginal Advisory Committee in the amount of \$3,552, attached as Appendix “C” to Report HUR19026;
 - (iv) Hamilton Mundialization Committee in the amount of \$5,890, attached as Appendix “D” to Report HUR19026;
 - (v) Hamilton Status of Women Committee in the amount of \$3,500, attached as Appendix “E” to Report HUR19026; and,
 - (vi) Committee Against Racism in the amount of \$8,900, attached as Appendix “F” to Report HUR19026;
- (b) That, in addition to the base funding, a one-time budget allocation for 2020 of \$2,000 to support external community partners working to promote the safety and well-being of woman identified and non-binary Hamiltonians, to be funded by the Status of Women Committee’s reserve, attached as Appendix “E” to Report HUR19026, be approved; and,
- (c) That, in addition to the base funding, a one-time budget allocation for 2020 of \$7,000, for ongoing support to the Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre, to be funded by the Committee Against Racism’s reserve, attached as Appendix “F” to Report HUR19026, be approved.

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

NOT PRESENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
NOT PRESENT - 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
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
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**5. City of Hamilton Veterans Committee 2020 Budget Submission (PED19229)
(City Wide) (Item 7.5)**

(Farr/Johnson)

- (a) That the Hamilton Veterans Committee 2020 base budget be approved with an increase of \$13,000 (from \$30,000 to \$43,000), attached as Appendix 'A' to Report PED19229; and,
- (b) That a one-time budget allocation for 2020 of \$12,000, to be funded by the Hamilton Veterans Committee reserve, be approved.

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

NOT PRESENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
NOT PRESENT - 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
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
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**6. 2020 Budget Submission - Housing and Homelessness Advisory
Committee (HSC19069) (City Wide) (Item 7.6)**

(Farr/Johnson)

That the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2020 base budget submission attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC19069 in the amount of \$1,000, be approved.

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

NOT PRESENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
NOT PRESENT - 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
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
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

7. 2020 Budget Submission - Seniors Advisory Committee (HUR19027) (City Wide) (Item 7.7)

(Farr/Johnson)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee 2020 base budget submission in the amount of \$2,500, attached as Appendix "A" to Report HUR19027, be approved.

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

NOT PRESENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
NOT PRESENT - 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
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
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

8. Arts Advisory Commission 2020 Budget Submission (PED19231) (City Wide) (Item 7.8)

(Farr/Johnson)

That the Arts Advisory Commission 2020 base budget submission, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED19231, in the amount of \$9,000, be approved.

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

NOT PRESENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
NOT PRESENT - 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
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
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

9. 2020 Budget Submission – Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (HUR19025) (City Wide) (Item 7.9)

(Farr/Johnson)

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) 2020 base budget submission, attached as Appendix “A” to Report HUR19025, in the amount of \$6,100, be approved.

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

NOT PRESENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
NOT PRESENT - 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
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
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**10. Food Advisory Committee 2020 Budget Request (BOH20001) (City Wide)
(Item 7.10)**

(Farr/Johnson)

- (a) That the Food Advisory Committee 2020 base budget submission, attached as Appendix "A" to Report BOH20001, in the amount of \$1,500, be approved; and,
- (b) That, in addition to the base funding, a one-time budget allocation for 2020 of \$1,000, to be funded from the Food Advisory Committee Reserve, be approved.

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

NOT PRESENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
NOT PRESENT - 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
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
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

11. Savings Generated from Funded Projects (FCS20015) (City Wide) (Item 7.11)

(Partridge/Pearson)

That Report FCS20015, respecting the Savings Generated from Funded Projects, be received.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)

7.11 Savings Generated from Funded Projects (FCS20015) (City Wide)

(Pearson/Merulla)

That the agenda for the February 13, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as amended.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 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
NOT PRESENT - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
NOT PRESENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - 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
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Sidewalk Snow Removal (PW19022(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Eisenberger/Merulla)

(a) That sub-section (b) to Report PW19022(a), respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal, be deleted in its entirety:

~~(b) That the Sidewalk Clearing Program, Snow Angels Program, Pro-Active Sidewalk Snow Removal Enforcement and Regular Maintenance of Canada Post Community Mailbox Locations, be removed from the General Issues Committee Outstanding Business List.~~

(b) That Report PW19022(a), respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal, be amended by adding new sub-sections (b), (c) and (d), to read as follows:

(b) *That staff be directed report to the General Issues Committee on the benefits and challenges associated with universal winter sidewalk snow removal no later than August 10, 2020, with that report to include the impact of proactive enforcement of sidewalk snow removal and a review of current service levels of sidewalk clearing to determine how it may be improved;*

(c) *That staff be directed to engage with the City's Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, the Seniors' Advisory Committee, and the Hamilton Status of Women's Committee, external interested and relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to, those whom delegated with respect to the sidewalk snow removal matter, as it relates to assisting those with mobility issues (wheelchairs, strollers, scooters, seniors, etc.); and,*

(d) *That staff be directed to communicate with other municipalities that are providing sidewalk snow removal, in order to gauge and understand how it is received in their community and to assess what success is achieved with respect to enhanced mobility of its citizens.*

Result: **Amendment CARRIED** by a vote of 13 to 2, as follows:

NO - 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

YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger

YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NO - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 1.

(d) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

(VanderBeek/Ferguson)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget),
be adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

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

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk