



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

9:30 a.m.

Monday, February 24, 2020

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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**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

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

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

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

1. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)
  - 6.1 2020 Budget Update

**(Pauls/Pearson)**

That the agenda for the February 24, 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  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins  
NOT PRESENT - 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  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
NOT PRESENT - 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) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Item 3)**

**(Nann/Partridge)**

That the following General Issues Committee meeting minutes be approved, as presented:

- (i) February 7, 2020 (Item 3.1)
- (ii) February 10, 2020 (Item 3.2)
- (iii) February 13, 2020 (Item 3.3)

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YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**(d) COMMUNICATION ITEMS (Item 4)**

**(Nann/Wilson)**

That the following Communication Items be approved, ***as amended***, as follows:

- (i) Correspondence from Elizabeth McGuire, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 4.1)

Recommendation: Be received ***and referred to staff for review and consideration when preparing the report back to the General Issues Committee respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal.***

- (ii) Correspondence from Beatrice Ekoko, Senior Program Manager, Environment Hamilton, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 4.2)

Recommendation: Be received ***and referred to staff for review and consideration when preparing the report back to the General Issues Committee respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal.***

**CARRIED**

**(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)**

**(i) 2020 Budget Update (Item 6.1)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2020 Operating Budget update.

**(Pearson/Clark)**

That the presentation, respecting the 2020 budget update, be received.

**CARRIED**

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

**(a) Amendments to the 2020 Operating Budget**

**(Collins/Merulla)**

That the following amendments to the 2020 Operating Budget be approved, as follows:

(i)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Elimination of Vacant Position (Recreation) (1.00 FTE)	(\$82,000)
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(ii)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Revised Scheduling	(\$24,000)
(iii)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Align Training and Conference Budget to 2019 Actuals	(\$20,000)
(iv)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Use of City Vehicles Reduction	(\$10,000)
(v)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Defer Increased Reserve Transfer to Hamilton Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Reserve to 2021	(\$356,000)
(vi)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Align Contribution to Line of Duty Death Budget to Forecasted Levels	(\$300,000)
(vii)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Defer Increased Reserve Transfer to Hamilton Paramedic Services Vehicle and Equipment Reserve to 2021	(\$108,100)
(viii)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Request 100% Provincial Funding (Raccoon Rabies Outbreak Program)	(\$111,500)
(ix)	Public Works	Shift Optimization (Winter Control)	(\$125,000)
(x)	Public Works	TransCab Contract Savings	(\$130,000)
(xi)	Corporate Financials	10% Reduction of Advertising and Promotion Costs	(\$270,000)
(xii)	Corporate Financials	Provincial Offences Administration (POA) Automated Speed Enforcement	(\$130,000)
(xiii)	Corporate Financials	Provincial Cannabis Funding (OCLIF)	(\$292,000)
(xiv)	City Manager's Office	Cost Efficiencies via Review of 2019 Actuals	(\$20,000)
(xv)	Corporate Services	Cost Efficiencies via Review of 2019 Actuals	(\$69,100)
(xvi)	Corporate Services	Increases in Taxation Related and Miscellaneous Revenues	(\$43,000)
(xvii)	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Elimination of Vacant Position (Licensing By-Law Services) (1.00 FTE)	(\$77,400)
(xviii)	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Elimination of Vacant Position (Transportation Planning & Parking) (1.00 FTE)	(\$66,600)
(xix)	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Align to 2019 Actuals – Airport Lease	(\$250,000)

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

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr  
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YES - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins  
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**(ii) Operating Costs for the 5<sup>th</sup> Year of the 10-Year Transit Plan**

**(Collins/Ferguson)**

That the \$990,000 operating costs for the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the 10-Year Transit Plan, be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 1, as follows:**

NO - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr  
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**(iii) Winter Quality Maintenance Standards for Roads**

**(Wilson/Nann)**

That staff be directed to review the winter quality maintenance standards for roads, through service level alignments to comparator municipalities, industry standards, best practices and legislative requirements and identify where the City exceeds those comparators along with the financial implications.

**Result: Motion DEFEATED by a vote of 10 to 4, as follows:**

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
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NO - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins  
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NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**(iv) List of Under-Performing HSR Routes**

**(Ferguson/Clark)**

Staff be directed to report back during the 2020 budget process with a list of under-performing HSR routes.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 4, as follows:**

NO - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr  
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**(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)**

**(i) Summary of Communications Team Functions (CM20003) (City Wide)  
(Item 7.1)**

**(Jackson/Collins)**

That the Report CM20003, respecting the Summary of Communications Team Functions, be DEFERRED to the March 2, 2020 General Issues Committee budget process.

**CARRIED**

**(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)**

**(Ferguson/Pearson)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget), be adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

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

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk