



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

9:30 a.m.

Monday, March 2, 2020

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

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

**1. 2019 Assessment Growth (FCS20019) (City Wide) (Item 6.4)**

**(Pearson/Nann)**

That Report FCS20019, respecting the 2019 Assessment Growth, be received.

**CARRIED**

**2. Parking Fee Review (PED19238(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

**(Eisenberger/Nann)**

That Report PED19238(a), respecting the Parking Fee Review, be received.

**CARRIED**

**3. Parking Fee Review (PED19238(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2(a))**

**(Eisenberger/Nann)**

That Report PED19238(b), respecting the Parking Fee Review, be received.

**CARRIED**

**FOR INFORMATION:**

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

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

**1. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)**

7.2(a) Parking Fee Review (PED19238(b) (City Wide)

7.3 2019 Assessment Growth (FCS20019) (City Wide)

As there is a presentation to accompany Report FCS20019, this item has been moved to Item 6.4.

7.4 Under-Performing HSR Routes (PW20015) (City Wide)

**(Pearson/Ferguson)**

That the agenda for the March 2, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as amended.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 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  
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - 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

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

- (i) Councillor E. Pauls declared an interest to Item BC-05, within Item 6.2, respecting the Healthy & Safe Communities, Hamilton Paramedic Service Enhancement (Ambulance), as her daughter-in-law is a paramedic in the Hamilton Paramedic Service.
- (ii) Councillor E. Pauls declared an interest to Item CR-02, within Item 6.3, respecting Planning and Economic Development, Hess Village Paid Duty Policing, as her son is a Staff Sargent with the Hamilton Police Service.

- (iii) Councillor J. Farr declared an interest to Item CR-08, within Item 6.3, respecting the City Manager's Office, Implement Living Wage, as his son has applied for a position within the City of Hamilton that pays less than living wage.

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

**(i) February 24, 2020 (Item 3.1)**

**(Danko/Nann)**

That the February 24, 2020 General Issues Committee meeting minutes be approved, as presented.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 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  
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - 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

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

**(i) Correspondence from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal Report PW19022(a) (Item 4.1)**

**(Nann/Partridge)**

That the correspondence from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal Report PW19022(a), 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**

**(e) 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 Budget Update.

**(VanderBeek/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**

**(Clark/Ferguson)**

That the following amendments to the 2020 Operating Budget be approved:

(i)	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Parking Fines and Rates	(\$500,000)
(ii)	Capital Financing	Corporate Capital Financing	\$143,360
(iii)	Boards & Agencies	Police Services Board: Capital Financing	(\$143,360)
(iv)	Boards & Agencies	Police Services Board: Operating	\$569,020
(v)	Boards & Agencies	Grand River Conservation Authority	\$17,270
(vi)	Boards & Agencies	Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)	(\$6,710)
(vii)	All Departments	Increased Gapping Targets	(\$450,000)

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 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  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - 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

**(Eisenberger/Nann)**

That the following amendments to the 2020 Operating Budget, be reconsidered:

(i)	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Parking Fines and Rates	(\$500,000)
(ii)	Capital Financing	Corporate Capital Financing	\$143,360
(iii)	Boards & Agencies	Police Services Board: Capital Financing	(\$143,360)
(iv)	Boards & Agencies	Police Services Board: Operating	\$569,020
(v)	Boards & Agencies	Grand River Conservation Authority	\$17,270
(vi)	Boards & Agencies	Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)	(\$6,710)
(vii)	All Departments	Increased Gapping Targets	(\$450,000)

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3rds vote of 16 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson  
 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 - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
 YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr  
 YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
 YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge  
 YES - 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

**(Eisenberger/Nann)**

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

(i)	On-Street Meter Rates, only when technology becomes available (Summer 2020)	50 cent increase	\$560,000
(ii)	Off-Street Parking Rates	Increase to \$3/hour and \$12/day in downtown parkades and lots (Downtown Hamilton in CIP area only)	\$376,000
(iii)	Off-Street Parking Rates	\$10/month increase in monthly permits (every lot)	\$306,000
(iv)	Parking Penalties	Increase parking penalties to a level equal to comparator municipalities	\$383,000

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

- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- 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 - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
- YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
- YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge
- YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
- NO - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
- YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
- NOT PRESENT - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
- NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**(Eisenberger/Nann)**

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

(i)	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Parking Fines and Rates	<b>(\$750,000)</b>
(ii)	Capital Financing	Corporate Capital Financing	\$143,360
(iii)	Boards & Agencies	Police Services Board: Capital Financing	(\$143,360)

(iv)	Boards & Agencies	Police Services Board: Operating	\$569,020
(v)	Boards & Agencies	Grand River Conservation Authority	\$17,270
(vi)	Boards & Agencies	Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)	(\$6,710)
(vii)	All Departments	Increased Gapping Targets	(\$450,000)

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

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson  
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 - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge  
NO - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson  
NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**(ii) 2020 Business Cases (Item 6.2)**

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

**(Pauls/VanderBeek)**

That the presentation, respecting the 2020 Business Cases, 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.

**(Merulla/Collins)**

(a) That the Item, respecting By-Law Enforcement – Graffiti Management – 2 Co-op Students (2 FTEs) be approved, **as amended**, as follows:

BC-02	Planning & Ec. Dev.	By-Law Enforcement – Graffiti Management – 2 Co-op Students (2 FTEs)	<b>\$100,000</b>
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- (b) That the Graffiti Wall be DEFERRED to the 2021 operating budget for consideration.

**(Eisenberger/Merulla)**

That the matter respecting By-Law Enforcement – Graffiti Management – 2 Co-op Students (2 FTEs), be DEFERRED to the March 4, 2020 General Issues Committee Budget meeting to allow Licensing and By-law Services Division staff to obtain the statistics, respecting By-Law Enforcement related to Graffiti, requested by Committee.

**CARRIED**

**(Clark/Jackson)**

That the Hamilton Paramedic Service Enhancement (Ambulance and 10 FTEs) be approved, as follows:

BC-05	Healthy & Safe Communities	Hamilton Paramedic Service Enhancement (Ambulance and 10 FTEs)	\$1,039,500
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**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 1, as follows:**

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
CONFLICT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
NO - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**(Eisenberger/Merulla)**

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

BC-01	Planning & Economic Development – Real Estate	Converting Contract Positions to Permanent (3 FTEs)	\$0.00
BC-04	Planning & Economic Development	Transportation Development Review – Converting Contract Position to Permanent (1 FTE)	\$0.00
BC-06	Public Works – Transportation, Operations and Maintenance	Converting Consultant Inspectors to In-House Permanent Technologist Inspector and Student Inspectors (4.4 FTEs)	(\$89,530)
BC-07	Public Works - Tax	Tim Horton’s Field – Assistant Stadium Technicians to handle the addition of Forge FC Soccer Games (2.3 FTEs)	\$0.00
BC-08	City Manager’s Office – Human Resources	Return to Work Services Specialist (funded by Fire) (1 FTE)	\$0.00
BC-09	Corporate Services – Payroll	Enhanced WSIB Payroll Processing Services (1 FTE)	\$0.00
BC-10	Corporate Services – Information Technology	Conversion of an FTE from Temporary to Permanent (1 FTE)	\$0.00

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

- NOT PRESENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
- NOT PRESENT - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
- YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
- NOT PRESENT - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge
- NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
- YES - 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  
**(iii) 2020 Council Referred Items (Item 6.3)**

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

**(Eisenberger/Merulla)**

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

**(Farr/Merulla)**

That the Item, respecting Planning and Economic Development, the Hess Village Paid Duty Policing, be DEFERRED to the end of the March 2, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, on order to receive additional information from staff.

**CARRIED**

**(Jackson/Eisenberger)**

That the following amendment to the 2020 Operating Budget, be approved:

CR-04	Healthy & Safe Communities	Enhancement for CANUSA Funding	\$10,920
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**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson  
NOT PRESENT - Deputy Mayor - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - 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

**(Jackson/Pauls)**

That the following amendment to the 2020 Operating Budget, be approved:

CR-07	City Manager's Office	City Enrichment Fund – Concession Street BIA	\$2,730
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**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:**

- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- NOT PRESENT - Deputy Mayor - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
- YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
- NOT PRESENT - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
- NOT PRESENT - 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

**(Jackson/Partridge)**

That the following amendment to the 2020 Operating Budget, be approved:

CR-03	Healthy & Safe Communities	10-Year Fire Service Delivery Plan	\$572,420
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**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:**

- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- NOT PRESENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
- NOT PRESENT - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- NOT PRESENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
- 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

**(Nann/Danko)**

That following amendment to the 2020 Operating Budget, be approved:

CR-08	City Manager's Office	Implement Living Wage: (i) Non-Union, Part-time Casuals (\$432,640); (ii) Non-Union, Full-time Students (\$119,600); and, (iii) Unionized Summer Students (\$325,420).  <b>To be phased in over a 3-year period at \$292,550/year.</b>	\$292,550
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**Result: Motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 10 to 4, as follows:**

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson  
 YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
 NO - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
 NO - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins  
 NO - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
 NO - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
 YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
 CONFLICT - Deputy Mayor - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr  
 YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
 NO - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge  
 NO - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeeck  
 NO - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
 NO - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson  
 NO - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson  
 NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**(Eisenberger/Nann)**

That the following amendment to the 2020 Operating Budget, be approved:

CR-08	City Manager's Office	Implement Living Wage: Non-Union, Part-time Casuals (\$432,640).  <b>To be phased in over a 3-year period (\$144,220).</b>	\$144,220
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**Result: Motion was DEFEATED by a tied vote of 7 to 7, as follows:**

- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
- NO - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- CONFLICT - Deputy Mayor - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
- YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
- NO - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge
- NO - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
- NOT PRESENT - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
- NO - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
- NO - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
- NO - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
- NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**(Eisenberger/Clark)**

That the matter respecting the establishment of a Climate Change Reserve for sustainable funding, be DEFERRED to discussion of the forthcoming Climate Change Report, at an upcoming General Issues Committee meeting outside of the 2020 Operating Budget process.

**CARRIED**

**(Eisenberger/Danko)**

That the following amendment to the 2020 Operating Budget, be approved:

CR-10	Healthy & Safe Communities and City Manager's Office	Corporate Goals and Areas of Focus for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation  An annual commitment, for a 3-year term for the Bay Area Climate Change Office (2 FTEs)	\$160,000
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**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 7, as follows:**

- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- 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 - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
- YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
- NO - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge
- NO - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
- NO - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
- NO - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
- NO - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
- NO - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
- NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**(Clark/Merulla)**

That the following amendment to the 2020 Operating Budget, be approved:

CR-11	Public Works - Tax	Ongoing Care and Maintenance of the Aviary and Birds	\$30,000
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**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 3, as follows:**

- YES – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- YES – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- NOT PRESENT – Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
- YES – Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
- YES – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
NOT PRESENT – Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES – Deputy Mayor – Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr  
YES – Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT – Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge  
NOT PRESENT – Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
NO – Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
NO – Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
NO – Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES – Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES – Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**(Merulla/Pearson)**

That the matter respecting the Parkdale Landing Mini Library Branch be approved, as follows:

CR-12	Boards and Agencies	Parkdale Landing Mini Library Branch	\$145,000
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**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson  
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 – Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES – Deputy Mayor – Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr  
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

**(Merulla/Collins)**

That the matter respecting the Animal Adoption Pilot Program be approved, as follows:

CR-13	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Animal Adoption Pilot Program (1 FTE)	\$90,000
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**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 1, as follows:**

- NO - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- 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 - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
- 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

**(Collins/Partridge)**

That the matter respecting the Planning and Economic Development Department, Cigarette Butt By-law Enforcement Officer (CR-01), be received.

**CARRIED**

**(Farr/Whitehead)**

That the following amendment to the 2020 Operating Budget, be approved:

CR-02	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Hess Village Paid Duty Policing	\$20,000
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**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 6, as follows:**

- NO - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- NO - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- CONFLICT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
- YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
- NO - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge
- YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
- NO - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
- NO - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson

NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**(iv) 2019 Assessment Growth (FCS20019) (City Wide) (Item 6.4)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Report FCS20019, regarding the 2019 Assessment Growth.

**(Pearson/Nann)**

That the presentation, respecting Report FCS20019, regarding the 2019 Assessment Growth, 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.

**(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)**

**(Jackson/Eisenberger)**

That the following Items be DEFERRED to the March 4, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting:

- (i) Summary of Communications Team Functions (CM20003) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)
- (ii) Under-Performing HSR Routes (PW20015) (City Wide) (Item 7.4)

**CARRIED**

**(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)**

**(Partridge/Merulla)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget), be adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor J. Farr  
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk