



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

9:30 a.m.

Monday, March 4, 2020

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Summary of Communications Team Functions (CM20003) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Pearson/Johnson)

That Report CM20003, respecting the Summary of Communications Team Functions, be received.

CARRIED

2. Under-Performing HSR Routes (PW20015) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Ferguson/Collins)

(a) That the service adjustments to the HSR Routes, as outlined in Appendix "C" to Report PW20015, as amended, respecting the Under-Performing HSR Routes, be approved; and,

(b) That staff be directed to prepare the HSR Schedule adjustments for March 20, 2020 and for implementation on June 28, 2020, as outlined in Appendix "C" to Report PW20015, **as amended**, pending Council approval.

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

NO - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

NO - Ward 3 Councillor Ninder 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
NOT PRESENT - 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

3. Graffiti Enforcement Program Update (PED20079) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

(Merulla/Collins)

That Report PED20079, respecting Graffiti Enforcement Program Update, be received.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)
 - 3.1 March 2, 2020

2. ADDED DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)
 - 7.1 Summary of Communications Team Functions (CM20003) (City Wide)
(Deferred from the March 2, 2020 GIC)

 - 7.2 Under-Performing HSR Routes (PW20015) (City Wide)
(Deferred from the March 2, 2020 GIC)

Includes a revised Appendix "C" in a larger font and also now reflects the Wards associated with the bus routes.

 - 7.3 Graffiti Enforcement Program Update (PED20079) (City Wide)
The number on the agenda should read 20-002(l) rather than 20-002(m).

(Ferguson/Johnson)

That the agenda for the March 4, 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
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 - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
NOT PRESENT - 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 6.1, respecting the Healthy & Safe Communities, Hamilton Paramedic Service Enhancement (Ambulance), as her daughter-in-law is a paramedic in the Hamilton Paramedic Service.

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

(i) March 2, 2020 (Item 3.1)

(Ferguson/Clark)

That the March 2, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting minutes be approved, as presented.

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

YES - 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
NOT PRESENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeeck
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
NOT PRESENT - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

**(i) 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations (FCS20001(a))
(City Wide) (Item 6.1)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Report FCS20001(a), 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations.

(Ferguson/Partridge)

That the presentation, respecting Report FCS20001(a), 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations, be received.

CARRIED

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's web site at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(Collins/Ferguson)

That one-time funding in the amount of \$400,000, for Healthy and Safe Communities, Hamilton Paramedic Services (Ambulance - 10 FTEs) (BC-05), to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve, be approved.

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
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
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

(Jackson/Eisenberger)

That consideration of Report FCS20001(a), 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations, as amended, be DEFERRED to the March 25, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting.

CARRIED

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)

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

(Eisenberger/Jackson)

That consideration of Report CM20003, respecting the Summary of Communications Team Functions, be DEFERRED until after the Closed Session portion of the meeting.

CARRIED

(ii) Under-Performing HSR Routes (PW20015) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Jackson/Collins)

That services on HSR route 42 be eliminated, with the exception of Saturdays when service will continue to be provided, for an annualized savings of \$339,224.

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

(Pearson/Johnson)

That the changes to the Festival shuttle to the Winona Peach Festival, be deleted from Appendix "C" to Report PW20015, respecting the Under-Performing HSR Routes.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a 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/Ferguson)

That the Waterfront Trolley continue to run, until further consideration at the 2021 Operating Budget process, with a \$1.00 fare per ride.

Result: Motion DEFEATED by a vote of 10 to 5, as follows:

NO - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
NO - 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
NO - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
NO - Deputy Mayor - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
NOT PRESENT - 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
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(Farr/Johnson)

That consideration of the recommendation to eliminate the Waterfront Trolley service, as shown in Appendix “C” to Report PW20015, respecting the Under-Performing HSR Routes, be DEFERRED to the 2021 Operating Budget process.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 4, 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
NO - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
NOT PRESENT - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge
NO - 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
NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(iii) Graffiti Enforcement Program Update (PED20079) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

(Merulla/Collins)

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

BC-02	Planning & Ec. Dev.	By-Law Enforcement – Graffiti Management – 2 Co-op Students (2 FTEs)	\$65,000
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Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 2, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
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 - 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
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - 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

(f) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 10)

**(i) Summary of Communications Team Functions (CM20003) (City Wide)
(Item 10.1/7.1)**

(Jackson/Collins)

That Committee move into Closed Session to discuss Item 10.1 (7.1), pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (b) and (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b) and (d) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and, labour relations or employee negotiations.

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

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
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 - 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
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

Staff were provided with direction in Closed Session.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

(Jackson/Pearson)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget), be adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor J. Farr
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk