



## City of Hamilton

# GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

**Meeting #:** 21-002(f)  
**Date:** January 28, 2021  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall

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**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE  
(2021 OPERATING BUDGET)  
MINUTES 21-002(e)**

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Due to COVID-19 and the closure of City Hall, this meeting was held virtually.

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

**Absent:** Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

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

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

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3.1 January 26, 2021

**9. NOTICES OF MOTION**

9.1 Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre Funding

**(Pauls/Wilson)**

That the agenda for the January 27, 2021 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as amended.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Ninder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

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Absent	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**(i) January 26, 2021 (Item 3.1)**

**(Jackson/Partridge)**

That the Minutes of the January 26, 2021 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as presented.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
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Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
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Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
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**(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)**

**(i) Public Works Department – 2021 Operating Budget (Item 6.1)**

Dan McKinnon, General Manager, Public Works Department, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Public Works Department's 2021 Operating Budget.

**(Eisenberger/VanderBeek)**

That the presentation, respecting the Public Works Department's 2021 Operating Budget, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
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**(e) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 9)**

Councillor J.P. Danko introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(i) Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre Funding (Item 9.1)**

WHEREAS, City Council supported the establishment and ongoing operation of Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre since 2015;

WHEREAS, the Neighbour to Neighbour Food Centre has become a community hub providing programs and support to the area residents;

WHEREAS the Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre focussed programs and supports on hunger and food insecurity which connected to poverty, inequality, racism, health, the environment, and social relationships;

WHEREAS, the Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre aligns with and contributes to the goals and objectives of the City of Hamilton's Food Strategy;

WHEREAS, Council has provided financial support to Neighbour to Neighbour for the Community Food Centre operation in the amount of \$200,000 per year for the past five years, expiring December 31, 2020;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That five additional years of funding for Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre be supported at a cost of \$200,000 per year, to be provided on an annual basis for 5 years and to be funded through the Tax Stabilization Reserve; and,
- (b) That the Motion respecting funding for the Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre, be approved and referred to the 2021 Operating Budget deliberations for consideration.

**(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)**

**(Pearson/VanderBeek)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget), be adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
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Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Brad Clark  
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk

**From:** Krista D'aoust <[kdaoust@n2ncentre.com](mailto:kdaoust@n2ncentre.com)>  
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**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Cc:** Danko, John-Paul <[John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca](mailto:John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca)>; Denise Arkell <[darkell@n2ncentre.com](mailto:darkell@n2ncentre.com)>  
**Subject:** Motion N2N \$200K/5 Years Funding - January 28, 2021

**Re: Subject:** Motion N2N \$200K/5 Years Funding - January 28, 2021  
From: Denise Arkell, Executive Director of Neighbour to Neighbour

Neighbour to Neighbour endorses the motion brought forward by John Paul Danko to provide 5 years additional at a cost of \$200,000 per year to support the Community Food Centre at Neighbour to Neighbour Centre.

Attached is Neighbour to Neighbour's written proposal. We kindly request that it be included as correspondence for the Budget GIC Meeting on Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Denise Arkell,  
Executive Director, Neighbour to Neighbour  
28 Athens Street, Hamilton, ON L9C 3K9  
Phone: 905-574-1334 ext. 201  
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Neighbour to Neighbour's Hamilton Community Food Centre  
Case for Support – submitted December 2020

By Denise Arkell, N2N Executive Director,

and Krista D'Aoust, Director of Community Food & Family Services



## Program Description

The Hamilton Community Food Centre (CFC) is currently operating in its 5<sup>th</sup> year in the Rolston neighbourhood. Through a partnership between Neighbour to Neighbour, Community Food Centres Canada, the City of Hamilton's Public health and various funding supporters, the CFC has been able to tackle the complex layers of poverty, food insecurity, poor health, and social isolation. Programs bring people together to grow, cook, share and advocate for good food while building a healthier community.

## What We Know

*(Beyond Hunger report, CFCC, 2020; PROOF, Tarasuk et. al, 2020; Code Red report Hamilton, Steve Buist, Patrick DeLuca 2010 & 2015)*

Those who experience food insecurity report the following negative impacts:

- Compromised physical and mental health
  - Barriers to employment
  - Increased social isolation – strains personal relationships
  - Impedes one's ability to celebrate culture
- Black and racialized households are 5 times more likely to experience food insecurity.
  - In “code red” neighbourhoods in Hamilton, 1 in 5 children experiences food insecurity.
  - Those who live in low income neighbourhoods live, on average, 21 fewer years than residents in wealthier neighbourhoods.
  - The Community Food Centre engages with a culturally diverse array of residents. The majority of participants were born outside of Canada, representing 21 different countries of origin.

## Community Safety and Well-Being

- The City of Hamilton's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan aims to ensure that all residents in the community feel safe, have a sense of belonging and can meet their needs for education, healthcare, food, housing, income and social and cultural expression. N2N's Community Food Centre is situated in Rolston and is one of few community gathering places for people in the heart of this neighbourhood. The CFC is committed to continue creating spaces of safety



and belonging for residents. Our annual impact reports indicate how we are contributing to achieve outcomes that align with this City Plan.

### **Rationale: Why a Community Food Centre is needed in Hamilton?**

An alarming number of our neighbours live in a state of food insecurity. Indeed, 1 in 6 Hamiltonians live this way, every day of their lives. Those who are struggling to make ends meet on a low-income face multiple challenges, including not having a place at discussion tables. The Community Food Centre model believes that change happens through identifying the inequities in our system that create poverty, and in engaging those community members to be a voice for change. We use food as a tool to engage with people and believes everyone deserves a right to good food. Hunger and food insecurity are intimately connected to poverty, inequality, racism, health, the environment, and social relationships.

These past 4 years have demonstrated that community members are interested in engaging in CFC programming. We have seen an increase in activity year after year and heard stories of people making a new friend, finding meaningful work, feeling healthier and happier because of their connection to the Hamilton Community Food Centre.

The purpose of bringing people together to engage in programming:

- Increase access to healthy food
- Increase food skills and knowledge
- Increase social connection
- Increase self-reported physical and mental well-being
- Increase community engagement and empowerment
- Offering leadership and skill development
- Have opportunities to learn from each other and celebrate diverse cultures
- Increase community safety and well-being

Similar to a hospital needing an emergency room as well as rehabilitation services, Neighbour to Neighbour's Community Food Centre focuses on prevention and wellness while continuing to offer the emergency food bank to assist with people's immediate needs.

In addition, the CFC continues to leverage national funding support, bringing millions of dollars into Hamilton through our partnership with Community Food Centres Canada and our own fundraising efforts.

### What We are Doing at the Hamilton CFC

Through a dignified and welcoming space, the CFC offers innovative programming for seniors, newcomers, children & youth, families, and individuals. Programs focus on three areas:

- (1) Healthy Food Access - nourishing meals and affordable produce markets
- (2) Food Skills - intercultural community kitchens, workshops, child and youth kitchens, gardens & growing food
- (3) Education and Engagement - community action training, advocacy office (systems navigation), civic and community engagement, workshops examining race, poverty, food justice and empowerment.

Program Summary			
	2017	2018	2019
Total Number of Visits to the CFC	12,041	20,022	23,276
Healthy Meals Served & Sent Home	7,336	11,937	15,031
Healthy Snacks Served	1,424	1,880	1,540
Kids Club & Youth Programs - Total number of engaged children and youth	31	36	133
Community Kitchens - Total participant contacts	942	1,843	1,899
Community Advocacy Office - Total Visits, workshops, trainings, and systems navigation visits	2,363	3,845	3,080
Wellness and Fitness Sessions - Total Participant Contacts (primarily older adults)	697	2,033	4,916

Hamilton Community Garden Network - Program of N2N				
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total Number of Garden Locations Supported Annually in the City of Hamilton	101	99	94	63*
Number of Garden Coordinators	50	50	50	50
Number of Community Members in Gardens	1140	1285	1729	958**
Total Gardener Contacts; Consults and Inquiries	n/a	353	513	523
Type of Gardens Across the City of Hamilton				
Plot Garden	26	23	21	19
Youth/School	13	14	13	0
Donation	3	8	9	9
Victory	17	10	8	6
Communal	8	6	4	4
City Housing + Tenant	34	36	37	23
Other	0	2	2	2

\*2020 reduced numbers mainly due to school gardens (temporary) & city housing closures during pandemic.

\*\*55% of previous year due to pandemic restrictions including only one family member tending to plot, not to bring children with you to garden, no events or programming held in gardens.

Special Events and Presentations			
	2017	2018	2019
Total Number of Participant Visits at Special Events and Presentations	1094	1238	1412

### Impacts (from our Annual Program Survey Report, 2019 & 2020)

- 99% report feeling that they belong to a community at the CFC
- 91% say that the CFC provides them with an important source of healthy food.
- 75%+ say that their physical and/or mental health has improved as a result of engaging in CFC programs
- 60% report being more involved in the Hamilton community
- 78% of participants surveyed said they have kept in touch with friends made at the CFC during the pandemic.

*"I came to meet other people and improve my English and learn other cultures"*

*"My favourite thing to do is chop tomatoes"*

*"It's fun and I get to learn a lot of stuff" - kids club participants*

*"As a stay at home mom, coming here to talk to people definitely makes me mentally healthier than staying at home alone"*

*"I like coming here because the people here are very nice. The chef is very good and I've met a couple of new friends"*

*"Connecting with N2N staff has been very helpful. As a new garden it is helpful to be put in touch with resources and others that may have advice for us"*

### Partnerships

A key aspect of our success is the partners with whom we work:

- City of Hamilton's Public Health - *Welcome Baby, Language Exchange, Immigrant Quit smoking Clinics, Flu Clinics, Cancer Screening Bus, Food Handler Certification Tests*
- John Howard Society - *Achieves youth program*
- YWCA - *Fitness & Wellness sessions for older adults*
- Wesley Urban Ministries - *Kids in the Kitchen*
- McMaster University - *Catalyst Grants and Community Engagement Projects*

- Dundas Valley School of Art – *Children’s Art Expression Sessions*
- Hamilton Community Legal Clinic – *Free Legal Clinics*
- Righting Relations – *Events and Education Sessions*
- Niwasa Kendaaswin Teg – *Events and Education Sessions*

### **Research for 2020 – 2022**

- The Hamilton Community Food Centre is currently implementing a research project “Market Greens” in partnership with Community Food Centres Canada, Good Roots Consulting and Terrapin Social Finance.
- This project engages Hamilton residents who have been identified by their health provider as having cardiometabolic risk factors to determine whether the intervention of having access to free fresh produce improves health outcomes. We look forward to sharing results with the City of Hamilton as we determine impact.

### **Funding**

- \$1.5 million to date from Community Food Centres Canada, with another 5 year commitment for 2021-2026
- \$1.4 million has been raised by N2N’s own fundraising
- During COVID, an additional \$85,000 in grocery gift cards have been distributed to residents through the CFC’s contribution to emergency food
- \$1 million to date from the City
- We are seeking matching funds from the City for another 5 years, for 2021-2026

# CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

General Issues Committee (Budget): January 28, 2021

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J.P. DANKO.....**

**SECONDED BY MAYOR / COUNCILLOR .....**

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# **CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION**

**General Issues Committee (Budget): January 28, 2020**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....**

**SECONDED BY MAYOR / COUNCILLOR .....**

**Review of the Utilization and Performance of City Facilities and Assets**

That staff be directed to review the utilization and performance of City facilities and assets and report back to the General Issues Committee for the 2022 Operating Budget.

# CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

General Issues Committee (Budget): January 28, 2021

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR A. VANDERBEEK.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR B. CLARK.....**

## **Increased Municipal Law and Parking Enforcement in the Waterfall Areas Across the City – Pilot Program**

WHEREAS, City Council, at its March 27, 2019 meeting, approved the creation of a multi-disciplinary working group to conduct a comprehensive, multi-faceted investigation of public safety and the negative impacts to the Greensville and Dundas neighbourhoods associated with the increase in visitors to Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak;

WHEREAS, this multi-disciplinary working group continues to meet regularly and in consultation with the Ward 13 Councillor, to troubleshoot the continuing problems in residential areas in the vicinities of Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Conservation Authority’s shuttle-bus operation was suspended during 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, despite many City Council approved regulations and increased fines, regular enforcement, and other improvement measures being enacted/conducted, as well as a reservation system being tested by the Hamilton Conservation Authority, increased visitors to Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak continue to have negative impacts on area residents;

WHEREAS, requests for by-law enforcement at other Hamilton Waterfall areas continue to increase;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee, during the 2021 Operating budget process, with options and costing for a pilot program involving increased Municipal Law and Parking Enforcement service levels in the waterfall areas across the City where challenges have been identified on weekends from March 15, 2021 through to November 15, 2021, with that report to include a 3 year overview of the net revenues generated through Waterfall parking enforcement in these areas.