



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

9:30 a.m.

Friday, March 20, 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,  
J. P. Danko, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson, T. Whitehead,  
J. Partridge

**Absent:** Councillors E. Pauls, L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek – Self Isolation

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

**1. 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget - Recommendations (FCS20001(a))  
(City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

**(Eisenberger/Clark)**

- (a) Council Referred Items, Business Cases and 2021 – 2023 Multi-Year Outlook
- (i) That the 2020 Council Referred Items in Appendix “A” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be received;
  - (ii) That the 2020 Business Cases in Appendix “B” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be received;
  - (iii) That the 2021 – 2023 Multi-Year Outlook in Appendix “G” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be received;
  - (iv) That the Proposed Amendment to 2020 Approved User Fees in Appendix “H” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;

- (b) Boards and Agencies
  - (i) That the Boards and Agencies operating budget of **\$219,066,870** in Appendix “D” attached to Report FCS20001(a), inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
  - (ii) That the City Enrichment Fund operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “A” to Report FCS20001), page 21, \$6,088,340, be approved;
- (c) Planning and Economic Development Department
  - (i) That the Planning and Economic Development operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “A” to Report FCS20001), page 34, **\$28,928,130**, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
- (d) Healthy and Safe Communities Department
  - (i) That the Healthy and Safe Communities operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “A” to Report FCS20001), page 54, **\$250,431,310**, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
  - (ii) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or delegate, be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City, all agreements, including all federal and provincial funding agreements, and any agreements with Community Services Provider(s), as well as any ancillary agreements, contracts, extensions and documents, associated with, or arising out of, Council’s approval of the budgets outlined in Report FCS20001. This also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly and/or year-end reporting as well as the authority to make appropriate payments to Community Service Providers; and
  - (iii) Where required for Public Health Services that the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or delegate, or the Medical Officer of Health, or delegate, be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City, all agreements, including all federal and provincial funding agreements, as well as any ancillary agreements, contracts, extensions and documents, associated with, or arising out of,

Council's approval of the budgets outlined in Report FCS20001. This also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly and/or year-end reporting;

- (e) Public Works Department
  - (i) That the Public Works operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “A” to Report FCS20001), page 76, **\$252,762,070**, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
  
- (f) City Manager's Office
  - (i) That the City Manager's operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “A” to Report FCS20001), page 90, **\$11,995,340**, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
  
- (g) Corporate Services Department
  - (i) That the Corporate Services operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “A” to Report FCS20001), page 100, **\$32,496,860**, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
  
- (h) Legislative
  - (i) That the Legislative operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “A” to Report FCS20001), page 115, **\$5,081,790**, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
  
- (i) Hamilton Entertainment Facilities
  - (i) That the Hamilton Entertainment Facilities operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “A” to Report FCS20001), page 122, \$4,051,190, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;

- (j) Corporate Financials – Expenditures / Non-Program Revenues
  - (i) That the Corporate Financials – Expenditures operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book - Appendix “A” to Report FCS20001), page 116, **\$23,513,730**, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
  - (ii) That the Non-Program Revenues operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book - Appendix “A” to Report FCS20001), page 127, **(\$47,044,680)**, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
  
- (k) Capital Financing
  - (i) That the Capital Financing operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “A” to Report FCS20001), page 123, \$136,571,240 inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
  - (ii) That the Capital Financing portion of the Police Services budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “A” to Report FCS20001), page 20, \$662,390, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
  - (iii) That the Capital Financing portion relating to the Hamilton Public Library budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “A” to Report FCS20001), page 20, \$191,240, be approved;
  
- (l) 2020 By-Law Authorization
  - (i) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, for the purposes of establishing the tax levy;
  
- (m) Budgeted Complement Transfer Schedule
  - (i) That in accordance with the “Budgeted Complement Control Policy”, the requested complement transfers from one department / division / cost category to another, as outlined in Appendix “E” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;

- (n) Budget Exclusions Related to Regulation 284/09
  - (i) That the budget exclusions related to Regulation 284/09 of the *Municipal Act* titled “Budget Matters – Expenses”, as per Appendix “F” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be received.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

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

The Committee Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

**(Pearson/Partridge)**

That the agenda for the March 20, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

- (i) Councillor C. Collins declared an interest to the presentation for Item 5.1; specifically, to the portion related to the Hamilton Police Services 2020 Operating Budget, as his sister is a member of the Service.
- (ii) Councillor C. Collins declared an interest to the consideration of the Hamilton Police Services 2020 Operating Budget, as his sister is a member of the Service.

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

**(i) March 2, 2020 (Item 3.1)**

**(Pearson/Nann)**

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

**CARRIED**

**(ii) March 4, 2020 (Item 3.2)**

**(Pearson/Nann)**

That the March 4, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting minutes be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

**(Eisenberger/Jackson)**

That the Communication Items be approved, as follows:

- (i) Correspondence from Shekar Chandrashekar respecting the 2020 Budget and QEW Pedestrian Bridge (Item 4.1)

Recommendation: Be received.

- (ii) Correspondence from Scott Innes, on behalf of the Ainslie Wood Westdale Community Association, 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**

**(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 5)**

- (i) **2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations (FCS20001(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

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.

**(Eisenberger/Clark)**

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](http://www.hamilton.ca) or through the Office of the City Clerk.

**(Eisenberger/Jackson)**

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

Corporate Financials	Supplementary Taxes	(\$500,000)
Board & Agencies	Hamilton Police Services Updated Budget	(\$260,000)

Corporate Financials	Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre – Area Rating	(\$127,120)
City Manager’s Office	Communications Reduction	(\$225,000)

**CARRIED**

Councillor T. Whitehead wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to the motion above.

**(f) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 10)**

**(i) Closed Session Minutes – March 4, 2020 (Item 9.1)**

**(Johnson/Pearson)**

- (a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the March 4, 2020 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved; and,
- (b) That the Closed Session Minutes of the March 4, 2020 General Issues Committee meeting remain confidential.

**CARRIED**

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

**(Whitehead/Nann)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget), be adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor J. Farr  
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk