



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 23-023

9:30 a.m.

August 14, 2023

Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

Present: Mayor A. Horwath
Deputy Mayor M. Francis (Chair)
Councillors J. Beattie, C. Cassar, B. Clark, J.P. Danko, T. Hwang,
T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin, N. Nann, E. Pauls, M. Spadafora,
M. Tadeson, A. Wilson, and M. Wilson

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Overview of Housing 2023 Reports and Budget Asks (HSC23058) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Spadafora/Pauls)

That Report HSC23058, respecting Overview of Housing 2023 Reports and Budget Asks, be received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

2. **Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED (Item 8.2)**

(Horwath/A. Wilson)

- (a) That Council adopt the Proposed Encampment Protocol attached as **amended** Appendix "A" to Report HSC20036(g);
- (b) That staff be directed to implement and enforce the Proposed Encampment Protocol;
- (c) That Public Works be authorized to provide security to ensure access to washroom and/or shower services to support individuals who are unsheltered, including two existing all-year outdoor washroom facilities with 24-hour security and two existing all-year recreation centres with 12-hour security;
 - (i) at a cost of \$576,240, for the period of September 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (#110046)
 - (ii) and that the cost of \$987,840 to operationalize this as a permanent program in 2024 be referred to the 2024 Tax Budget process;
- (d) That in order for Planning and Economic Development, Municipal By-Law Enforcement to support enforcement of the Protocol based on the existing Monday to Friday level of service, and a four-day response time, Council approve;
 - (i) the creation of a 1FTE Supervisor of Municipal By-law Enforcement for the period September 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, at a cost of \$86,120 to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (#110046),
 - (ii) and that the approval of one FTE at an annualized cost of \$147,650 be referred to the 2024 Tax Budget process.
 - (iii) that the purchase of a vehicle at a cost of \$35,000, and an annual operating impact of \$9,000 be referred to the 2024 Tax Budget process
- (e) That staff be directed to provide an enhanced service level to allow the Public Works, Parks Section staff to respond to requests for clean-up and maintenance in alignment with the service levels outlined in the Proposed Encampment Protocol and that Council approve;

- (i) the creation of one FTE Parks Lead Hand and two FTE Parks Operators and that the cost of \$93,000 for this enhanced service level be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (#110046) for the period of September 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024;
 - (ii) The leasing of vehicles and equipment for the period of September 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 at an estimated cost of \$50,000, be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (#110046);
 - (iii) the operating cost of \$278,400 to annualize this enhanced service level, includes \$245,000 for the approval of three FTEs, and \$33,400 for the annualized operating cost of the vehicles in recommendation d)iv) be referred to the 2024 Tax Budget process;
 - (iv) the Capital Costs of \$220,000 for equipment and vehicles to be referred to the 2024 Tax Budget process.
- (f) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or designate, be authorized and directed, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to enter into, execute and administer all agreements and documents necessary to hire the equivalent and two seconded peer Support Workers, at an approximate annual cost of \$61,500 each (total for two FTEs \$123,000) on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or designate, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and that the funding for these positions be referred to the 2024 Tax Operating Budget;
- (g) That upon the adoption of the Encampment Protocol, Housing Focused Street Outreach collaborate with key stakeholders to develop a liaison committee to ensure that individuals with lived/living experience of encampments, frontline operators, and staff are all meaningfully engaged in providing input into Hamilton's encampment response. Staff will collaborate with key stakeholders including Keeping Six, HAMSMARt, Hamilton Regional Indian Centre, and Hamilton Encampment Support Network (to help recruit people with lived/living experience for the committee), to develop terms of reference for the committee that identifies goals, scope, and desired outcomes;
- (h) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities be authorized and directed to enter into the appropriate agreements with the Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters for the operation of a two-year pilot of up to 25 temporary tiny homes on City lands, with appropriate security, services and supports at no cost to the City, subject to the following conditions; and,

- (i) That the pilot program be located on the site of the parking area on the Strachan Avenue linear park or an alternative site that meets the criteria for the Protocol and is determined appropriate by staff
- (ii) That all potential residents of the site are selected from the City of Hamilton's By-Name List, as per associated requirements of its Coordinated Access system, with approval from Housing Services Division;
- (iii) That staff be directed to work with Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters to review operating model and provision of security and services, determine performance metrics and outcomes, including eligibility and entry criteria, gender-specific considerations, Indigenous supports, identification of formalized community partnerships with health and social service sectors, pathways to permanent housing, and a process for evaluating the success of the pilot;
- (iv) That staff be directed to evaluate program outcomes and that staff include information on the Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters in progress updates to the General Issues Committee as part of future encampment reporting and performance metrics reporting; and
- (v) That a detailed exit strategy has been created and will be executed should HATS not be able to ensure site safety and/or adequate funding to operate.
- (vi) That the appropriate General Managers of Public Works, Planning and Economic Development, and the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or their designate be directed and authorized, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to enter into, execute and administer all agreements and documents necessary to implement the purchases and grants outlined above on terms and conditions satisfactory to the respective General Manager or their designate and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Result: MAIN MOTION, As Amended, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 6, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
No	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
No	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
No	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko

No	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
No	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
No	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

3. Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee Report 23-003 - July 26, 2023 (Item 9.2)

(A. Wilson/Spadafora)

(a) Light Rail Transit Operations Models (PED23166) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That Report PED23166, respecting Light Rail Transit Operations Models, be received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

4. Open for Business Sub-Committee Report 23-001 - July 28, 2023 (Item 9.3)

(A. Wilson/Tadeson)

(a) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR (Item 1)

- (i) That Councillor T. Hwang be appointed as Chair of the Open for Business Sub Committee for the 2022-2026 Term of Council.
- (ii) That Councillor C. Cassar be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Open for Business Sub Committee for the 2022-2026 Term of Council.

(b) Open for Business Update (PED23118) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That staff be directed to report back to the Open for Business Sub-Committee on the impacts of Bill 23 on the grading plan requirement for development projects and what the new grading requirements are for the projects that didn't previously require them.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

5. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Report 23-007 - July 11, 2023 (Item 9.4)

(Kroetsch/Tadeson)

(a) Stakeholder Consultation Process to Explore Options for an Effective Governance Structure for the Board of Health (no copy) (Item 11.1)

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities supports the adoption of a hybrid model of governance for the City of Hamilton's Board of Health, whereby the membership includes representation of persons with disabilities.

(b) Reimbursement for the Purchase of Candy for the Senior's Month Kick-off Event (Item 12.2)

WHEREAS, members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Outreach Working Group represented the Committee at the Senior's Month Kick-Off Event on June 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Outreach Working Group decided that in lieu of a more permanent and costly giveaway, sugar free candies would be offered as way to attract visitors to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' table.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That reimbursement to James Kemp in the amount of \$47.28, including HST, attached as Appendix "A", for the cost of sugar free candies from the Bulk Barn, handed out by the Outreach Working Group on behalf of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities at the June 20, 2023, Senior's Month Kick-off Event, from account 300303, be approved.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

6. Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) Liaison Committee Report 23-001 - July 18, 2023 (Item 9.5)

(Tadeson/McMeekin)

(a) Correspondence to the Minister of Education in Support of Funding for the Construction of a New School in Southeast Waterdown (Added Item 11.1)

That the Mayor send Correspondence to the Minister of Education in support of funding for the construction of a new school in Southeast Waterdown, to correspond with the HWDSB's next round of Capital Priorities Submissions.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**7. Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee Report 23-007 - July 11, 2023
(Item 10.1)**

(Spadafora/Hwang)

**(a) Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area Expenditure Requests
2023 (Added Item 11.1)**

- (i) That the expenditure request from the Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$12,229.09 for the purchase of branded banners, office and street maintenance, street furniture maintenance, hanging basket maintenance, and hanging baskets for Fall/Winter to be funded from the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Contribution Program (BIA Payments Account 815010-56905), be approved; and,
- (ii) That the expenditure request from the Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$16,884.50 for the cost of Christmas décor, Christmas décor storage and maintenance, free parking initiatives, public art projects and hanging baskets for Spring/Summer, to be funded from the Shared Parking Revenue Program (Parking Revenue Account 815010-45559), be approved.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang

Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Absent	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

8. Our City Survey (CM23011(a)) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

(Horwath/Spadafora)

- (a) That the triennial undertaking of the Our City Survey, be stopped; and,
- (b) That the associated operating budget of \$65,000 remain in the Digital & Innovation Office and be used to support other performance-based initiatives such as tracking of 2022 – 2026 Council Priority progress.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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Absent	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

9. Hamilton Waterfront Trust Business Model Review (FCS23029(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.3)

(Kroetsch/Spadafora)

- (a) That Council approve the scope of work to be undertaken by KPMG, City of Hamilton staff, in consultation with the Hamilton Waterfront staff related

to the Hamilton Waterfront Trust Business Model Review as described in Appendix "A" of Report FCS23029(a);

- (b) That the City of Hamilton provide a grant to the Hamilton Waterfront Trust in an amount up to \$455,000 (exclusive of depreciation expenses), funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve #110046, to aid Hamilton Waterfront Trust in avoiding a deficit position in 2023 with operating expenditures to December 31, 2023;
- (c) That the Hamilton Waterfront Trust be requested to provide supporting documentation satisfactory to the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, to the City along with any claims as to aid with the grant in an amount up to \$455,000 (exclusive of depreciation expenses) being provided by the City;
- (d) That staff be directed to follow up with Hamilton Waterfront Trust regarding the recommendation approved by Hamilton Waterfront Trust Board of Trustees on June 13, 2023 as per Confidential Appendix "C" to Report FCS23029(a) and report back to General Issues Committee;
- (e) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, all necessary agreements, extensions, amendments and any ancillary documents with Hamilton Waterfront Trust, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and with content acceptable to the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services; and,
- (f) That Confidential Appendix "C" to Report FCS23029(a) remain confidential.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
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Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson

Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

10. Establishment of a Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability (CM23018) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.4)

(Horwath/Spadafora)

That the Terms of Reference for the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability, attached as Appendix "A" to Report CM23018, be approved.

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

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

11. Ottawa Street BIA and Ottawa Street Pride Committee Public Art (Wards 3 and 4) (Item 11.1)

(Nann/Hwang)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's strategic plan priority for Healthy and Safe Communities consists of a caring place that is safe and inviting, with people working together to care and support each other, which is inclusive of the communities of people who are Two Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, and those for whom letters cannot fully yet describe (2SLGBTQIA+);

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to working with artists, businesses, and citizens in the ongoing development and implementation of art in public places to enhance our sense of community;

WHEREAS, the Ottawa Street BIA intends to hang 12 new mobiles, six on each side of Ottawa Street North, from May until September every year for the next five years, to signal to the 2SLGBTQIA+ community that they are recognized and cared for outside the boundary of Pride month celebrations;

WHEREAS, the art is a result of a project lead by the Ottawa Street Pride Committee and created as part of STEPS' I HeART Main Street initiative;

WHEREAS, the mobiles are designed by Riley Jamieson, a trans artist, and are a symbol of the joy of summer and of queer people working together to care and support each other;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$1,500 be allocated from the Ward 3 Bell Tower Funds Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609603) and \$1,500 from the Ward 4 Capital Discretionary Account (3302109400) to the Ottawa Street BIA toward costs associated with the installation of the 12 Pride mobiles; and
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

12. Revenue Sources to fund Council Priorities and Ongoing Operating and Capital Works (Item 11.2)

(M. Wilson/Cassar)

WHEREAS, Hamilton City Council has identified a set of priorities to guide its legislative agenda for the 2022-2026 term of Council;

WHEREAS, access to sufficient and sustainable revenue sources is critical to the city's ability to achieve these priorities along with ongoing operating, maintenance and capital programming needs;

WHEREAS, the fiscal framework within which Canadian municipalities work limits opportunities for local government to advance solutions at the scale required to address many of today's challenges, including but not limited to affordable and supportive housing, climate change mitigation, technology and an ageing infrastructure and population;

WHEREAS, Ontario municipalities like Hamilton are heavily reliant on property taxes as a source of revenue;

WHEREAS, property taxes are a regressive form of taxation;

WHEREAS, in 2021, Hamilton's taxes for a detached bungalow were 3.52% higher than municipalities with comparable populations, but 24.30% higher than a broader compactor group;

WHEREAS, municipalities are responsible for 60% of public infrastructure while collecting only 9 cents for every tax dollar collected in Ontario;

WHEREAS, municipalities continue to face the following challenges:

- Ongoing impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Rising inflation and interest rates;
- Supply chain disruptions and tight labour supply;
- Increasing demand for services; and,
- Unanticipated legislative changes (such as Bill 23).

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton directly invests a significant share of property tax revenues, in extensions of federal and provincial responsibilities, such as housing, social services, and health services;

WHEREAS, in the absence of other non-residential property tax revenue, property taxes will become less affordable for more people over the next few years while the need for local investments will continue to grow;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee the following information by Q1 2024:
- (i) A scan of revenue authorities contained in the Municipal Act, 2021 or other Provincial legislation that do not require the expressed permission of the Government of Ontario;
 - (ii) An inventory of revenue sources that are contained in the City of Toronto Act, 2006 but not contained in the Municipal Act, 2021; and,
 - (iii) A scan of municipal revenue tools in other jurisdictions that may be more progressive and could support in the achievement of this term of Council priorities and ongoing programming needs and any expressed permissions necessary to implement the strategies.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

13. Commemorative Street Naming - Nicolaus Copernicus Way (Item 11.4)

(Horwath/Nann)

WHEREAS, the year 2023 marks the 550th anniversary of Polish scientist Nicolaus Copernicus' birth;

WHEREAS, Copernicus is regarded as the father of modern astronomy, whose heliocentric model of the universe launched the Copernican Revolution;

WHEREAS, there are several Polish community landmarks in Ward 3, including St. Stanislaus Church at 8 Saint Ann Street, Dom Polski at 4 Solidarnosc Place, and the White Eagle Banquet Center at 1015 Barton Street East;

WHEREAS, the Canadian Polish Congress Hamilton District, which represents the Polish community in Hamilton, Burlington and Brantford, would like to honour the life, work and influence of Nicolaus Copernicus, through the commemorative naming of Saint Ann Street in Hamilton, as Nicolaus Copernicus Way;

WHEREAS, the cost associated with the commemorative signage will be borne by the Canadian Polish Congress Hamilton District; and

WHEREAS, a ceremony is planned for September 10, 2023.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the entire length of Saint Ann Street, between Barton Street East and Solidarnosc Place, have a commemorative designation as Nicolaus Copernicus Way; and,
- (b) That the commemorative signage be installed by September 8, 2023 for the Polish community's event "Jubilee Celebration - Ceremonial Street Re-naming Nicolaus Copernicus Way".

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 1, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
No	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

14. Declaration of Gender-Based Violence and Intimate-Partner Violence as an epidemic in the City of Hamilton (Item 11.5)

(Nann/Horwath)

WHEREAS gender-based violence is defined as violence or abuse perpetrated against a woman, girl or gender-diverse individual because of their gender, gender expression, gender identity or perceived gender;

WHEREAS according to official 2023 UN Women statistics, globally, an estimated one in three women have been subjected to physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner, non-partner sexual violence, or both at least once in their life (30 per cent of women aged 15 and older);

WHEREAS, globally, according to the same report, there is a woman or girl being killed every 11 minutes in their home;

WHEREAS femicide is a result of gender-based violence and 22 countries specifically reference it in their criminal legislation;

WHEREAS Canada does not currently include the term femicide in their criminal legislation;

WHEREAS Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ people experience higher rates of gender-based violence;

WHEREAS Indigenous women are more likely than non-Indigenous women to have experienced sexual assault at a younger age;

WHEREAS transgender and gender diverse people are significantly more likely to have experienced physical or sexual assault at least once since 15 years of age;

WHEREAS the Canadian Femicide Observatory for Justice and Accountability (CFOJA) found that in Canada between 2018 and 2022 one woman was killed every 48 hours;

WHEREAS in the same report not all femicide cases have an identified accuser, the majority of identified accusers have been male suspects;

WHEREAS according to the Annual Femicide List published by the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses, the number of femicides from 2019 to 2022 has increased by approximately 30%:

WHEREAS 75% of women reported abuse and conflict with a partner, spouse, or parent as their top reason for their housing loss;

WHEREAS the federal government has allocated 25% of the federal housing budget to housing for vulnerable women;

WHEREAS global data indicates an indisputable intensification of gender-based violence since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, with survivors seeking emergency shelter and community-based supports more frequently;

WHEREAS in 2022 the Ontario government committed to investing \$5.9 million over two years through the Victim Support Grant (VSG) program to enhance capacity to support survivors of intimate partner violence and human trafficking;

WHEREAS the demand for support services increases as awareness increases;

WHEREAS in 2022, 4,498 women were turned away from women's shelter's due to limited capacity in Hamilton, while only 878 women, some with children, were able to access a shelter;

WHEREAS Hamilton Police Services received 12,514 domestic violence or intimate partner violence calls in 2022;

WHEREAS Hamilton Police Services received 657 reports of sexual violence in 2022 while the average wait time to access counselling services through the Sexual Assault Centre (Hamilton & Area) was six months;

WHEREAS women living in rural areas experience intimate partner violence at a 75 per cent higher rate than women living in urban areas; and currently Hamilton receives only \$5,000 per year stable funding through the MCCSS Rural and Remote stream from MCCSS for rural issues despite 40% of Hamilton's population is considered as residing in rural areas;

WHEREAS violence is one of the priorities of the Community Safety and Well Being Plan and sexual violence has been recognized as a more specific area for attention;

WHEREAS the City Enrichment Fund has made unprecedented investments to equity deserving communities in 2023, an increase in 23.8% between 2022 and 2023;

WHEREAS within the past 5 years, nearly all women-led and/or women-serving organizations applicants have received funding through the City Enrichment Fund; and,

WHEREAS, over 30 municipalities and regions across Ontario have already declared gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic in their jurisdictions, including Ottawa, Toronto, Peel Region, Halton Region and Renfrew County;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Council declare gender-based violence and intimate-partner violence an epidemic in Hamilton;
- (b) That staff meet with the Women Abuse Working Group (WAWG) to develop recommendations that will further address gender-based violence and intimate-partner violence in Hamilton;
- (c) That staff be authorized to provide one-time funding in the amount of \$30,129.00 from the City Enrichment Fund Reserve (ID112230) to support the Women Abuse Working Group (WAWG) to further identify and help address service gaps;
- (d) That staff continue to actively engage with the Hamilton Just Recovery Coalition and their recommendations to identify further actions;
- (e) That staff continue to work closely with the Community Safety and Well-Being System Leadership Table to increase awareness of gender-based violence and intimate-partner violence and explore opportunities for further action;
- (f) That Council, by way of a letter from the Mayor, and staff continue to actively engage with the Province of Ontario to advocate for sustainable investments that meaningfully address gender-based violence and intimate-partner violence;
- (g) That the City of Hamilton send a communication to the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General Canada, and the Prime Minister of Canada, advocating that Femicide be added as a term to the Criminal Code of Canada;
- (h) That Council, by way of a letter from the Mayor, forward this item to Hamilton Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament, and to Ontario's Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; and
- (i) That the City of Hamilton send a copy of this Resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to take action on gender-based violence and intimate partner violence.

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

- Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Yes	-	Ward 2	Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

15. Property Acquisition in Ward 12 - REVISED (Item 14.3)

(Cassar/A. Wilson)

- (a) That the directions provided to staff in closed session respecting a Property Acquisition in Ward 12, be approved; and
- (b) That the motion remain confidential until final completion of the property transactions.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

16. Collective Bargaining Update (Item 14.4)

(Nann/Kroetsch)

- (a) That the directions provided to staff in closed session respecting the Collective Bargaining Update, be approved; and,
- (b) That the confidential Collective Bargaining Update, be received and remain confidential.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

17. Labour Disruption Contingency Planning – REVISED (Item 14.5)

(Jackson/Spadafora)

That the confidential update on Labour Disruption Contingency Planning, be received and remain confidential.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1 Correspondence respecting Encampment Response, Homelessness and Addressing the Needs of Unsheltered Individuals:
- (b) Mary Aduckiewicz, R Denninger Limited, and Troy Thompson, GW Thompson Jeweller & Pawnbroker Inc.
 - (c) Susie Braithwaite, International Village BIA
 - (d) David Collier
 - (e) Andrew Robinson, North End Neighbourhood Association (NENA)
 - (f) Jane Weary
 - (g) Kelly Brazil
 - (h) Kevin Brazil
 - (i) Jim Schoenhardt and Astrid Beaver
 - (j) Annabel Krupp
 - (k) Linda Muller
 - (l) Evelyn LaMarsh
 - (m) Julia Difrancesco
 - (n) Krista Schild

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Items 8.1 through 8.3.

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.1 Delegation Requests, respecting Encampment Response, Homelessness and Addressing the Needs of Unsheltered Individuals, for today's meeting:
- (d) Ana Blair (In-Person)
 - (e) James Kemp (Virtually)
 - (f) Dale MacNevin (In-Person)
 - (g) Jammy, Keeping Six (In-Person)
 - (h) Cassie Kruchka, Stoney Creek Optimist Little League (In-Person)
 - (i) Annabel Krupp (In-Person)
 - (j) Gessie Stearns (In-Person)
 - (k) Shabeeh Ahmad, HAMSMaRT (In-Person)
 - (l) Ryan Lester (Virtually)
 - (m) Kim Ritchie, Canadian Drug Policy Coalition Harm Reduction Working Group (Virtually)
- 6.2 Delegation Requests, respecting Item 11.5 - Declaration of Gender-Based Violence and Intimate-Partner Violence as an epidemic in the City of Hamilton, for today's meeting:
- (d) Lisa Colbert, Waves (In-Person)
- 6.4 Andrzej Felinczak, Canadian Polish Congress Hamilton District, respecting the commemorative street naming - Nicolaus Copernicus Way (In-Person) (For today's meeting) - REVISED

8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- 8.2 Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) – REVISED

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

14.3 Property Acquisition in Ward 12 - REVISED

14.5 Labour Disruption Contingency Planning - REVISED

(Spadafora/Pauls)

That the agenda for the August 14, 2023 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Absent	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

Councillor Danko declared a non-disqualifying interest to Item 9.5, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) Liaison Committee Report 23-001 – July 18, 2023 as his wife is Chair of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Item 4)

(i) July 10, 2023 (Item 4.1)

(Hwang/Beattie)

That the minutes of the July 10, 2023, General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Absent	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) (Spadafora/A. Wilson)

That the following Communications Items be approved, as presented:

5.1 Correspondence respecting Encampment Response, Homelessness and Addressing the Needs of Unsheltered Individuals:

- (a) Shabeeh Ahmad, Hamilton Social Medicine Response Team (HAMSMaRT) (Item 5.1(a))
- (b) Mary Aduckiewicz, R Denninger Limited, and Troy Thompson, GW Thompson Jeweller & Pawnbroker Inc. (Added Item 5.1(b))
- (c) Susie Braithwaite, International Village BIA (Added Item 5.1(c))
- (d) David Collier (Added Item 5.1(d))
- (e) Andrew Robinson, North End Neighbourhood Association (NENA) (Added Item 5.1(e))
- (f) Jane Weary (Added Item 5.1(f))
- (g) Kelly Brazil (Added Item 5.1(g))
- (h) Kevin Brazil (Added Item 5.1(h))

- (i) Jim Schoenhardt and Astrid Beaver (Added Item 5.1(i))
- (j) Annabel Krupp (Added Item 5.1(j))
- (k) Linda Muller (Added Item 5.1(k))
- (l) Evelyn LaMarsh (Added Item 5.1(l))
- (m) Julia Difrancesco (Added Item 5.1(m))
- (n) Krista Schild (Added Item 5.1(n))

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Items 8.1 through 8.3.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

- Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- Yes - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- Yes - Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
- Yes - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- Yes - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(i) (Kroetsch/Nann)

That the following Delegation Requests be approved:

6.1 Delegation Requests, respecting Encampment Response, Homelessness and Addressing the Needs of Unsheltered Individuals, for today's meeting:

- (a) Jordan Nicholson (Virtually) (Item 6.1(a))
- (b) Branden Deschambault (In-Person) (Item 6.1(b))

- (c) Marianne McNanny, BU Harm Reduction (Virtually) (Item 6.1(c))
- (d) Ana Blair (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(d))
- (e) James Kemp (Virtually) (Added Item 6.1(e))
- (f) Dale MacNevin (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(f))
- (g) Jammy, Keeping Six (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(g))
- (h) Cassie Kruchka, Stoney Creek Optimist Little League (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(h))
- (i) Annabel Krupp (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(i))
- (j) Gessie Stearns (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(j))
- (k) Shabeeh Ahmad, HAMSMaRT (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(k))
- (l) Ryan Lester (Virtually) (Added Item 6.1(l))
- (m) Kim Ritchie, Canadian Drug Policy Coalition Harm Reduction Working Group (Virtually) (Added Item 6.1(m))

6.2 Delegation Requests, respecting Item 11.5 - Declaration of Gender-Based Violence and Intimate-Partner Violence as an epidemic in the City of Hamilton, for today's meeting:

- (a) Jessica Bonilla-Dampney, Woman Abuse Working Group (WAWG) & Sexual Assault Centre (Hamilton and Area) - SACHA (In-Person) (Item 6.2(a))
- (b) Thea Symonds, Woman Abuse Working Group (In-Person) (Item 6.2(b))
- (c) Erin Griver, Inasmuch House, Mission Services of Hamilton, and WAWG (Woman Abuse Working Group) (In-Person) (Item 6.2(c))
- (d) Lisa Colbert, Waves (In-Person) (Added Item 6.2(d))

- 6.3 Gail Rappolt, United Nations Association Canada Hamilton Branch, respecting City Hall Peace Garden and the International Day of Peace Event on September 21 (In-Person) (For the September 20, 2023 General Issues Committee Meeting) (Item 6.3)
- 6.4 Andrzej Felinczak, Canadian Polish Congress Hamilton District, respecting the commemorative street naming - Nicolaus Copernicus Way (In-Person) (For today's meeting) – REVISED (Item 6.4)

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

- (i) Paul Vermaat, White Star Group, respecting matters relating to lands in the West Harbour Stadium Precinct (Approved July 10, 2023) (In-Person) (Item 7.1)**

Paul Vermaat, White Star Group, addressed the Committee respecting matters relating to lands in the West Harbour Stadium Precinct.

(Pauls/Kroetsch)

That the delegate be provided with an additional 5 minutes to complete their delegation.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Yes	-	Ward 2	Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
No	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
No	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

(Clark/A. Wilson)

That the Delegation from Paul Vermaat, White Star Group, respecting matters relating to lands in the West Harbour Stadium Precinct, be received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(ii) Stefan Sobolewski, Taras Bulba Ukraine Support 2022, to request financial support towards our upcoming Ukraine humanitarian aid missions (Approved July 10, 2023) (In-Person) (Item 7.2)

Stefan Sobolewski, Taras Bulba Ukraine Support 2022, addressed the Committee to request financial support towards our upcoming Ukraine humanitarian aid missions.

(Tadeson/Spadafora)

That the Delegation from Stefan Sobolewski, Taras Bulba Ukraine Support 2022, to request financial support towards our upcoming Ukraine humanitarian aid missions, be received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(iii) Delegations respecting Encampment Response, Homelessness and Addressing the Needs of Unsheltered Individuals (Item 7.3)

The following Delegates addressed the Committee respecting Encampment Response, Homelessness and Addressing the Needs of Unsheltered Individuals:

- (a) Jordan Nicholson (Virtually) (Added Item 7.3(a))
- (b) Branden Deschambault (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(b))
- (c) Marianne McNanny, BU Harm Reduction (Virtually) (Added Item 7.3(c))
- (d) James Kemp (Virtually) (Added Item 7.3(e))
- (e) Jammy, Keeping Six (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(g))
- (f) Cassie Kruchka, Stoney Creek Optimist Little League (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(h))

(Jackson/Pauls)

That the delegate be provided with an additional 5 minutes to complete their delegation.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
No	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
No	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(g) Annabel Krupp (In-Person)(Added Item 7.3(i))

(h) Gessie Stearns (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(j))

(Hwang/Jackson)

That the delegate be provided with an additional 5 minutes to complete their delegation.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
No	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
No	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

- (i) Shabeeh Ahmad, HAMSMaRT (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(k))
- (j) Kim Ritchie, Canadian Drug Policy Coalition Harm Reduction Working Group (Virtually) (Added Item 7.3(m))

The following Delegates respecting Encampment Response, Homelessness and Addressing the Needs of Unsheltered Individuals, were not present when called upon:

- (k) Ana Blair (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(d))
- (l) Dale MacNevin (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(f))
- (m) Ryan Lester (Virtually) (Added Item 7.3(l))

(Horwath/McMeekin)

That the following Delegations respecting Encampment Response, Homelessness and Addressing the Needs of Unsheltered Individuals, be received:

- (a) Jordan Nicholson (Virtually) (Added Item 7.3(a))
- (b) Branden Deschambault (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(b))
- (c) Marianne McNanny, BU Harm Reduction (Virtually) (Added Item 7.3(c))
- (d) James Kemp (Virtually) (Added Item 7.3(e))
- (e) Jammy, Keeping Six (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(g))
- (f) Cassie Kruchka, Stoney Creek Optimist Little League (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(h))
- (g) Annabel Krupp (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(i))
- (h) Gessie Stearns (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(j))
- (i) Shabeeh Ahmad, HAMSMaRT (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(k))
- (j) Kim Ritchie, Canadian Drug Policy Coalition Harm Reduction Working Group (Virtually) (Added Item 7.3(m))

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(iv) Delegations respecting Item 11.5 - Declaration of Gender-Based Violence and Intimate-Partner Violence as an epidemic in the City of Hamilton (Item 7.4)

The following Delegates addressed the Committee respecting Item 11.5 - Declaration of Gender-Based Violence and Intimate-Partner Violence as an epidemic in the City of Hamilton:

- (a) Jessica Bonilla-Dampney, Woman Abuse Working Group (WAWG) & Sexual Assault Centre (Hamilton and Area) – SACHA (In-Person) (Added Item 7.4(a))
- (b) Thea Symonds, Woman Abuse Working Group (In-Person) (Added Item 7.4(b))
- (c) Erin Griver, Inasmuch House, Mission Services of Hamilton, and WAWG (Woman Abuse Working Group) (In-Person) (Added Item 7.4(c))
- (d) Lisa Colbert, Waves (In-Person) (Added Item 7.4(d))

(Nann/Horwath)

That the following Delegations respecting Item 11.5 - Declaration of Gender-Based Violence and Intimate-Partner Violence as an epidemic in the City of Hamilton, be received:

- (a) Jessica Bonilla-Dampney, Woman Abuse Working Group (WAWG) & Sexual Assault Centre (Hamilton and Area) – SACHA (In-Person) (Added Item 7.4(a))
- (b) Thea Symonds, Woman Abuse Working Group (In-Person) (Added Item 7.4(b))
- (c) Erin Griver, Inasmuch House, Mission Services of Hamilton, and WAWG (Woman Abuse Working Group) (In-Person) (Added Item 7.4(c))
- (d) Lisa Colbert, Waves (In-Person) (Added Item 7.4(d))

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

- (v) **Andrzej Felinczak, Canadian Polish Congress Hamilton District, respecting the commemorative street naming - Nicolaus Copernicus Way (Added Item 7.5)**

Andrzej Felinczak, Canadian Polish Congress Hamilton District, addressed the Committee respecting Item 11.4 Commemorative Street Naming - Nicolaus Copernicus Way.

(Horwath/Tadeson)

That the Delegation from Andrzej Felinczak, Canadian Polish Congress Hamilton District, respecting Item 11.4 Commemorative Street Naming - Nicolaus Copernicus Way, be received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

**(i) Overview of Housing 2023 Reports and Budget Asks (HSC23058)
(City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

Angie Burden, General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities provided the Committee with a presentation respecting Report HSC23058, Overview of Housing 2023 Reports and Budget Asks.

(Hwang/Cassar)

That the staff presentation respecting Report HSC23058, Overview of Housing 2023 Reports and Budget Asks, be received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(ii) (Hwang/Beattie)

That the General Issues Committee recess for 35 minutes until 2:00 pm.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(iii) Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) – REVISED (Item 8.2)

(1) Michelle Baird, Director, Housing Services Division provided the Committee with a presentation respecting Report HSC20036(g), Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites.

(Horwath/Pauls)

That the staff presentation respecting HSC20036(g), Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites, be received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Yes	-	Ward 2	Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

(2) (Horwath/A. Wilson)

- (a) That Council adopt the Proposed Encampment Protocol attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC20036(g);
- (b) That staff be directed to implement and enforce the Proposed Encampment Protocol;
- (c) That Public Works be authorized to provide security to ensure access to washroom and/or shower services to support individuals who are unsheltered, including two existing all-year outdoor washroom facilities with 24-hour security and two existing all-year recreation centres with 12-hour security;
 - (i) at a cost of \$576,240, for the period of September 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (#110046)
 - (ii) and that the cost of \$987,840 to operationalize this as a permanent program in 2024 be referred to the 2024 Tax Budget process;
- (d) That in order for Planning and Economic Development, Municipal By-Law Enforcement to support enforcement of the Protocol based on the existing Monday to Friday level of service, and a four-day response time, Council approve;
 - (i) the creation of a 1FTE Supervisor of Municipal By-law Enforcement for the period September 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, at a cost of \$86,120 to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (#110046),

- (ii) and that the approval of one FTE at an annualized cost of \$147,650 be referred to the 2024 Tax Budget process.
 - (iii) that the purchase of a vehicle at a cost of \$35,000, and an annual operating impact of \$9,000 be referred to the 2024 Tax Budget process
- (e) That staff be directed to provide an enhanced service level to allow the Public Works, Parks Section staff to respond to requests for clean-up and maintenance in alignment with the service levels outlined in the Proposed Encampment Protocol and that Council approve;
 - (i) the creation of one FTE Parks Lead Hand and two FTE Parks Operators and that the cost of \$93,000 for this enhanced service level be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (#110046) for the period of September 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024;
 - (ii) The leasing of vehicles and equipment for the period of September 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 at an estimated cost of \$50,000, be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (#110046);
 - (iii) the operating cost of \$278,400 to annualize this enhanced service level, includes \$245,000 for the approval of three FTEs, and \$33,400 for the annualized operating cost of the vehicles in recommendation d)iv) be referred to the 2024 Tax Budget process;
 - (iv) the Capital Costs of \$220,000 for equipment and vehicles to be referred to the 2024 Tax Budget process.
- (f) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department ,or designate, be authorized and directed, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to enter into, execute and administer all agreements and documents necessary to hire the equivalent and two seconded peer Support Workers, at an approximate annual cost of \$61,500 each (total for two FTEs \$123,000) on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or designate, and in a form

satisfactory to the City Solicitor and that the funding for these positions be referred to the 2024 Tax Operating Budget;

- (g) That upon the adoption of the Encampment Protocol, Housing Focused Street Outreach collaborate with key stakeholders to develop a liaison committee to ensure that individuals with lived/living experience of encampments, frontline operators, and staff are all meaningfully engaged in providing input into Hamilton's encampment response. Staff will collaborate with key stakeholders including Keeping Six, HAMSMaRT, Hamilton Regional Indian Centre, and Hamilton Encampment Support Network (to help recruit people with lived/living experience for the committee), to develop terms of reference for the committee that identifies goals, scope, and desired outcomes;
- (h) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities be authorized and directed to enter into the appropriate agreements with the Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters for the operation of a two-year pilot of up to 25 temporary tiny homes on City lands, with appropriate security, services and supports at no cost to the City, subject to the following conditions; and,
 - (i) That the pilot program be located on the site of the parking area on the Strachan Avenue linear park or an alternative site that meets the criteria for the Protocol and is determined appropriate by staff
 - (ii) That all potential residents of the site are selected from the City of Hamilton's By-Name List, as per associated requirements of its Coordinated Access system, with approval from Housing Services Division;
 - (iii) That staff be directed to work with Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters to review operating model and provision of security and services, determine performance metrics and outcomes, including eligibility and entry criteria, gender-specific considerations, Indigenous supports, identification of formalized community partnerships with health and social service sectors, pathways to permanent housing, and a process for evaluating the success of the pilot;

- (iv) That staff be directed to evaluate program outcomes and that staff include information on the Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters in progress updates to the General Issues Committee as part of future encampment reporting and performance metrics reporting; and
- (v) That a detailed exit strategy has been created and will be executed should HATS not be able to ensure site safety and/or adequate funding to operate.
- (vi) That the appropriate General Managers of Public Works, Planning and Economic Development, and the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or their designate be directed and authorized, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to enter into, execute and administer all agreements and documents necessary to implement the purchases and grants outlined above on terms and conditions satisfactory to the respective General Manager or their designate and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Deputy Mayor Francis relinquished the Chair to Councillor Hwang in order to move the following amendment:

(3) (Francis/Beattie)

That Appendix “A” to Report HSC20036(g), Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites – REVISED Encampment Protocol, **be amended** as follows:

D) Prohibited Areas for Erecting Encampments, Temporary Shelters, or Tents

In order to provide for the availability of space for temporary shelter **on public land** ~~in parks~~, persons without shelter or being homeless will be able to establish an encampment through erecting a temporary shelter for themselves and also be able group together with other such persons’ temporary shelters. However, the encampment or cluster of shelters must not exceed five tents or similar temporary shelters, and there must be at least 50 meters separating the encampment or cluster from other encampments or clusters of shelters.

Notwithstanding the encampment protocol and conditions listed, erecting encampments, temporary

shelters or tents are not permitted in City parks unless the Ward Councillor chooses to opt in to permit encampments, temporary shelters or tents in City parks within the geographic boundaries of the Ward they represent.

Deputy Mayor Francis assumed the Chair.

(4) (M. Wilson/A. Wilson)

That consideration of Report HSC20036(g), respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites – REVISED, be DEFERRED until after Closed Session.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 1, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
No	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(h) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

(i) (A. Wilson/Pauls)

That Committee move into Closed Session to discuss Item 8.2 respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) – REVISED, pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-section (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(Pauls/Kroetsch)

That the General Issues Committee meeting of August 14, 2023, be extended past the 5:30 pm curfew, up to an additional 4 hours.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(i) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8) (Continued)

(ii) Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) – REVISED (Item 8.2) (Continued)

Deputy Mayor Francis relinquished the Chair to Councillor Hwang in order to move the following amendment:

(1) (Francis/Beattie)

That Appendix “A” to Report HSC20036(g), Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites – REVISED, **be amended** as follows:

D) Prohibited Areas for Erecting Encampments, Temporary Shelters, or Tents

In order to provide for the availability of space for temporary shelter **on public land** ~~in parks~~, persons without shelter or being homeless will be able to establish an encampment through erecting a temporary shelter for themselves and also be able group together with other such persons’ temporary shelters. However, the encampment or cluster of shelters must not exceed five tents or similar temporary shelters, and there must be at least 50 meters separating the encampment or cluster from other encampments or clusters of shelters.

Notwithstanding the encampment protocol and conditions listed, erecting encampments, temporary shelters or tents are not permitted in City parks unless the Ward Councillor chooses to opt in to permit encampments, temporary shelters or tents in City parks within the geographic boundaries of the Ward they represent.

Result: MOTION, DEFEATED by a vote of 7 to 9, as follows:

No	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
No	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
No	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
No	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
No	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko

Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
No	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
No	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
No	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
No	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

Deputy Mayor Francis assumed the Chair.

(2) (Kroetsch/Nann)

That Appendix "A" to Report HSC20036(g), Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites – REVISED, ***be amended*** as follows:

D) Prohibited Areas for Erecting Encampments, Temporary Shelters, or Tents

Further, the balancing of public and private interests while allowing for temporary shelter will require encampments or clusters not be located:

- On or within **50 to** 100 meters of a school or children daycare centre
- On or within **50 to** 100 meters of a playground, pool, waterpark, or any spray pad

Result: MOTION, DEFEATED by a vote of 6 to 10, as follows:

No	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
No	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
No	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
No	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
No	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
No	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
No	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
No	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
No	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
No	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(3) (Kroetsch/Nann)

That Appendix “A” to Report HSC20036(g), Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites – REVISED, **be amended** as follows:

K) Reporting

To provide ongoing accountability and transparency to the City’s encampment response program and the implementation of its encampment protocol, communication with Council and Ward Councillors regarding the Encampment Protocol will be through monthly, ongoing **Information** Reports to **General Issues Committee Council** and include data and trends, operational updates, and any continuous improvement measures implemented to further efforts toward providing ongoing accountability and transparency to the City’s encampment response program and the implementation of its encampment protocol. Where a Ward Councillor requests information regarding a specific encampment site within their ward, Housing Focused Street Outreach will provide an update as to whether the encampment has been deemed to be within a prohibited area. Reporting on the status of outreach or enforcement activities will be limited to the monthly Council reports.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 3, as follows:

No	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
No	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
No	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

- (4) **(Kroetsch/Nann)**
That Report HSC20036(g), Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites – REVISED, **be amended**, by adding an additional sub-section (h), as follows:

(h) That City staff evaluate, including through costing, The People’s Protocol on Encampments (PPE) and bring forward recommendations for implementation of the PPE to the General Issues Committee.

Result: MOTION, DEFEATED by a vote of 4 to 12, as follows:

No	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
No	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
No	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
No	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
No	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
No	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
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No	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
No	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
No	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
No	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
No	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

- (5) **(Danko/Francis)**
That Appendix “A” to Report HSC20036(g), Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites – REVISED, **be amended** as follows:

G) Encampment Response Processes

- B) When an encampment, temporary shelter, or tent is located on public property, within a prohibited area, as defined by this Protocol:
1. Within 72 hours after receiving a complaint or request for service (unless exceptional circumstances exist), Housing Focused Street Outreach staff will engage with individual(s) living within an encampment, temporary shelter, or tent

to better understand their needs and connect them with internal and community supports, including housing-focused case management; referral into the emergency shelter system; referrals to health agencies, social assistance supports, and specialized outreach supports; and any other relevant supports available that would improve an individual's health and wellbeing. Housing Focused Street Outreach will have available information about possible suitable and compliant sites and will consider the needs and choices of the individual and collaborate with the individual(s) living within an encampment, temporary shelter, or tent, to identify a more suitable area that meets the conditions noted within this Protocol.

2. If after visiting an encampment, temporary shelter, or tent, Housing Focused Street Outreach staff observe the encampment, temporary shelter, or tent to be in a prohibited area, as defined by this Protocol, ***Housing Focused Outreach they*** will contact Municipal Law Enforcement ~~to conduct a follow-up assessment within 72 hours of receiving the initial complaint, and Municipal Law Enforcement will respond to the within 4 business days.~~
3. Municipal Law Enforcement Officers will visit the site within four business days and confirm whether the encampment, temporary shelter, or tent is in a prohibited area. If so, Municipal Law Enforcement Officers will notify the individual(s) living at the location via a Notice of Trespass and verbally, if possible, that they are in a prohibited area, and that they will be required to move from the existing location.
4. Municipal Law Enforcement Officers will determine compliance timelines depending on the presenting circumstances, for the issuance of notices or actions to be taken in respect to the encampment, temporary shelter, or tent, within a maximum of ~~14~~ **4** total days from the issuance of notice, unless exceptional circumstances exist.

For example, if the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers observes a significant health or safety issue for the individual due to placing a shelter on a highway the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers will take more urgent action to require compliance or remediate the concern and may seek Hamilton Police Services support. If there are few or no immediate health, safety, or other concerns due to encampment or its location within a prohibited area, Municipal Law Enforcement Officers will allow for more time, up to a maximum of ~~14~~ 4 days, unless exceptional circumstances exist, to engage with the individuals in an encampment, temporary shelter, or tent around supports and next steps.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 5, as follows:

No	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
No	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
No	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
No	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
No	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

(ii) Addressing Needs of Unsheltered Individuals and Those Relying on Hamilton's Emergency Shelter System (HSC23041) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(Horwath/M. Wilson)

That consideration of Report HSC23041, Addressing Needs of Unsheltered Individuals and Those Relying on Hamilton's Emergency Shelter System, be DEFERRED to the September 6, 2023 General Issues Committee meeting.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 1, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(j) CONSENT ITMES (Item 9)

(i) Transit Area Rating Review Sub-Committee Clerk's Report 23-001 - July 27, 2023 (Item 9.1)

(Clark/A. Wilson)

That the Transit Area Rating Review Sub-Committee Clerk's Report 23-001 - July 27, 2023, be received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(Jackson/Spadafora)

That the General Issues Committee recess for 20 minutes until 7:45 pm.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 1, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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(k) MOTIONS (Item 11)

(i) Support for Francophone Seniors Active Living Centre (SALCA) in Hamilton (Item 11.3)

(Hwang/Kroetsch)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has been designated under the provincial French Language Service Act of Ontario as a francophone city as of December 31, 2000 to provide municipal services in both English and French,

WHEREAS, Hamilton is one of 14 Canadian cities designated by the Government of Canada's Francophone Immigration Strategy to service Francophones,

WHEREAS, the Fédération des aînés et des retraités francophones de l'Ontario (FARFO) and the Centre Francophone are the lead organizations applying for funding from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility (MSA) for a new Francophone Seniors Active Living Centre (SALCA) in Hamilton,

WHEREAS, the 2021 census identified over 50,000 Hamiltonians who speak French and of that population, approximately 10% are over the age of 55,

WHEREAS, FARFO and Centre Francophone have budgeted \$72,000 per year to provide French programming to serve Francophone seniors at the new French SALCA,

WHEREAS, the funding from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility requires that the Municipality must contribute a minimum of 20% of the net annual cost for maintaining and operating the program and that the contribution can be in cash, or in kind, or a combination thereof

WHEREAS, Hamilton has 11 Senior Active Living Centers (SALCA) but none serving the French population

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's Recreation Department is authorized to provide eligible groups engaged in eligible activities a 100% Fee Waiver or part thereof, up to a maximum of \$10,000.00 per request based on the merit of the activity and their ability to demonstrate financial hardship in accordance with the Fee Waiver/Reduction Policy for use of City of Hamilton recreation facilities;

WHEREAS, the Fédération des aînés et des retraités francophones de l'Ontario (FARFO) and Centre Francophone meets the eligibility criteria, as a community group; and

WHEREAS, the Fédération des aînés et des retraités francophones de l'Ontario (FARFO) and Centre Francophone's, Francophone Seniors Active Living Centre (SALCA) is considered an eligible activity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant funded from the Ward 4 Capital Discretionary Account [3302109400] be provided to the Fédération des aînés et des retraités francophones de l'Ontario (FARFO) and Centre Francophone to support their application for a Francophone Seniors Active Living Centre (SALCA), at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$4,400;
- (b) That Recreation Staff be authorized to waive rental fees for 2023 for the Francophone Seniors Active Living Centre (SALCA) to an upset limit of \$10,000;
- (c) That Recreation Staff be authorized to waive future facility rental fees for the Francophone Seniors Active Living Centre (SALCA) to an upset limit of \$10,000 per calendar year;

- (d) That the funding in the amount of \$4,400 to support the Francophone Seniors Active Living Centre (SALCA) in future years be included in the 2024 Healthy and Safe Communities Department base operating budget; and,
- (e) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Councillor Hwang withdrew the above motion for inclusion on the August 18, 2023 Council Agenda in order to ensure that the appropriate staff are in attendance.

(ii) Ward Specific Funding Policy Revisions (Item 11.6)

Councillor Danko withdrew the motion respecting Ward Specific Funding Policy Revisions.

(iii) (Spadafora/Tadeson)

That the General Issues Committee recess for 10 minutes until 7:30 pm to address technical difficulties.

CARRIED

(I) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

Councillor Danko introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) City of Hamilton Meta Advertising (Item 12.1)

WHEREAS, Meta announced in June 2023 that it has already started blocking Canadian news content and links on its social media sites, including Instagram and Facebook platforms; and

WHEREAS, Meta has refused to comply with federal legislation, the Online News Act, and instead has deliberately chosen to disadvantage 40 million Canadians, including nearly 600,000 Hamilton residents, by removing the ability to share local and national news on their platforms, limiting the ability for Canadians to view content from local and national news publications in Canada; and

WHEREAS, in the past several years, Hamilton has faced severe weather conditions, including extreme cold and blizzards, heat waves, and funnel clouds; as well as other emergencies, including but not limited to homelessness, crime and an epidemic related to substance use and addictions; and particularly the recent COVID-19 pandemic; in all of these

situations, the ability to share timely, reliable, local news with residents was critically essential; and

WHEREAS, Meta's decision would severely impact and limit the ability of both the City of Hamilton, and individual Members of Council, to share information with residents; and to share critical and timely updates from local media; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that utilizing all available media, may at times be required for disseminating critical and public safety information, as well, that existing communication plans may contain budgetary and contractual legal obligations; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton residents have a fundamental right to a strong, free, and independent Press, one that is not censored or dictated by American social media giants; and

WHEREAS, access to reliable, quality news information, prepared by independent journalists and media, is essential to any healthy, functioning democracy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That any new, non-critical advertising campaigns by Public Information and Media Relations be immediately suspended on all Meta-owned platforms, and
- (b) That the suspension last until Meta resumes discussions with the government of Canada, or reverses its ban on placing Canadian media news stories on its platforms, and
- (c) That this motion be shared with the Ontario Premier's Office, local Members of Parliament, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

(m) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1):

(Horwath/Spadafora)

That the amendments to the Outstanding Business List, be approved, as follows:

(a) Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed (Item 13.1(a)):

Our City Survey 2022 Results (CM23011) (City Wide)
OBL Item: 2023-CC
Added: May 3, 2023 at GIC (Item 8.1)
Completed: August 14, 2023 at GIC (Item 10.2)

Requirements for the Implementation of a 311 Customer Service
Call Platform
OBL Item: 2023-O
Added: November 25, 2022 at GIC
Reason for Removal: This Item has been incorporated into the
Council Strategic Planning Initiative

Establishment of a Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access
and Accountability
OBL Item: 2023-A1
Added: January 18, 2023 at GIC (Item 11.4)
Completed: August 14, 2023 at GIC (Item 10.4)

Hamilton Waterfront Trust - Options for Future Operations,
Programs & Services (FCS23029)
OBL Item: 2023-P
Added: March 22, 2023 at GIC (Item 8.1)
Completed: August 14, 2023 at GIC (Item 10.3)

(b) Items Requiring a New Due Date (Item 13.1(b)):

Grant or Low-Interest Loans from FCM (for the purposes of the park
development of the project lands including the properties – Ward 3
(PED20041 / LS20004/PW20016)
OBL Item: F
Current Due Date: July 10, 2023
Proposed New Due Date: October 18, 2023

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

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Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
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(n) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14) (Continued)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – July 10, 2023 (Item 14.1)

(Spadafora/Kroetsch)

That the General Issues Committee Closed Session Minutes of July 10, 2023, be approved and remain confidential.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
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(Spadafora/Pauls)

That Committee move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (c) and (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c) and (d) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and labour relations or employee negotiations.

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

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(ii) Property Acquisition in Ward 12 - REVISED (Item 14.3)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 15.

(iii) Collective Bargaining Update (Item 14.4)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 16.

(iv) Labour Disruption Contingency Planning - REVISED (Item 14.5)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 17.

(0) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Spadafora/Tadeson)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Matt Francis
Chair, General Issues Committee

Acting Deputy Mayor Tammy Hwang
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Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk