



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 24-002

9:30 a.m.

February 14, 2024

Council Chamber

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

Mayor Horwath called the meeting to order and recognized that Council is meeting on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, HuronWendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. It was further acknowledged that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and it was recognized that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

#### 5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.5 Correspondence respecting the Light Rail Transit (LRT):

(d) Jaime Oskam

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 3 of General Issues Committee Report 24-003.

5.12 Correspondence from Kelly Oucharek respecting the fire that burned down the woodland park bathroom.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities for appropriate action.

- 5.13 Correspondence from Keith Brooks, Environmental Defence, respecting the OEB Decision Supporting Gas Affordability.

Recommendation: Be received.

**7. MOTIONS**

- 7.4 Amendment to Item 1 of the Emergency and Community Services Report 23-011, respecting the Annual Winter Response Strategy (HSC23012(a)) (City Wide) - WITHDRAWN

**8. NOTICES OF MOTION**

- 8.1 City of Hamilton, Bird Friendly City

**12. BY-LAWS AND CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

- 028 To Amend Hamilton Zoning By-law No. 6593 Respecting Lands Located at 459 and 465 Rymal Road West, Hamilton - REVISED  
ZAC-23-048  
Ward: 14

**(Hwang/Cassar)**

That the agenda for the February 14, 2024 meeting of Council be approved, as amended.

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

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor B. Clark declared a disqualifying interest to Item 9 of the Planning Committee Report 24-001 within the January 24, 2024 Council Minutes respecting the Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal for lands located at 392, 398 400, 402, 406 and 412 Wilson Street East & 15 Lorne Avenue for Lack of Decision on Site Plan Control Application (DA-23-011) (LS24002) (Ward 12), as his son had a former business interest with the owner of Urban Solutions.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING****4. January 24, 2024 (Item 4.1)****(Pauls/Nann)**

That the Minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting of Council be approved, as presented.

Due to a declared conflict, the Planning Committee Report 24-001, was voted on separately as follows:

**Result: Motion, Planning Committee Report 24-001 CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar  
CONFLICT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis  
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch  
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin  
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora  
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson  
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson  
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

**Result: Motion on the balance of the January 24, 2024 Council Minutes CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis  
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch  
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin  
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora  
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## CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

### 3.1 50 Years of Service to Paramedicine - Chief Sanderson

Mayor Horwath, two weeks ago, had the profound honour of presenting Chief Michael Sanderson, of the Hamilton Paramedic Services, with the Paramedicine Lifetime Achievement Award.

This award was given to Chief Sanderson in recognition of his incredible 50 years of service to Paramedicine – a career that has been filled with commitment and dedication to the provision of excellent community service.

Chief Sanderson is only the 9<sup>th</sup> person in Canada to have reached this remarkable milestone, and I'm so proud that it was reached here at the City of Hamilton, where he has served as Chief of the Hamilton Paramedic Services for the last 10 years.

Some, may know that Chief Sanderson was recently awarded the 2023 Premier's Award for Health Sciences.

What some might not know is that, as part of this award, Chief Sanderson is entitled to give out bursaries to students at Humber College – his alma mater – over the next 5 years.

As he gets to set criteria for recipients, Chief Sanderson has indicated his desire to see the bursaries be awarded to Indigenous women entering their second year of Humber's Paramedics Program.

This is truly a testament to how Chief Sanderson champions new Paramedics, particularly those who may not have historically seen themselves represented in the field.

Mayor Horwath on behalf of the City of Hamilton, was proud to present Chief Sanderson with a certificate in recognition of a distinguished career, and a lifetime of service.

### 3.2 Circle of Beads

The Circle of Beads is the Hamilton Urban Indigenous Consultation Circle (hereafter referred to as the 'Circle'). The Circle is a unified and collaborative advocacy Circle of Indigenous Leaders from organizations and community, serving First Nations, Inuit and Metis and urban indigenous people (Fnimui) across the greater Hamilton area (GHA).

The Circle convenes to address colonial violence as it intersects with enforcement, corrections, policing, courts, child welfare, houseless people, healthcare, education, governing officials and includes indigenous children, youth and adults.

Indigenous people, families and communities continue to experience harm and violence stemming from processes of colonization, including implicit and explicit bias leading to attitudes ranging from apathy to disgust, and resulting in acts of discrimination, prejudice, racism, and targeted hatred.

The Circle initially came together as a collective, in response to the injustice experienced by Patrick Tomchuk, a 32-year-old indigenous man who was violently assaulted by a police officer employed by Hamilton Police Services in May of 2022.

The Circle was formed as a 'call to justice' to challenge current institutions and push for systemic changes.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### (McMeekin/Hwang)

That Council Communications 5.1 to 5.13 be approved, *as amended*, as follows:

- 5.1 Correspondence from the County of Prince Edward requesting support for their resolution requesting that the Province expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements.

Recommendation: Be received.

- 5.2 Correspondence from Barbara Sliwa respecting the astronomical property tax hike.

Recommendation: Be received.

- 5.3 Correspondence from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry respecting Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act regulation changes for special projects and well security.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Public Works for appropriate action.

- 5.4 Correspondence from the Town of Orangeville requesting support for their resolution requesting that the Province undertake a comprehensive social and economic

prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Recommendation: Be endorsed.

5.5 Correspondence respecting the Light Rail Transit (LRT):

- (a) Blossom Okoh
- (b) Austin Daniels
- (c) Kim Zivanovich
- (d) Jaime Oskam

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 3 of General Issues Committee Report 24-003.

5.6 Correspondence from Kim Zivanovich For Those Who Think Debt Doesn't Matter.

Recommendation: Be received.

5.7 Correspondence from the Municipality of Calvin requesting support for their resolution urging the Federal Government to commit additional funds for cost sharing of provincial firefighting and to consider the development of a national strategy for firefighting.

Recommendation: Be received.

5.8 Correspondence from the City of Brantford requesting support for their resolution respecting Reliable and Accessible Public Rail Transit - CN Rail.

Recommendation: Be **endorsed**.

5.9 Correspondence from Robert Bean respecting the Vacant Unit Tax.

Recommendation: Be received.

5.10 Correspondence from Paula Kilburn respecting a perspective from a person with vision loss on using the HSR.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Public Works for appropriate action.

5.11 Correspondence from Kamal Sardar, a Request to the City Council, need for making an "Annual Taxi Tariff Review Committee".

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development for appropriate action.

- 5.12 Correspondence from Kelly Oucharek respecting the fire that burned down the woodland park bathroom.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities for appropriate action.

- 5.13 Correspondence from Keith Brooks, Environmental Defence, respecting the OEB Decision Supporting Gas Affordability.

Recommendation: Be received.

**Result: Motion on the Communication Items, as Amended, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis  
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch  
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin  
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
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YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

**(McMeekin/Hwang)**

That Council move into Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Committee Reports.

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

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YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis  
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YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
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- YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT 24-002**

**(M. Wilson/Tadeson)**

That Public Health Committee Report 24-002, being the meeting held on Monday, February 5, 2024, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

**Result: Motion on the Public Health Committee Report 24-002, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT 24-002**

**(A. Wilson/Clark)**

That Public Works Committee Report 24-002, being the meeting held on Monday, February 5, 2024, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

**Result: Motion on the Public Works Committee Report 24-002, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:**

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann



YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora  
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson  
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson  
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

<b>PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT 24-002</b>
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**(Cassar/Kroetsch)**

That Planning Committee Report 24-002, being the meeting held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Upon Council's request, Item 5 was voted on separately, as follows:

**5. Inactive Taxi Plate Fee (PED24019) (City Wide) (Item 11.1)**

- (a) That the reinstatement of the temporary Inactive Taxi Plate Fee of \$120 be approved and remain in place until such time as the staff directed review of Licensing By-law 07-170, Schedule 25 (Taxi cabs) identified as Item 8 of Planning Committee Report 23-020 be completed; and
- (b) That subject to the approval of recommendation (a), the City of Hamilton User Fees and Charges By-law No. 23-112, be amended as per attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED24019.

**Result: Motion on Item 5 of the Planning Committee Report 24-002, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 5, as follows:**

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
NO - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar  
NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis  
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath  
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YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
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NO - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora  
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson  
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson  
NO - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

**Result: Motion on the balance of the Planning Committee Report 24-002, CARRIED, by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis  
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
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YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora  
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson  
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson  
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 24-003**

**(McMeekin/Hwang)**

That General Issues Committee Report 24-003, being the meeting held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

**Result: Motion on the General Issues Committee Report 24-003, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis  
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch  
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YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
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YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson  
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson  
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

**AUDIT, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT 24-003**

**(Hwang/McMeekin)**

That Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 24-003, being the meeting held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

**Result: Motion on the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 24-003, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis  
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang  
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YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
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YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson  
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson  
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

<b>EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 24-002</b>
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**(A. Wilson/Clark)**

That Emergency and Community Services Committee Report 24-002, being the meeting held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

**Result: Motion on the Emergency and Community Services Committee Report 24-002, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis  
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**STAFF REPORTS**

**6.7(a) 41 South Street West, Dundas Disposition Strategy - Update (PED23151(a))  
(Ward 13)**

**(A. Wilson/Beattie)**

That Report PED23151(a), respecting 41 South Street West, Dundas Disposition Strategy – Update, be received.

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

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis  
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath  
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**(McMeekin/Hwang)**

That Council rise from Committee of the Whole.

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

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
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<b>MOTIONS</b>
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Mayor Horwath relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor McMeekin, in order to move the following motion.

**7.1 Establishing a Sister City relationship between the City of Hamilton and Paynesville City, Liberia**

**(Horwath/Hwang)**

WHEREAS, a Sister City is a broad-based, long-term partnership between two communities in two countries. A relationship is officially recognized after the highest elected or appointed official from both communities sign off on an agreement to become sister cities;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has established Sister City (twinning) relationships with several other cities internationally in the past;

WHEREAS, establishing a Sister City relationship Paynesville City in Liberia builds on the success of the decade long multi-layer and local partnerships forged by Empowerment Squared to build the Liberian Learning Center (Hamilton Public Library, McMaster University, McCallum Sather Architects, Rotary Club of Hamilton); and

WHEREAS entering into a Sister City Agreement with Paynesville City in Liberia will formalize and strengthen the relationship between our two cities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

- (a) That the City of Hamilton supports establishing a Sister City relationship between the City of Hamilton and Paynesville City, Liberia; and
- (b) That pursuant to the adoption of this resolution, the City Manager be directed to prepare and enter into an agreement with the Mayor of Paynesville, Liberia to formalize the Sister City relationship.

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

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis  
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Mayor Horwath assumed the Chair.

## 7.2 Potential Lease with Kemp Care Network to Build a Paediatric Hospice at 41 South St. West - *REVISED*

### (A. Wilson/Horwath)

WHEREAS a critical gap in health infrastructure for the most seriously ill and dying children and those grieving their loss exists in Southcentral Ontario, and this gap is to be filled with the build of a paediatric hospice in Hamilton by Kemp Care Network (formerly Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice), close to and in partnership with the world-renowned McMaster Children's Hospital. Filling this gap could help 1000 seriously ill and dying children in our region and provide a healing ripple to thousands more;

WHEREAS on January 25, 2023 Council directed that staff undertake the due diligence required to determine the feasibility of the proposed disposition of the vacant surplus lands at 41 South St. W (rear) to the Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice, including but not limited to valuation, tenure, land use, and maximization of site utilization, and that staff report back to the General Issues Committee with recommendations respecting a land disposition strategy for the site;

WHEREAS the Kemp Care Network has undertaken due diligence and has identified no challenges to the viability or feasibility of the future build;

WHEREAS City staff and the Kemp Care Network are in the process of undertaking a site analysis to ensure prudent development and maximal use;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the disposition strategy for the vacant surplus lands at 41 South St. W (rear), which staff has been directed to bring back to the General Issues Committee for Council's consideration, **consider** the following as part of the terms and conditions:
  - (i) a lease rate of \$25,000 a year, to commence upon occupancy (expected early 2026);
  - (ii) a lease term of 49-years; and
  - (iii) a requirement for a report by the Kemp Care Network to the General Issues Committee at least every five years, including a report by Kemp Care Network on community impact.

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

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath  
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### **7.3 Appointment of an Acting Deputy Clerk**

#### **(Jackson/McMeekin)**

- (a) That Angela McRae be appointed Acting Deputy Clerk for the City of Hamilton effective February 14, 2024; and
- (b) That a By-law to Appoint an Acting Deputy Clerk be prepared and enacted by Council.

#### **Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar  
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YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
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YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson  
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

### **7.5 Support for the Decision of the Ontario Energy Board to End the Gas Pipeline Subsidy**

#### **(Cassar/M. Wilson)**

WHEREAS, residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief;

WHEREAS, natural gas is no longer the cheapest way to heat homes because electric heat pumps are now much more efficient, can provide all heating needs even in the cold climates, and result in far lower energy bills over the long term compared to gas heating;

WHEREAS, natural gas is methane gas, which is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions, and must be phased out because it is inconsistent with all climate targets, while heat pumps result in the lowest GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future;

WHEREAS, the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) decided to end a subsidy for methane gas pipelines to be built in new construction developments, effective 2025, finding that this would lower energy bills for existing gas customers and improve affordability for new homebuyers, but this decision is at risk of being overturned by the provincial government;

WHEREAS, the OEB decision will help lower energy bills and encourage heating systems that are consistent with climate targets and plans;

WHEREAS, the construction of *new* methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year lifetimes, should not be subsidized because they are inconsistent with the City’s climate targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to get off fossil fuel heating, and a continued financial drain as dollars leave the province to pay for fossil fuels extracted in other jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, Hamilton City Council declared a climate emergency in 2019;

WHEREAS, transforming our buildings by supporting actions that improve the energy efficiency and GHG profile of new buildings within the City is one of 5 low-carbon transformations from ReCharge Hamilton, the City’s Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP); and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is actively working to support the decarbonization of heating and cooling systems in existing and future building stock within the community, as demonstrated by the Better Homes Hamilton Home Energy Retrofit Pilot Program, which will provide 0% interest loans to up to 50 Hamilton homeowners to enable them to transition away from fossil-fuel powered heating and cooling equipment to low carbon air or ground source heat pump systems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton expresses its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the gas pipeline subsidy and requests that the Ontario Government allow the decision to stand; and
- (b) That this resolution be circulated to the President of Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Colin Best; Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Energy, Todd Smith; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy and all Ontario Municipalities requesting support for the proposed changes.

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

NOT PRESENT - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar



YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
NOT PRESENT- Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis  
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch  
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin  
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora  
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson  
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson  
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

**7.6 Amendment to Item 9 of the General Issues Committee Report 22-010, respecting Depaving Initiatives on Barton Street in Ward 3 (Item 11.1)**

**(Nann/Kroetsch)**

WHEREAS, at its meeting of May 25, 2022, City Council approved Item 9 of General Issues Committee Report 22-010, respecting Depaving Initiatives on Barton Street in Ward 3;

WHEREAS, there is a remaining balance of \$15,036.00 in the Canada Community-Building Funds Capital Project ID#4032111103, which was to be used for depaving initiatives on Barton Street in Ward 3; and

WHEREAS, Green Venture has exhausted all of the viable sites along Barton Street in Ward 3 and need to pursue sites in the Ward 3 beyond that area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Item 9(a) of General Issues Committee Report 22-010, ***be amended***, to read as follows:

**9. Depaving Initiatives on Barton Street in Ward 3 (Item 11.1)**

- (a) That the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development be authorized and directed to provide funding up to a maximum of \$50,000 to Green Venture for capital costs associated with depaving initiatives on Barton Street ***and other sites*** in Ward 3 to be funded from the Council-approved Canada Community-Building Funds Capital Project ID #4032111103;

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

NOT PRESENT - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko

NOT PRESENT - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis  
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch  
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin  
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora  
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson  
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson  
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

<b>NOTICES OF MOTION</b>
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Councillor Kroetsch introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**8.1 City of Hamilton, Bird Friendly City**

WHEREAS, Hamilton is the home to many bird populations, including along migratory paths, who rely on its natural features including the Hamilton Harbour, lakes, ponds, marshes, creeks, and other natural waterways, forested greenspace, Greenbelt lands, and many other natural habitats for their survival;

WHEREAS, the Bird Friendly City program by Nature Canada provides recognition to municipalities that have worked to save bird lives and provides a framework for continual improvement, with the opportunity to earn higher levels of certification;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has currently achieved an “Entry” status as a bird friendly city after taking initial steps, in 2022 and 2023, including naming the peregrine falcon the City’s official bird;

WHEREAS, in order to eventually achieve an “Intermediate” or “High” ranking as a bird friendly city, like Burlington, Guelph, London, Toronto, and Windsor have achieved, City Council must pass a resolution; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2022, the City of Burlington put forward a similar motion that was passed by its City Council.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That City Council support Hamilton being certified a Bird Friendly City by Nature Canada as nominated by the Bird Friendly Hamilton Burlington group; and
- (b) That City staff, as determined by the City Manager, be directed to report back on the additional actions identified by the Bird Friendly Hamilton Burlington group to support the Bird Friendly City certification by Q4 2024.

**STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Members of Council used this opportunity to discuss matters of general interest.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION UPDATES****(McMeekin/Hwang)**

That the listing of Council Communication Updates from January 19, 2024 to February 8, 2024, be received.

**Result: Motion on the Council Communication Updates from January 19, 2024 to February 8, 2024 CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis  
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch  
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin  
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora  
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson  
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson  
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

**BY-LAWS AND CONFIRMING BY-LAW****(McMeekin/Hwang)**

That Bills No. 24-019 to No. 24-029 be passed, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto, and that the By-laws, be numbered, be signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk to read as follows:

- 019 To Amend By-law No. 01-215, Being a By-law to Regulate Traffic Schedule 5 (Stop Control)  
Ward: 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12
- 020 To Permanently Close and Sell a Portion of the Public Unassumed Alley Adjacent to 1415 Barton Street East, Hamilton, being Part of the Alleyway lying South of Vansitmart Avenue, between Division Street and Cope Street on Registered Plan Number 371, in the City of Hamilton. Designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 62R-21939, being Part of PIN 17253-0194 (LT)  
Ward: 4
- 021 To Appoint an Acting Deputy City Clerk for the City of Hamilton  
Ward: City Wide

- 022 To Amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended, Being a By-law to Regulate On-Street Parking  
Schedule 8 (No Parking Zones)  
Schedule 12 (Permit Parking Zones)  
Schedule 13 (No Stopping Zones)  
Schedule 14 (Wheelchair Loading Zones)  
Ward: 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11
- 023 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200 with Respect to Lands Located at 164, 168 and 176 Rymal Road East, Hamilton  
ZAC-23-050  
Ward: 8
- 024 To Designate The Housing for Hamilton Community Improvement Project Area(2024)  
Ward: City Wide
- 025 To Adopt The Housing for Hamilton Community Improvement Plan (2024)  
Ward: City Wide
- 026 To Enact a By-law to Delegate Approval Authority for Certain Grants and Forgivable Loans and to Amend Terms for Certain Incentive Programs Under the 'Housing for Hamilton Community Improvement Plan (2024)' funded by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Housing Accelerator Fund  
Ward: City Wide
- 027 To Amend By-law No. 22-005, the Emergency Management Program By-law, as amended, and To Repeal By-law No. 23-033  
Ward: City Wide
- 028 To Amend Hamilton Zoning By-law No. 6593 Respecting Lands Located at 459 and 465 Rymal Road West, Hamilton - REVISED  
ZAC-23-048  
Ward: 14
- 029 To Confirm the Proceedings of City Council

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

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis  
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch  
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin  
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora  
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson  
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson  
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

**(Tadeson/Kroetsch)**

That, there being no further business, City Council be adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

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

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie  
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis  
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath  
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Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Andrea Horwath

Janet Pilon  
Acting City Clerk