



**General Issues Committee  
MINUTES  
9:30 a.m.  
Friday, February 15, 2013  
(Rescheduled from February 8, 2013)  
Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West**

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**Present:** Deputy Mayor Pasuta, (Chair)  
Mayor B. Bratina  
Councillors B. Clark, C. Collins, J. Farr, L. Ferguson,  
T. Jackson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, J. Partridge,  
M. Pearson B. Johnson B. Morelli, and R. Powers

**Absent with Regrets:** Councillors S. Duvall City Business  
Councillor T. Whitehead

**1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

The Clerk advised that Item 4.2 has been changed to Item 4.2 (a) which will be the presentation by the Fire Chief and 4.2 (b) which will be the presentation by the Paramedic Chief.

**(Johnson/Powers)**

That the agenda be approved as amended

**CARRIED**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none declared.

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

None

<b>4. STAFF PRESENTATIONS</b>
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#### **4.1 Community Services**

Joe-Anne Priel, General Manager of the Community Services Department addressed the Committee and presented an introduction to the department's budget with the aid of a Power Point Presentation a copy of which was distributed and was uploaded to the City's website. It is part of the official record.

Her presentation included but was not limited to the following:

- Overview – organizational chart;
- Other information:
  - Ontario Works program – FAQ's; mandatory/discretionary/SDR;
  - OW caseload – assumptions;
  - Reserve sustainability – OW stabilization, Social Service Initiative Fund;
  - Discretionary benefits;
- Additional information – Capital & 100% Funded FTE;
- Permanent Vacancies;
- 2013 Net Operating Budget by Division;
- 2013 Gross Expenditures - \$379,834,190;
- 2013 Gross – Net Departmental Budget;
- 2013 Base Budget Savings;
- Services with no sustainable funding;
- 2013 Budget by Division;
- Administration – 2013 Net Operating Budget by Section – 2013 Gross – Net Divisional Budget.

The following Directors presented the budgets for their Divisions and responded to questions from the Committee:

- Bill Atanas, Director of Benefit Eligibility
- Kerry Lubrick, Director, Employment & Income Support
- Gillian Hendry, Director, Housing Services
- Vicki Woodcox, Senior Administrator, Macassa Lodge & Wentworth Lodge
- Chris Herstek, Director, District Recreation Operations, Recreation
- Grace Mater, Manager, Best Start/Early Years System Management, Social Development & Early Childhood Services

- Terry Quinn, Director, Strategic Services & Hamilton Farmers' Market

The Directors' presentations included but were not limited to the following topics:

- Overview – organizational chart;
- Performance Metrics/Service Levels;
- 2013 Net Operating Budget by Section;
- 2013 Gross – Net Divisional Budget;
- 2013 Major Cost Drivers.

**(Clark/Pearson)**

That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of installing a BMX (pedal) bike track at Heritage Green Sports Park.

**CARRIED**

**(Partridge/Jackson)**

That the presentations respecting the 2013 Community Services Budget be received.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 Hamilton Emergency Services:**

**(a) Hamilton Fire Department**

Chief Rob Simonds addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and copies of the hand-out were distributed and a copy was uploaded onto the City web page and included in the Clerk's file for the record.

The Fire Chief's presentation included but was not limited to the following:

- Overview – organizational chart;
- Vacancies as of December 31;
- 2013 Net Operating Budget by Section;
- 2013 Gross – Net Divisional Budget;
- 2013 Major Cost Drivers;
- Performance Metrics/Service Levels;
- 2013 Initiatives.

Chief Rob Simonds responded to questions from Committee.

**(Johnson/Morelli)**

That the presentation respecting the 2013 Hamilton Fire Department Budget be received.

**CARRIED**

**(b) Hamilton Paramedic Services**

Brent Browett, Paramedic Chief/EMS Director addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and copies of the hand-out were distributed and a copy was uploaded onto the City web page and included in the Clerk's file for the record

The Paramedic Chief/EMS Director's presentation included but was not limited to the following:

- Overview – organizational chart;
- Additional Information – permanent vacancies;
- Performance metrics/Service Levels;
- 2013 Net Operating Budget by Section;
- 2013 Gross – Net Divisional Budget;
- 2013 Major Cost Drivers;
- 2013 Initiatives.

Brent Browett responded to questions from Committee.

**(Powers/Pearson)**

That the presentation respecting the 2013 Hamilton Paramedic Services Budget be received.

**CARRIED**

**5. MOTIONS**

**6. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**7. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS**

**8. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**(Morelli/Collins)**

There being no further business, that the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted

R. Pasuta  
Deputy Mayor

Ida Bedioui  
Legislative Co-ordinator  
Office of the City Clerk