



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE 2015 BUDGET MINUTES 15-003

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 15, 2015

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Deputy Mayor R. Pasuta (Chair)
Councillors A. Johnson, J. Farr, L. Ferguson, M. Green, S. Merulla, C. Collins, T. Jackson, S. Duvall, T. Whitehead, D. Conley, M. Pearson, A. VanderBeek, J. Partridge

**Absent
with Regrets:** B. Johnson – Bereavement

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Rapid Transit Studies Funding (Item 9.5)

(Collins/Pearson)

That the Mayor be directed to correspond with Metrolinx to request that the \$1.8 million dollars for the Rapid Transit Studies be funded by Metrolinx.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

- (i) Added as Item 8.1 – Report FCS15002 – 2015 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget (*Tabled at the January 9, 2015 GIC meeting*).

- (ii) Report FCS15002 – 2015 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget – Appendix G, Page 12 of 14, Reference #6 - Surcharge Discharge Fee (charge per m3) should read “\$1.41”, not “1.35”.
- (iii) Staff has requested that Item 8.1, Report FCS15002 – 2015 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget, be moved up on the agenda to be considered before Item 7.1.

(Green/Collins)

That the agenda for the January 15, 2015 General Issues Committee Budget meeting be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) 2015 Tax Supported Capital Budget (FCS15011) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, provided an overview of the 2015 Tax Supported Capital Budget. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- 2015 Capital Budget Objectives
- Overview
- 2015 – 2024 Capital Forecast
- Past Capital Budgets
 - 2012 – 2015 Capital Funding
 - Capital Levy History
 - 2010 – 2015 Capital Funding
- 2015 Capital Expenditures
 - 2015 Gross Capital Budget by Program
 - 2015 Gross Capital Highlights
 - State of Good Repair
 - 2015 Proposed Capital Budget
 - Roads Capital 2010 – 2015
 - 2015 Roads Capital Program

- Boards and Agencies
 - Boards and Agencies 2015 Capital
 - Library 2015 Capital
 - Preliminary Police 2015 Capital
 - 2015 Unfunded Projects
- 2015 Capital Financing
 - 2015 Capital Funding
 - 2015 Reserve Funding
 - Special Capital Reinvestment
- 10 Year Capital Expenditure Forecast
 - 2015 – 2024 Capital Forecast by Program
 - 2015 – 2024 Capital Funding Forecast
 - Tax Capital Forecast 2015 – 2024
 - Capital Funding Sources 2015 – 2024
 - Discretionary Funding Forecast
- Capital Reserves Forecast
 - Reserve Sustainability
 - Capital Reserve Forecast
 - Centre Fleet Reserve Forecast
 - Paramedic Services Vehicle Reserve Forecast
 - Hamilton Future Fund Forecast
- Debt
 - Debt Forecast 2015 – 2024
 - Consolidated Outstanding Debt Forecast 2015 – 2024
 - Debt Comparison to Other Municipalities
 - Future Unfunded Projects
 - Previously Approved Projects Requiring Additional Funding
 - Operating and FTE Impact
 - Next Steps

(Pearson/VanderBeek)

That the presentation, respecting Report FCS15011 – 2015 Tax Supported Capital Budget, be received.

CARRIED

A full copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca.

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) 2015 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget (FCS15002) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Pearson/Partridge)

That Report FCS15002, respecting the 2015 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget, be lifted from the Table.

CARRIED

Brian McMullen provided additional information to Committee, which was requested at the January 9, 2015, respecting the 2015 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget (Item 8.1(a)).

(Jackson/Eisenberger)

That the additional information provided by staff, respecting the 2015 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget, be received.

CARRIED

1. Additional 6.73 FTEs – Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget - Parked

(Jackson/Eisenberger)

That the following recommendation be “parked” in the budget process for consideration at a future date:

- (aa) That the additional 6.73 Full Time Equivalent Rate Supported Staffing be approved as per Appendix “F” to Report FCS15002;

The following resolution was forwarded to the January 21, 2015 Council for consideration:

2. 2015 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget (FCS15002) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Jackson/Eisenberger)

- (a) That the metered water consumption charges for residential properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the following rates, as of January 22, 2015:

Monthly Water Consumption (m3)	Rate (\$/m3)
0 – 10	0.66
10 +	1.32

- (b) That the metered water consumption charge for commercial, industrial, institutional, and multi-residential (bulk meter) properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the rate of \$1.32 per cubic metre, as of January 22, 2015;
- (c) That daily water fixed charges for all properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the following rates, as of January 22, 2015:

Meter Size	Daily Water Rate
15 mm	\$ 0.30
16 mm	\$ 0.30
20 mm	\$ 0.30
25 mm	\$ 0.75
38 mm	\$ 1.50
50 mm	\$ 2.40
75 mm	\$ 4.80
100 mm	\$ 7.50
150 mm	\$ 15.00
200 mm	\$ 24.00
250 mm	\$ 34.50
300 mm	\$ 51.00

- (d) That the wastewater/storm treatment charges for residential properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the following rates, effective January 22, 2015:

Monthly Water Consumption (m3)	Rate (\$/m3)
0 – 10	0.71
10 +	1.41

- (e) That the wastewater/storm treatment charge for all commercial, industrial, institutional, and multi-residential (bulk meter) properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the rate of \$1.41 per cubic metre, effective January 22, 2015;
- (f) That daily wastewater/storm fixed charges for all properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the following rates, effective January 22, 2015:

Meter Size	Daily Wastewater/Storm Rate
15 mm	\$ 0.30
16 mm	\$ 0.30
20 mm	\$ 0.30
25 mm	\$ 0.75
38 mm	\$ 1.50
50 mm	\$ 2.40
75 mm	\$ 4.80
100 mm	\$ 7.50
150 mm	\$ 15.00
200 mm	\$ 24.00
250 mm	\$ 34.50
300 mm	\$ 51.00

- (g) That the residential non-metered annual water rate be imposed at the flat rate of \$472.20 per annum, effective January 22, 2015;
- (h) That the residential non-metered annual wastewater/storm rate be imposed at the flat rate of \$499.40 per annum, effective January 22, 2015;
- (i) That the residential combined non-metered annual water and wastewater/storm rate be imposed at the flat rate of \$971.60 per annum, effective January 22, 2015;
- (j) That the Private Fire Line rates be imposed at the following rates, effective January 22, 2015:

Connection Size		Monthly Rate
(mm)	inches	
25	1.0	\$ 3.00
38	1.5	\$ 6.90
50	2.0	\$ 12.00
75	3.0	\$ 27.00
100	4.0	\$ 48.00
150	6.0	\$ 108.00
200	8.0	\$ 192.00
250	10.0	\$ 192.00
300	12.0	\$ 192.00

- (k) That the 2015 Water, Wastewater & Storm Proposed Fees and Charges be imposed as per Appendix "G" to attached Report FCS15002, as amended, effective January 22, 2015;
- (l) That the 2015 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Management Rate Supported Operating Budget in the amount of \$ 183,754,760 be approved as per Appendix "A" attached to Report FCS15002;
- (m) That the long-term financing plan for the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater programs and related rate increases required to meet sustainable financing, as identified in the 2015-2024 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Management Rate Supported Operating Budget forecast (Appendix "A" attached to Report FCS15002), be approved in principle;
- (n) That the 2015 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Management Rate Supported Capital Budget and Financing Plan in the amount of \$ 148,036,000, be approved as per Appendix "H" attached to Report FCS15002;
- (o) That the 2015-2024 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Management Rate Supported Capital Budget forecast and financing plan (Appendix "I" attached to Report FCS15002), be approved in principle;
- (p) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare, for Council approval, all necessary by-laws respecting the 2015 water and wastewater/storm user fees, charges and rates set out in recommendations (a) through (k) of Report FCS15002.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED**

(e) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) Asset Renewal Management Plan Priority (9.1)

(Jackson/Duvall)

That staff be directed to make the Asset Renewal Management Plan a priority, for the current term of Council (2014-2018), commencing with the 2015 budget, and report to the General Issues Committee with options accordingly.

CARRIED

(ii) Identification of an Additional 0.5% Funding for Local Roads (Item 9.2)

(Merulla/Collins)

That staff be directed to rate prioritize projects to identify the equivalent of 1%; an additional 0.5% to be found through the existing Corporate wide budget, to be dedicated to local roads on a one-time basis and report back to the 2015 General Issues Committee budget process.

CARRIED

(iii) \$400,000 Funding for Proposed Local Roads Enhancement – Parked (Item 9.3)

(Collins/Merulla)

(a) That Capital project 5121541004 – Waste Collection Ergonomic Improvements, be removed from the proposed 2015 Capital budget; and,

(b) That the \$400,000 from the removed Capital project 5121541004 – Waste Collection Ergonomic Improvements, be parked, and earmarked as a funding source for the proposed local roads enhancement.

(iv) 2014 Balance of Council's Strategic Priorities Budget – Possible Revenue Source for Capital Infrastructure Deficits – Parked (Item 9.4)

(Collins/Ferguson)

That Council's remaining 2014 Strategic Priorities budget, in the amount of \$800,000, be parked as a possible revenue source for capital infrastructure deficits.

CARRIED

(v) Establishment of a Policy respecting the Use of the Hamilton Police Service Annual Surplus Budget (Item 9.6)

(Collins/Jackson)

That staff be directed to establish a Policy with respect to the use of the Hamilton Police Service annual surplus budget and report to the General Issues Committee.

CARRIED

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Pearson/VanderBeek)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee, be adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Pasuta, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk