



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE  
2015 BUDGET  
MINUTES 15-004(d)**

9:30 a.m.

Friday, February 13, 2015

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent  
with Regrets:** Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

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**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:**

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

- (i) Added as Item 3.1 – Minutes of the January 27, GIC Budget Meeting
- (ii) Added as Item 3.2 – Minutes of the January 28, 2015 GIC Budget Meeting
- (iii) Added as Item 3.3 – Minutes of the January 30, 2015 GIC Meeting
- (iv) Added as Item 10.1 – a Notice of Motion respecting a proposed Land Swap between the Owner of 236 Crestview Ave, Ancaster and the City of Hamilton

**(Pasuta/A. Johnson)**

That the agenda for the February 13, 2015 General Issues Committee Budget meeting be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**(i) January 27, 2015 (Item 3.1)**

**(B. Johnson/Pearson)**

That the Minutes of the January 27, 2015 meeting of the General Issues Committee, be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) January 28, 2015 (Item 3.2)**

**(B. Johnson/Pearson)**

That the Minutes of the January 28, 2015 meeting of the General Issues Committee, be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(iii) January 30, 2015 (Item 3.3)**

**(B. Johnson/Pearson)**

That the Minutes of the January 30, 2015 meeting of the General Issues Committee, be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Community & Emergency Services Department 2015 Budget Presentation (Item 7.1)**

Gillian Hendry, Acting General Manager of the Community and Emergency Services Department, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Community and Emergency Services Department's 2015 Budget submission. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Service Delivery Profiles
- 2014 Highlights
- 2015 Initiatives
- 2015 Challenges
  
- 2015 Preliminary Tax Operating Budget:
  - Overview
  - FTE Complement by Funding Source
  - Permanent Vacancies

- 2015 Net Operating Budget by Division:
- 2015 Gross Expenditures \$513,541,830
- 2015 Revenue Sources \$513,541,830
- 2015 Gross – Net Departmental Budget
- 2015 Major Cost Drivers
  
- 2015 Budget by Division:
  - Administration
  - Employment and Income Support
  - Benefit Eligibility
  - Children’s and Home Management Services
  - Housing Services
  - Macassa Lodge
  - Wentworth Lodge
  - Neighbourhood and Community Initiatives
  - Recreation
  - Hamilton Fire Department
  - Hamilton Paramedic Service

**(Green/Jackson)**

That the presentation, respecting the Community and Emergency Services Department’s 2015 Budget presentation, be received.

**CARRIED**

A full copy of the presentation is available through the Office of the City Clerk or on the City’s website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca).

**(ii) Corporate Services Department 2015 Budget Presentation (Item 7.2)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of the Finance & Corporate Services Department, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Corporate Services Department’s 2015 Budget submission. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Team Effort
- Employee Recognition
- Overview
- Net Vacancies
- 2014 Highlights
- 2015 Initiatives
- Service Delivery Profiles
- 2015 Preliminary Tax Operating Budget by Division
- 2015 Gross – Net Departmental Budget
- 2015 Challenges

- 2015 Budget by Division:
  - Corporate Services Administration
  - Finance, Administration and Revenue Generation
  - Financial Planning and Policy
  - Financial Services
  - Information Technology
  - Taxation
  - Customer Service, Access & Equity

**(Green/Partridge)**

That the presentation, respecting the Corporate Services Department's 2015 Budget presentation, be received.

**CARRIED**

A full copy of the presentation is available through the Office of the City Clerk or on the City's website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca).

**(iii) City Manager's Office 2015 Budget Presentation (Item 7.3)**

Chris Murray, City Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the City Manager's Office 2015 Budget presentation. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Overview
- 2014 Highlights
- 2015 Initiatives
- Service Delivery Profiles
- 2015 Net Operating Budget by Division
- 2015 Gross – Net Departmental Budget
- 2015 Major Costs Drivers
- 2015 Challenge
  
- 2015 Budget by Division:
  - Overview
  - Administration
  - Audit Services
  - Office of the City Clerk
  - Human Resources
  - Legal Services

**(Pearson/Merulla)**

That the presentation, respecting the City Manager's Office 2015 Budget presentation, be received. **CARRIED**

A full copy of the presentation is available through the Office of the City Clerk or on the City's website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca).

**(e) MOTIONS (Item 9)**

**(Ferguson/B. Johnson)**

That Chief Simonds be directed to report to a future meeting of the General Issues Committee to advise why the City of Hamilton's Fire Department does not perform ice rescues.

**CARRIED**

**(f) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)**

Councillor L. Ferguson introduced the following Notice of Motion, which will be put before the General Issues Committee as a Motion at their regular meeting of February 18, 2015:

**(i) Land Swap – 236 Crestview Ave, Ancaster and City of Hamilton (Item 10.1)**

That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of a land swap with the property owner at 236 Crestview Avenue, Ancaster (referred to as Part 1 on the map attached hereto as Appendix "A") with the City of Hamilton, for the property known as part of the Hemming Park Open Space (referred to as Part 2 on the map attached hereto as Appendix "A"), in the interest of providing public access to Hemming Park from Crestview Avenue and report back to General Issues Committee.

**(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

**(Pearson/B. Johnson)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee, be adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor S. Duvall and Councillor R. Pasuta  
Chairs, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk