



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE  
OPERATING BUDGET  
MINUTES 16-003(d)**

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

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**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:**

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

There were no changes to the agenda.

**(VanderBeek/Conley)**

That the agenda for the January, 27 2016 General Issues Committee Budget meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) PRESENTATIONS (Item 5)**

**(i) Hamilton Public Library – 2016 Proposed Budget Submission (Item 5.1)**

Paul Takala, Chief Librarian/CEO, Mary Ann Leach, Board Chair for 2016, and Jennifer Gautrey, Board Chair for 2015, addressed Committee

respecting the Hamilton Library Board's 2016 Proposed Budget Submission. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- The Hamilton Public Library Board is requesting a 2016 budget increase of \$293,070 (1%).
- 2016 Budget Overview
- 2016 Budget Pressures
- 2016 Positive Budget Drivers
- Future Budget Challenges
- 2015 Staffing and Activity Summary
- Update from the Hamilton Public Library
- Library Board Strategic Priorities Aligned with City Goals
- Building a Stronger Hamilton Together
- Library Spaces Bring People Together
- Witness Blanket
- Waterdown Branch
- Central Library Renovations
- Major Construction 2016
- Ongoing Infrastructure Renewal
- 125 Years of Services

**(Jackson/Partridge)**

That the presentation, respecting the Hamilton Public Library's 2016 Proposed Budget Submission, be received.

**CARRIED**

A full copy of the presentation is available on the City's website or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(ii) **Hamilton Police Services Board – 2016 Proposed Budget Submission (Item 5.2)**

Acting Police Chief Eric Girt, and Ted Mason, Assistant Manager of Finance addressed Committee respecting the Hamilton Police Services Board's 2016 Proposed Budget Submission. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- The Hamilton Police Services Board approved a 2016 Operating Budget request of 2.79%.
- Staffing
- Policing Context – *Police Services Act* Mandate
- Foundation for Success
- Performance Highlights
- Crime Reduction
- Major Cases Solved
- Increased Service Demands
- Increased Reporting
- Increased Enforcement
- Evidence-Based Deployment Results
- Increased Visibility
- Hamilton Police Services Board 2016 Operating Budget Request - \$153,250,066 (2.79%)

**(Ferguson/Whitehead)**

That the presentation, respecting the Hamilton Police Services Board's 2016 Proposed Budget Submission, be received.

**CARRIED**

A full copy of the presentation is available on the City's website or through the Office of the City Clerk.

**(d) ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)**

**(Ferguson/VanderBeek)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee Budget meeting, be adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor M. Pearson  
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk