



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

9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 1, 2016

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillors A. Johnson, B. Johnson – Personal

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

3.1 January 29, 2015

(Pearson/Partridge)

That the agenda for the February 1, 2016 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 29, 2016

(Pearson/Partridge)

That the Minutes of the January 29, 2016 General Issues Committee Budget meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Public Works Department – Proposed 2016 Operating Budget (Item 5.1)

Gerry Davis, General Manager of the Public Works Department, addressed Committee respecting the Public Works Department's 2016 Proposed Operating Budget. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following (slides 1 through 28):

- Department Overview
- Transit (10 Year Plan)
- Accessible Transit Service (ATS) Delivery Alternative
- Divisional Budget Presentations:
 - Transit
 - Operations
 - Environmental Services
 - Corporate Assets and Strategic Planning
 - Engineering Services
- 2015 Highlights
- 2016 Initiatives
- 2016 Pressures and Challenges
- Winter Control Program
- Asset Inventory
- 2016 Operating Budget

- 2016 Gross Expenditures – Tax Levy
- Extraordinary Budget Changes – Tax Expenditures
- 2016 Gross Revenues – Tax Levy
- Extraordinary Budget Changes – Tax Revenues
- 2016 Gross – Net Departmental Budget
- 2016 Net Operating Budget by Division
- 2016 Gross – Net Operating Budget
- Continuous Improvement

(Farr/Green)

That the presentation by Gerry Davis, General Manager of the Public Works Department, respecting the Public Works Department – Proposed 2016 Operating Budget, be received.

CARRIED

David Dixon, Director of Transit, provided a presentation with respect to the Ten Year Local Transit Strategy (slides 29 to 73), which included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Background
- 10 Year Local Transit Strategy Review
- Funding Strategy
- Recommendations

(Eisenberger/Pearson)

That the presentation provided by Dave Dixon respecting the Ten Year Local Transit Strategy, be received.

CARRIED

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

(Collins/Merulla)

That the Ten Year Local Transit Strategy presentation be referred to Finance staff for review and a report back to the February 12, 2016 GIC budget meeting with funding options.

CARRIED

(Merulla/Collins)

That the matter respecting the Accessible Transit Service (DARTS) be referred to a Special General Issues Committee.

CARRIED

(e) MOTIONS (Item 7)

7.1 Escarpment Vista Viewing Maintenance Enhancement

As all other budget referrals (enhancements and reductions) are being considered at the February 12, 2016 GIC Budget meeting, Councillor Jackson advised that he wished to leave his motion tabled until that time.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)

(Conley/Pearson)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee Budget meeting, be adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor T. Whitehead
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk