



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (BUDGET)
Tax Capital Workshop
REPORT 16-025**

9:30 a.m.
Friday, October 21, 2016
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillors M. Green, T. Whitehead – Other City Business
Councillor Partridge - Personal

**THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 16-025 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. Ward 1 2016 Area Rating Expenditures (Item 4.1)

- (a) That the following Public Works projects, to be funded through the Ward 1 2016 Area Rating budget, be approved:

	Ward 1 Project:	Expenditure:
(i)	Native Wildflower Garden	\$5,000
(ii)	Chedoke Golf Course Redevelopment – Community Consultation Process	\$50,000
(iii)	Upgrades to Dow Parkette	\$60,000
(iv)	Victoria Park Beautification (installation of 2 floral beds with concrete curbing and irrigation)	\$70,000

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| (v) | Victoria Park Playground Improvements | \$80,000 |
| (vi) | Improvements to Locke Street Library | \$150,000 |
| (vii) | Westdale Neighbourhood Complete Streets Master Plan | \$150,000 |
| (viii) | Ainslie Wood Neighbourhood Complete Streets Review, including Main Street | \$150,000 |
| (ix) | Natural Playground at Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School (in partnership with Catholic School Board) | \$205,000 |
| (x) | Upgrade to HAAA Park | \$220,000 |
| (xi) | Churchill Park Master Plan Implementation | \$400,000 |
- (b) That the following Community & Emergency Services project, to be funded through the Ward 1 2016 Area Rating budget, be approved:
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| (i) | Recreation Centre / Community Hub at the former Prince Philip School Site | \$520,000 |
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- (c) That staff be directed to meet with the Viamond School Board to discuss the possibility of a partnership between the City of Hamilton and the School Board, for a recreation centre / community hub at the former Prince Philip School site, as the property is owned by the School Board;
- (d) That funding in the amount of \$125,000 from the Ward 1 2016 Area Rating budget be approved for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Strategy for the Kirkendall neighbourhood;
- (e) That Planning staff be directed to report to the Planning Committee on a proposed scope and terms of reference for a consultant assignment to undertake the strategy in collaboration with the Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association; and,
- (f) ***That staff be directed to report back to the November 25, 2016 General Issues Committee Tax Capital Budget meeting with any operating impacts related to the projects listed in sub-sections (a) through (d) above.***

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

1. NOTICES OF MOTION

4.1 Ward 1 2016 Area Rating Expenditures

The agenda for the October 21, 2016 General Issues Committee Budget meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) PRESENTATIONS (Item 3)

(i) Overview of the 2017 Tax Supported Capital Budget (Item 3.1)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services addressed Committee respecting the Overview of the 2017 Tax Supported Capital Budget. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- o 2017 Tax Capital Budget Objectives
- o Tax Supported Debt Forecast
- o Potential Operating Budget Impacts from Capital
- o Capital Budget Next Steps
- o 2017 – 2026 Financing Strategy:
 - 2017 recommended 0.5% tax increase for capital levy; increase of \$4M or \$16 per household.
 - 2018 – 2026 recommended 0.5% tax increase for capital levy, in principle – additional \$280M.
- o Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF)

- 2017 Transit Discretionary Funding Forecast was \$3.7M
 - Due to PTIF, Additional Capital Levy Funding required \$29.3M
 - Debt charges = \$3.8M
 - Represents a 0.45 % total levy increase
 - \$15 per household
- o 2017 Tax Capital Budget Objectives
 - Support the City's Strategic Plan
 - Focus on Council's Strategic Directions
 - Economic Prosperity & Growth
 - Built Environment & Infrastructure
 - Our People and Performance
 - o Economic Prosperity and Growth
 - Development Initiatives
 - West Harbour
 - Economic Development Initiatives
 - Tourism and Culture
 - Urban Renewal
 - o Built Environment and Infrastructure
 - Support and Maintain State of the Art Infrastructure
 - Transportation Options
 - Facilities and Public Spaces

- o Our People and Performance
 - Performance Excellence Program
 - HR Self Service
 - HR Profile Management
 - Talent Acquisition System
 - Lack of dedicated funding

- o 2017 Gross Capital Budget
- o Forecast 2017 Net Financing Plan
- o Proposed 2017 Block Funding
- o Roads Capital
- o Net Discretionary Allocation
- o Library Board
- o Debt Forecast – Tax
- o Potential Operating Budget Impacts of Capital

The presentation, respecting the Overview of the 2017 Tax Supported Capital Budget, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(d) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 4)

Councillor A. Johnson introduced the following Notice of Motion:

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The Rules of Order were waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting the Ward 1 2016 Area Rating Expenditures.

Sub-section (d) to the Motion respecting the Ward 1 2016 Area Rating Expenditures, which reads as follows, was deleted in its entirety and the balance of the sub-sections were renumbered accordingly.

~~(d) That \$65,000 be provided to Social Planning and Research Council for the 2017 Tastebud's Program to be funded from the 2016 Ward 1 Area Rating budget;~~

A new sub-section (f) was added to the Motion respecting the Ward 1 2016 Area Rating Expenditures, to read as follows:

- (f) That staff be directed to report back to the November 25, 2016 General Issues Committee Tax Capital Budget meeting with any operating impacts related to the projects listed in sub-sections (a) through (d) above.**

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 1.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 5)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Skelly, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk