



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (BUDGET) MINUTES 17-002(j)

9:30 a.m.

February 24, 2017
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

**Absent
with Regrets:** Councillors R. Pasuta – Sick Leave
Councillor B. Johnson – Personal
L. Ferguson – Other City Business

1. Savings Generated from Funded Projects (FCS17018) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Conely/VanderBeek)

That Report FCS17018, respecting the Savings Generated from Funded Projects, be received.

CARRIED

**2. 2017 Budget Submissions - Volunteer Advisory Committees (FCS16094)
(City Wide) (Item 6.1)**

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the Volunteer Advisory Committee 2017 base budget submissions be approved:

- (a) Advisory Committee on Immigrants & Refugees in the amount of \$3,500;
- (b) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Advisory Committee in the amount of \$3,890;
- (c) Aboriginal Advisory Committee in the amount of \$3,500;
- (d) Hamilton Mundialization Committee in the amount of \$5,890;
- (e) Hamilton Status of Women Committee in the amount of \$3,500; and
- (f) Committee Against Racism (includes Lincoln Alexander Day Celebration) in the amount of \$8,890.

CARRIED

3. 2017 Budget Submission - Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (CES16066) (City Wide) (Item 6.2)

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2017 base budget submission attached as Appendix "A" to Report CES16066 in the amount of \$1,000, be approved.

CARRIED

4. City of Hamilton Veterans Committee 2017 Budget Submission (PED16245) (City Wide) (Item 6.3)

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the Hamilton Veterans Committee 2017 base budget submission, attached as Appendix 'A' to Report PED16245, in the amount of \$30,000, be approved.

CARRIED

5. 2017 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission - Hamilton Cycling Committee (PW17002) (City Wide) (Item 6.4)

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the Hamilton Cycling Committee 2017 base budget submission, in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), as described in Appendix "A" to Report PW17002, be approved.

CARRIED

6. 2017 Volunteer Committee Budget - Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee (PW16093) (City Wide) (Item 6.5)

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Advisory Committee's 2017 base budget submission attached as Appendix "A" to Report PW16093 in the amount of \$18,250, be approved.

CARRIED

7. Food Advisory Committee Budget (BOH16055) (City Wide) (Item 6.6)

(Merulla/Jackson)

(a) That the Food Advisory Committee 2017 base budget submission attached as Appendix "A" to Report BOH16055 in the amount of \$1,500 be approved; and,

(b) That any remaining 2016 funds be returned to the Advisory Committee reserve for consideration for use by the Food Advisory Committee in subsequent years.

CARRIED

8. 2017 Budget Submission – Seniors Advisory Committee (FCS16095) (City Wide) (Item 6.7)

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee 2017 base budget submission in the amount of \$1,500, be approved.

CARRIED

9. Arts Advisory Commission 2017 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission (PED16244) (City Wide) (Item 6.8)

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the Arts Advisory Commission 2017 base budget submission, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED16244, in the amount of \$9,000, be approved.

CARRIED

10. Living Wage Rates in Councillors’ Offices (CM16020(b)) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)

(Collins/VanderBeek)

That Report CM16020(b), respecting the Living Wage Rates in Councillors’ Offices, remain confidential.

CARRIED

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 MEETINGS (Item 3)

3.1 February 17, 2017

3.2 February 21, 2017

2. CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

5.1 2015 Municipal Tax Competitiveness Study (FCS16053) – this item has been removed from today’s agenda, as it was already addressed at the GIC meeting on September 21, 2016)

3. PRESENTATIONS (Item 4)

- 4.1 Budget Update – this item has been withdrawn from today's Agenda

4. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (ITEM 10)

- 10.1 Closed Session Minutes – February 17, 2017

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (b) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees.

- 10.2 Closed Session Minutes – February 21, 2017

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (b) and (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b) and (d) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees; and, labour relations or employee negotiations.

- 10.3 Living Wage Rates in Councillors' Offices (CM16020(b)) (City Wide)

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (b) and (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b) and (d) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees; and, labour relations or employee negotiations.

(Whitehead/Farr)

That the agenda for the February 24, 2017 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) February 17, 2017 (Item 3.1)

(Merulla/VanderBeek)

That the Minutes of the February 17, 2017 meeting of the General Issues Committee (Budget) be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(ii) February 21, 2017 (Item 3.2)

(Merulla/VanderBeek)

That the Minutes of the February 21, 2017 meeting of the General Issues Committee (Budget) be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 4)

(i) Analysis of Overtime and Standby Costs (Item 4.2)

Zachary Nichol, Human Resources Metrics Analyst, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Analysis of Overtime and Standby Costs.

(Whitehead/Partridge)

That the presentation, respecting the Analysis of Overtime and Standby Costs, be received.

CARRIED

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

(Merulla/Collins)

That staff be directed to review the impact of freezing all non-essential overtime and report back to the General Issues Committee during the 2017 Operating budget process.

CARRIED

(Collins/Eisenberger)

(a) That staff be directed to develop a mitigation plan, in 2017, to address the unsustainable increase related to discretionary overtime costs; and,

(b) That staff be directed to present, to the General Issues Committee, a business plan for analytics and data tracking to corporately assist with an overtime strategy.

CARRIED

(ii) **2017 Council Referred Items and 2017 Recommended Enhancements (Item 4.3)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2017 Council Referred Items and 2017 Recommended Enhancements.

(Whitehead/Collins)

That the presentation respecting the 2017 Council Referred Items and 2017 Recommended Enhancements, be received.

CARRIED

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

(Collins/Merulla)

That the Referred Items, outlined in the 2017 Council Referred Items and 2017 Recommended Enhancements presentation, be TABLED to the March 23, 2017 General Issues Committee Budget meeting.

CARRIED

(Collins/Partridge)

That the Recommended Enhancements Items, outlined in the 2017 Council Referred Items and 2017 Recommended Enhancements presentation, be TABLED to the March 23, 2017 General Issues Committee Budget meeting.

CARRIED

(e) **DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 6)**

(i) **2017 Tax Supported Operating Budget - Recommendations (FCS17001) (City Wide) (Item 6.9)**

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That Report FCS17001, respecting the 2017 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations, be TABLED to the March 23, 2017 General Issues Committee Budget meeting.

CARRIED

(f) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 7)

(Green/Collins)

That the following Notice of Motion be TABLED, pending additional information:

(i) Community Lead Projects and Initiatives that Benefit Ward 3 (Item 7.1)

WHEREAS, cell tower revenues from Ward 3 in the amount of \$133,056.73 are available in project 3301609603 to provide financial support to community lead projects and initiatives that benefit Ward 3;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That community lead projects and initiatives that benefit Ward 3, in the amount of \$133,056.73 to be funded from cell tower revenues from project 3301609603, be approved.

CARRIED

(g) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 10)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – February 17, 2017 (Item 10.1)

(Whitehead/Partridge)

(a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 17, 2017 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved; and,

(b) That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 17, 2017 General Issues Committee meeting remain confidential.

CARRIED

(ii) Closed Session Minutes – February 21, 2017 (Item 10.2)

(Whitehead/Partridge)

(a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 21, 2017 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved; and,

(b) That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 21, 2017 General Issues Committee meeting remain confidential.

CARRIED

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 9)

(Partridge/Whitehead)

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

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

M. Pearson, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
Office of the City Clerk