



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

1:30 p.m.

February 27, 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, B. Johnson, L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek, J. Partridge

Absent
with Regrets: Councillors R. Pasuta – Sick Leave

1. 2016 Assessment Growth (FCS17022) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(VanderBeek/Jackson)

That Report FCS17022, respecting the 2016 Assessment Growth, be received.

CARRIED

2. 2017 Reassessment (FCS17023) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Skelly/Partridge)

That Report FCS17023, respecting the 2017 Reassessment, be received.

CARRIED

3. Community Grants for Ward 3 (Item 9.1)

(Green/Merulla)

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the funding for the following programs and initiatives, to be financed from the Cell Tower Revenues Project 3301609603, be approved:

- (a) That \$1,000 be provided to Hamilton Community Dialogues, to assist with the 2017 Delight Festival Exhibit in Delta Park;
- (b) That \$500 be provided to the Hamilton Naturalists Club to assist with the creation of a Pollinator Paradise project at 430 Cumberland Avenue (a CityHousing Hamilton Building);
- (c) That \$1,500 be provided to the 30 Sanford Avenue Social Club / Tenant's Association to assist with the purchase of televisions, laptops and other equipment, to further improve seniors' quality of life, through their senior's programming;
- (d) That \$1,000 be provided to the Keith Neighbourhood Hub to assist in the creation of a community newspaper;
- (e) That \$1,500 be provided to the Prince of Wales School to assist with the Loving Kindness Awards, which promote inclusion, inspiration, and positive culture amongst students;
- (f) That \$750 be provided to the Hamilton Association for Residential and Recreational Redevelopment Programs (HARRRP) to assist with barrier free community programming at HARRRP;
- (g) That \$1,500 be provided to Blooms for Africa to assist with a garden tour of Ward 3 and reception at Gage; and,
- (h) That \$1,000 be provided to the Empower Strategy Group to assist with the Spirit of Harriet Tubman event.

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. ADDED PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

- 12.1 Anticipated Wage Increases from Outstanding Rounds of Bargaining (no copy)

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (d) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations.

(Green/Skelly)

That the agenda for the February 27, 2017 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Councillor A. VanderBeek declared an interest to Item 12.1, respecting the Anticipated Wage Increases from Outstanding Rounds of Bargaining, as her son is a member of CUPE.

(c) PRESENTATIONS (Item 4)

(i) 2016 Assessment Growth (FCS17022) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Report FCS17022, the 2016 Assessment Growth.

(Ferguson/B. Johnson)

That the presentation respecting Report FCS17022, the 2016 Assessment Growth, be received.

CARRIED

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

(ii) 2017 Reassessment (FCS17023) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Report FCS17023, the 2017 Reassessment.

(Skelly/Partridge)

That the presentation respecting Report FCS17023, the 2017 Reassessment, be received.

CARRIED

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

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

- (i) 2017 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget Staffing Requirements (PW17014) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.1)**

(Green/Merulla)

That Report PW17014, respecting the 2017 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget Staffing Requirements, be TABLED to the appropriate General Issues Committee 2017 Operating Budget meeting, pending further information from staff.

CARRIED

(e) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(Green/Farr)

That the Motion respecting the Community Led Projects and Initiatives that Benefit Ward 3, be lifted from the TABLE.

CARRIED

(Green/Merulla)

That the Motion respecting the Community Led Projects and Initiatives that Benefit Ward 3, be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following in lieu thereof:

Community Grants for Ward 3

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CARRIED

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 3.

(f) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 10)

(B. Johnson/VanderBeek)

That Committee move into Closed Session respecting Item 12.1, Anticipated Wage Increases from Outstanding Rounds of Bargaining, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (d) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations.

(i) Anticipated Wage Increases from Outstanding Rounds of Bargaining (Item 12.1)

(A. Johnson/Jackson)

That the Closed Session update respecting the Anticipated Wage Increases from Outstanding Rounds of Bargaining, be received.

CARRIED

(g) **ADJOURNMENT (Item 9)**

(Green/A. Johnson)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee, be adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

M. Pearson, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
Office of the City Clerk