



## **GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 17-002(o)**

9:30 a.m.

April 6, 2017

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent  
with Regrets:** Councillors R. Pasuta – Sick Leave

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**1. Economic Development Investment Fund Reserve Status (PED17080) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

**(Pearson/Green)**

That Report PED17080, respecting the Economic Development Investment Fund Reserve Status, be received.

**CARRIED**

**2. Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations (FCS17001) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

**(Pearson/VanderBeek)**

**(a) Council Referred Items and Recommended Enhancements**

- (i) That Appendix “A” – 2017 Council Referred Items, be received.
- (ii) That Appendix “B” – 2017 Recommended Enhancements, be received.

**(b) Boards and Agencies**

- (i) That the Boards and Agencies operating budget Appendix “C”, \$204,597,033, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “D”, be approved.

**(c) Planning and Economic Development Department**

- (i) That the Planning and Economic Development operating budget (Book 2), Appendix “2-1”, page 15, \$29,283,340, **as amended**, be approved.

**(d) Public Health Services Department**

- (i) That the Public Health Services operating budget (Book 2), Appendix “2-2”, page 68, \$12,472,530, **as amended**, be approved; and,
- (ii) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to execute all Federal and Provincial Program Service Level Funding Agreements and any ancillary agreements required to give effect thereto and Contracts for Public Health Services as provided for in Appendix “2-2” of operating budget (Book 2), for the period commencing January 2017 and until such time Council approves the subsequent budget. This also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly/year end reporting.

**(e) Community and Emergency Services Department**

- (i) That the Community and Emergency Services operating budget (Book 2), Appendix “2-3”, page 114, \$239,760,810, **as amended**, be approved;
- (ii) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services be authorized and directed to execute all Federal and Provincial Program Service Level Funding Agreements and any ancillary agreements required to give effect thereto and Contracts for Community and Emergency Services as provided for in Appendix “2-2” of operating budget (Book 2), for the period commencing January 2017 and until such time Council approves the subsequent budget. This also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly/year end reporting; and,
- (iii) That should an unfavourable variance arise in 2017 or 2018 related to the budgeted adjustment of the provincial upload of OW client case costs, the variance be funded from the Ontario Works Stabilization Reserve .

**(f) Public Works Department**

- (i) That the Public Works operating budget, (Book 2), Appendix “2-4”, page 181, \$228,066,956, **as amended**, be approved.

**(g) City Manager’s Office**

- (i) That the City Manager operating budget (Book 2), Appendix “2-5”, page 222, \$14,308,819, **as amended**, be approved.

**(h) Corporate Services Department**

- (i) That the Corporate Services operating budget (Book 2), Appendix “2-6”, page 272, \$18,356,515 **as amended**, be approved.

**(i) Legislative**

- (i) That the Legislative operating budget (Book 2), Appendix “2-7”, page 311, \$4,875,100, **as amended**, be approved.

**(j) Hamilton Entertainment Facilities**

- (i) That the Hamilton Entertainment Facilities operating budget (Book 2), Appendix “2-7”, page 323, \$3,763,790, be approved.

**(k) Corporate Financials - Expenditures/Non Program Revenues**

- (i) That the Corporate Financials - Expenditures operating budget (Book 2), Appendix “2-7”, page 315, \$17,496,460 inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “D”, be approved;
- (ii) That the Non Program Revenues operating budget (Book 2), Appendix “2-7”, page 343, (\$43,972,190), be approved.

**(l) Capital Financing**

- (i) That the Capital Financing operating budget \$116,382,550, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “D”, be approved.

**(m) 2017 By-Law Authorization**

- (i) That the City Solicitor and Corporate Counsel be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, for the purposes of establishing the tax levy.

**(n) Budgeted Complement Transfer Schedule and Budget Restatement Schedule**

- (i) That in accordance with the “Budgeted Complement Control Policy” and the “Budget Control Policy”, the requested complement transfers and restatements from one department/division/cost category to another, as outlined in Appendix “E” and Appendix “F”, be approved.

**O. Budget Exclusions Related to Regulation 284/09**

- (i) That the budget exclusions related to Regulation 284/09 of the *Municipal Act* titled “Budget Matters – Expenses”, as per Appendix “G”, be received.

**MOTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED**

**3. Petitions Requesting that DARTS Remain in Service (Item 11.1)**

**(Farr/Conley)**

That the following petitions, requesting that DARTS remain in service, be received:

- (a) 801 Upper Gage Residents
- (b) Various Residents

**CARRIED**

**4. Correspondence from Laurie Seode respecting the Continuation of DARTS Service (Item 11.2)**

**(Farr/Conley)**

That the correspondence from Laurie Seode, respecting the Continuation of DARTS Service, be received.

**CARRIED**

5. **Correspondence from Bruce Smith respecting the Continuation of DARTS Service (Item 11.3)**

**(Farr/Conley)**

That the correspondence from Bruce Smith respecting the Continuation of DARTS Service, be received.

**CARRIED**

6. **Correspondence from Marsha Duncan respecting HSR – Delaying Hamilton’s Transit Strategy (Item 11.4)**

**(Farr/Conley)**

That the correspondence from Marsha Duncan respecting HSR – Delaying Hamilton’s Transit Strategy, be received.

**CARRIED**

7. **2017 Tax Supported Operating Budget Reduction Plan (FCS17001(a)) (City Wide) (Item 12.1)**

**(Jackson/Eisenberger)**

(a) That the reductions and savings to the 2017 Tax Supported Operating Budget, in the amount of (\$10.2 million), as included in Appendix “A” to Report FCS17001(a), **as amended**, be approved;

(b) That the difference between the 2017 annualized reductions being incorporated into the budget and the estimated actual 2017 savings, including severance, currently estimated to result in a 2017 variance of \$3.2 million, be funded from the 2016 Tax Supported Operating Budget residual surplus; and,

(c) That Report FCS17001(a), and its Appendix “A”, **as amended**, respecting 2017 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Reduction Plan, 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. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

8.2 AMENDED Appendix “A” to Report FCS17001, respecting the Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations

**2. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

12.1 AMENDED Appendix "A" to Report FCS17001(a), respecting the 2017 Tax Supported Operating Budget Reduction Plan

**(B. Johnson/Pearson)**

That the agenda for the April 6, 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)**

**(Pearson/Green)**

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

**CARRIED**

**(ii) March 23, 2017 (Item 3.2)**

**(Pearson/Green)**

That the minutes of the March 23, 2017 meeting of the General Issues Committee Budget meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(iii) March 24, 2017 (Item 3.3)**

**(Pearson/Green)**

That the minutes of the March 24, 2017 meeting of the General Issues Committee Budget meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) 2017 Tax Operating Budget Update (Item 7.1)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2017 Tax Operating Budget Update.

**(Whitehead/A. Johnson)**

That the presentation respecting the 2017 Tax Operating Budget Update, be received.

**CARRIED**

The presentation is available on the City's website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca) or through the Office of the City Clerk.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

**(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)**

**(i) Council Referred and Staff Enhancement – PED: Police Services Costs to Support Specialized By-law Enforcement Unit (Item 8.1)**

**(Green/Jackson)**

That Item 1, as shown below, respecting PED: Police Services Costs to Support Specialized By-law Enforcement Unit, be TABLED until such time as the Hamilton Police Services Board (HPS Board) has considered absorbing the \$83,000, for the Police Services Costs to Support Specialized By-law Enforcement Unit, into the Hamilton Police Service budget and provided the Board's decision to the City of Hamilton:

Item	Initiative	2017 Gross Impact	2017 Net Impact	Annualized FTE
1	PED: Police Services Costs to Support Specialized By-law Enforcement Unit	\$83,000	\$83,000	0.00

**CARRIED**

**(f) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)**

**(i) 2017 Tax Supported Operating Budget Reduction Plan (FCS17001(a)) (City Wide) (Item 12.1)**

**(Farr/Green)**

That Committee move into Closed Session respecting Item 12.1, 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.

**CARRIED**

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 7.

**(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

**(Green/Farr)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee, be adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

D. Skelly, Deputy Mayor  
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk