



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (BUDGET) MINUTES 18-003

9:30 a.m.

Friday, January 19, 2018
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

Absent

with Regrets: Councillors R. Pasuta, L. Ferguson – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Trust and Confidence Report (CM18001) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(VanderBeek/Conley)

That Report CM18001, respecting the Trust and Confidence Report, be received.
CARRIED

2. 2018 Budget Overview (FCS18009) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Partridge/Whitehead)

That Report FCS18009, respecting the 2018 Budget Overview, be received.
CARRIED

3. Bill 148 – *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act* – Revenue Neutral Scenario for Municipalities (Item 7.1)

(Merulla/Jackson)

WHEREAS, Bill 148 and other recent provincial legislation has increased the cost of municipalities in Ontario of doing business; and,

WHEREAS, provincial downloading represents nearly half of the City of Hamilton's operating budget deeming the present formula regressive in nature and unsustainable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mayor correspond with the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, to advocate in finding a formula to establish a revenue neutral scenario with respect to the *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act*; thereby, mitigating the chronic underfunding of shared programs that worsen the provincial downloading crisis that the City of Hamilton has been saddled with for decades; and,
- (b) That the Association of Municipalities and the local MPPs be provided a copy of the resolution respecting *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act*.

CARRIED

4. Outstanding List of HSR Bus Shelters (Item 8.2)

(Jackson/Merulla)

That staff be directed to meet separately with each member of Council, as soon as possible, to determine the top priorities for each Ward from the outstanding list of HSR bus shelters (attached hereto), and report back to the General Issues Committee during the 2018 budget process on funding amounts needed via the HSR Transit Shelter Reserve.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

1. CONSENT ITEMS (Item 4)

- (i) Item 4.1 has a presentation included with the report; therefore, will be moved to Item 5.1, with the balance of the presentation items renumbered accordingly.

(Skelly/VanderBeek)

That the agenda for the January 19, 2018 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 4)

(i) Trust and Confidence Report (CM18001) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

Chris Murray, City Manager, provided an overview of Report CM18001, the Trust and Confidence Report, and answered questions of Committee.

(Skelly/Whitehead)

That Report CM18001, respecting the Trust and Confidence Report, be received.

CARRIED

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

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

(ii) 2018 Budget Overview (FCS18009) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

Chris Murray, City Manager, introduced the 2018 Budget Overview and Mike Zegarac, General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services, continued with the presentation, providing additional detail respecting the 2018 budget process.

(Skelly/Whitehead)

That the presentation, respecting the 2018 Tax Operating Budget Overview, be received.

CARRIED

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

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

(d) MOTIONS (Item 7)

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CARRIED

(e) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 8)

(i) Bill 148 – *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act* – Revenue Neutral Scenario for Municipalities (Item 8.1)

Councillor Merulla introduced a Notice of Motion respecting Bill 148 – *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act* – Revenue Neutral Scenario for Municipalities.

(Merulla/Collins)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting Bill 148 – *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act* – Revenue Neutral Scenario for Municipalities.

CARRIED

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

(ii) Outstanding List of HSR Bus Shelters (Item 8.2)

Councillor Jackson introduced a Notice of Motion respecting the Outstanding List of HSR Bus.

(Jackson/Merulla)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting the Outstanding List of HSR Bus Shelters.

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item (d)(i).

(f) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 9)

(i) 2015 and 2016 Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Levy Apportionment (LS16020(a)) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

(Partridge/Merulla)

That Committee move into Closed Session to discuss Item 10.1, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (e) and (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City; and, the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED

Staff were provided with direction in Closed Session.

Due to timing, this matter was placed in the January 24, 2018 Council agenda, in the form of a Motion, for Council's consideration.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

(Skelly/B. Johnson)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee, be adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

A. Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk