



## **GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 18-003(b)**

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 25, 2018

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent**  
**with Regrets:** Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

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### **FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**(Farr/Eisenberger)**

That the agenda for the January 26, 2017 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) PRESENTATIONS (Item 5)**

**(i) Hamilton Library Board – 2018 Operating Budget Submission (Item 5.1)**

Lori-Anne Spence-Smith, Chair, of the Library Board; and, Paul Takala, Chief Librarian / CAO, addressed Committee respecting the Hamilton Library Board's 2018 Operating Budget Submission.

**(Jackson/Collins)**

That Councillor J. Farr be permitted additional time, beyond the 5 minute limit, to continue with his questions to the presenter.

**CARRIED**

**(Pearson/Partridge)**

That the presentation, respecting the Hamilton Library Board's 2018 Operating Budget submission, 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.

**(ii) Hamilton Farmers' Market Board 2018 Operating Budget Submission (Item 5.2)**

Eric Miller, Treasurer, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Hamilton Farmers' Market Board's 2018 Operating budget submission.

**(Farr/Pasuta)**

That the presentation, respecting the Hamilton Farmers' Market Board's 2018 Operating Budget submission, 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.

**(iii) Hamilton Police Services Board – 2018 Operating Budget Submission (5.3)**

Chief Girt, addressed Committee respecting the Hamilton Police Service Board's 2018 Operating Budget.

**(Ferguson/Merulla)**

That Councillor T. Jackson be permitted time, beyond the 5 minute limit, to continue with his questions to the presenter.

**CARRIED**

**(Partridge/Conley)**

That the presentation, respecting the Hamilton Police Services Board's 2018 Operating Budget submission, be received.

**CARRIED**

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

**(iv) Marihuana Dispensaries (Item 5.3(a))**

At the December 6, 2018 General Issues Committee (GIC) meeting, Committee requested that Chief Girt provide a separate presentation at today's GIC meeting respecting the process and constraints of enforcing the criminal code, with respect to the current laws regarding the illegal sale of marihuana.

Superintendent Ryan Diodati, Investigative Services Division, Hamilton Police Service, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation, respecting marihuana dispensaries.

**(Farr/Pearson)**

That the presentation, respecting marihuana dispensaries, 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.

**(d) ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)**

**(Farr/Ferguson)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee, be adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

B. Johnson, Acting Deputy Mayor  
Chair, General Issues Committee

A. Johnson, Deputy Mayor  
Chair, General Issues Committee