



## **GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (BUDGET) MINUTES 18-003(h)**

9:30 a.m.

Friday, February 16, 2018  
Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with  
Regrets:** Councillors A. VanderBeek, Green – Personal

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### **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)**

Added as Item 4.1 – Report PED17207, respecting Proactive Enforcement at Albion Falls (Referred by the Public Works Committee on December 4, 2017)

As the recommendations provided in this report were also submitted as a Business Case, there is duplication. Therefore, the Committee should “receive” the report and address the matter through the staff presentation for consistency.

#### **(Conley/B. Johnson)**

That the agenda for the February 16, 2018 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**(i) 2018 Preliminary Tax Operating Budget: Corporate Financials and Non-Program Revenues (Item 5.1)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2018 Preliminary Tax Operating Budget: Corporate Financials and Non-Program Revenues.

**(Whitehead/Pearson)**

That the presentation, respecting the 2018 Preliminary Tax Operating Budget: Corporate Financials and Non-Program Revenues, 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.

**(Ferguson/Eisenberger)**

That staff be directed to monitor the implications of reducing the budget, which is currently allocated for staff personal emergency leave days, by 50% (\$1,260,000 to \$630,000) and report back to the General Issues Committee through the 2018 variance report.

**CARRIED**

Councillor D. Conley wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to the Motion above.

**(Collins/Eisenberger)**

That a budget adjustment of \$323,706, for the following, be approved:

(i)	Contingency Adjustment	\$1,210,000
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(ii)	Hamilton Police Service – Per Board Approval	\$ (886,294)
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**CARRIED**

(ii) **2018 Council Referred Items (Item 5.2)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2018 Council Referred Items.

**(Eisenberger/Partridge)**

That the presentation, respecting the 2018 Council Referred Items, be received.

**CARRIED**

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

**(Whitehead/Farr)**

That the following matter, be TABLED to the March 2, 2018 General Issues Budget meeting for further consideration:

					2018 Amount
	Department/Service	Referred Item	Gross Impact	Net Impact	FTE
1	P&ED Tourism & Culture: Music	Music & Creative Industries Operations and Programming	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.00

**CARRIED**

**(Pearson/Whitehead)**

That the following matter, be TABLED to the March 2, 2018 General Issues Budget meeting for further consideration:

					2018 Amount
	Department/Service	Referred Item	Gross Impact	Net Impact	FTE
2	P&ED Tourism & Culture: Music	Phase III Tourism Enhancement	\$100,000	\$0	0.00

**CARRIED**

**(B. Johnson/Partridge)**

That the following matter be removed from consideration during the 2018 Operating Budget and referred to the BIA Advisory Committee for further discussion:

	Department/Service	Referred Item	Gross Impact	Net Impact	2018 Amount FTE
3	PW: Forestry & Horticulture: Horticulture Programs	Equalization of Horticulture Services to BIAs in the 2018 Public Works Operating Budget	\$224,000	\$224,000	1.00

**CARRIED**

**(Whitehead/Conley)**

That the following matter, be TABLED to the March 2, 2018 General Issues Budget meeting for further consideration:

	Department/Service	Referred Item	Gross Impact	Net Impact	2018 Amount FTE
4	PW: Transportation: Parks	Identified Tobogganing Locations on City Property	\$110,000	\$110,000	0.00

**CARRIED**

**(Whitehead/Conley)**

That the following matter, be TABLED to the March 2, 2018 General Issues Budget meeting for further consideration:

	Department/Service	Referred Item	Gross Impact	Net Impact	2018 Amount FTE
6(a)	PED: Municipal Law Enforcement	Proactive Enforcement of Albion Falls – Hiring of 4 Municipal Law Enforcement Officers to proactively enforce the City of Hamilton Parks By-law No. 01-219.	\$80,080	\$80,080	1.32

**CARRIED**

**(Whitehead/Conley)**

That the following matter, be TABLED to the March 2, 2018 General Issues Budget meeting for further consideration:

	Department/Service	Referred Item	Gross Impact	Net Impact	2018 Amount FTE
6(b)	PED: Municipal Law Enforcement	Proactive Enforcement at Albion Falls – One time capital cost for the purchase of two vehicles to proactively enforce the City of Hamilton Parks By-law No. 01-219.	\$52,802	\$0	0.00

**CARRIED**

**(Farr/Eisenberger)**

That the following matter, be TABLED to the March 2, 2018 General Issues Budget meeting for further consideration:

	Department/Service	Referred Item	Gross Impact	Net Impact	2018 Amount FTE
7	PW: On-Demand Production Service for City Meetings	Enhancement to support the "on demand" production services for select meetings, including Council meetings and some Committee meetings service moving forward.	\$90,000	\$90,000	0.00

**CARRIED**

**(Farr/Ferguson)**

That staff be directed to apply the \$1,250,000 in budget savings, resulting from the phase-out of the Vacant Unit Rebate Program, to reduce the 2018 levy, which will reduce the levy impact by 0.2%.

**CARRIED**

**(iii) 2018 Business Cases (Item 5.3)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2018 Business Cases.

**(Whitehead/Skelly)**

That the presentation, respecting the 2018 Business Cases, 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.

**(Conley/A. Johnson)**

That the following matter, be TABLED to the March 2, 2018 General Issues Budget meeting for further consideration:

					2018 Amount
	Department/Service	Referred Item	Gross Impact	Net Impact	FTE
1	PED: Building Permits and Zoning By-law Review	Zoning Section Program Enhancement	\$293,700	\$293,700	3.00

**CARRIED**

**(Whitehead/Conley)**

That the following matter, be TABLED to the March 2, 2018 General Issues Budget meeting for further consideration:

					2018 Amount
	Department/Service	Referred Item	Gross Impact	Net Impact	FTE
3	PH: Healthy Environments	Raccoon Rabies Response	\$327,160	\$0	2.00

**CARRIED**

**(Eisenberger/Conley)**

That the following matter, be TABLED to the March 2, 2018 General Issues Budget meeting for further consideration:

					2018 Amount
	Department/Service	Referred Item	Gross Impact	Net Impact	FTE
4	CES: Paramedic Service	Paramedic Service Staffing	\$894,920	\$447,460	7.50

**CARRIED**

**(Pasuta/Pearson)**

That the following matter, be TABLED to the March 2, 2018 General Issues Budget meeting for further consideration:

					2018 Amount
	Department/Service	Referred Item	Gross Impact	Net Impact	FTE
5	CS: Office of the City Clerk	Administration of Freedom of Information	\$76,000	\$76,000	1.00

**CARRIED**

**(Whitehead/Collins)**

That the following matter, be TABLED to the March 2, 2018 General Issues Budget meeting for further consideration:

					2018 Amount
	Department/Service	Referred Item	Gross Impact	Net Impact	FTE
6	CS: Financial Services, Taxation & Corporate Controller: Financial Management	Oversight of City Procurement and Contract Management	\$77,000	\$77,000	1.50

**CARRIED**

**(Conley/Pearson)**

That the following matter, be TABLED to the March 2, 2018 General Issues Budget meeting for further consideration:

					2018 Amount
	Department/Service	Referred Item	Gross Impact	Net Impact	FTE
7	CS: Customer Service & Provincial Offences Administration	Relocation of Provincial Offences Courtroom & Administration Offices – Addition of 1 Courtroom	\$110,000	\$0	4.00

**CARRIED**

**(Whitehead/Ferguson)**

That the following matter, be TABLED to the March 2, 2018 General Issues Budget meeting for further consideration:

					2018 Amount
	Department/Service	Referred Item	Gross Impact	Net Impact	FTE
8	CS: Legal and Risk Management Services	Risk Assessment	\$0	\$0	1.00

**CARRIED**

**(d) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 8)**

**(i) 2018 Development Fee Review (Item 8.1)**

Councillor C. Collins introduced a Notice of Motion respecting the 2018 Development Fee Review.

**(Collins/Whitehead)**

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting the Development Fee Review.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) 2018 Development Fee Review (Item 7.1)**

**(Collins/Whitehead)**

(a) That the following four FTEs, with a gross budget impact of \$500,000 and a net levy impact of \$150,000, be referred to the 2018 budget amendment schedule:

- (i) One Senior Project Manager;
- (ii) One Project Manager;
- (iii) One Development Clerk in the Growth Management Division;  
and,
- (iv) One Senior Project Manager in the Transportation Planning  
and Parking Division for a total of four FTEs;

(b) That staff be directed to report back to, as part of the 2018 development fee review, on any additional staffing requirements related to development approvals, including proportion of costs to be captured through fee recovery, and any net levy impacts, for consideration by Council; and,

- (c) That staff report back, as part of the 2018 development fee review, on the potential for a funding model for planning approvals that would be similar to the Enterprise Model that is in place for Building Permit approvals for consideration by Council.

**CARRIED**

**(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 9)**

**(Pearson/Ferguson)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee, be adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

T Jackson, Deputy Mayor  
Chair, General Issues Committee

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Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk