



## **GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (BUDGET) MINUTES 19-002(b)**

9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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**Present:** Mayor F. Eisenberger, Deputy Mayor S. Merulla (Chair)  
Councillors J. Farr, N. Nann, C. Collins, T. Jackson,  
E. Pauls, J.P. Danko, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson,  
L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek, T. Whitehead, J. Partridge

**Absent  
with regrets:** Councillor M. Wilson – Personal

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### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:**

#### **1. Conservation Authorities' Reserves (Item 8.1)**

**(Clark/Pearson)**

That the following conservation authorities be requested to provide a report, which outlines a comprehensive list of their up-to-date reserves, to the Legislative Coordinator for the General Issues Committee (GIC) for inclusion on an upcoming GIC agenda:

- (i) Conservation Halton;
- (ii) Grand River Conservation Authority;
- (iii) Hamilton Conservation Authority; and,
- (iv) Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

**Result:** Motion **CARRIED** by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Chad Collins  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy-Mayor Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge  
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

Not Present: Councillor Maureen Wilson  
Not Present: Councillor Tom Jackson  
Not Present: Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
Not Present: Councillor Terry Whitehead  
Not Present: Councillor Brenda Johnson

**2. Appeal of the 2019 Conservation Authority Levy Apportionments (Item 8.2)**

**(Clark/Johnson)**

- (a) That staff be directed to appeal the formula for the 2019 levy apportionments brought forward by the following conservation authorities:
- (i) Conservation Halton;
  - (ii) Grand River Conservation Authority;
  - (iii) Hamilton Conservation Authority; and,
  - (iv) Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.
- (b) That staff be directed to pay the 2019 conservation authority levy apportionments under protest, pending results of the appeal.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Chad Collins  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy-Mayor Sam Merulla

YES - Councillor Judi Partridge  
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

Not Present: Councillor Maureen Wilson  
Not Present: Councillor Jason Farr  
Not Present: Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
Not Present: Councillor Terry Whitehead

**FOR INFORMATION:**

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

The Committee Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda:

**(Danko/Pauls)**

That the agenda for the January 22, 2019 General Issues Committee (Operating Budget) meeting be approved, as presented.

**Results: Motion carried by a vote of 10 to 0.**

YES - Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Chad Collins  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy-Mayor Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson

Not Present: Councillor Maureen Wilson  
Not Present: Councillor Tom Jackson  
Not Present: Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
Not Present: Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
Not Present: Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
Not Present: Councillor Brad Clark

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)**

**(i) Conservation Halton (Item 6.1)**

Hassaan Basit, General Manager of Conservation Halton; and, Marnie Piggott, Director of Finance, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Conservation Halton's 2019 Operating Budget submission.

**(Partridge/Collins)**

That the presentation, respecting Conservation Halton's 2019 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) Grand River Conservation Authority (Item 6.2)**

Joe Farwell, CAO of the Grand River Conservation Authority; George Stojanovic, Member of the Board of Directors; and, Sonja Radoja, Manager of Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Grand River Conservation Authority's 2019 Operating Budget submission.

**(Danko/Pauls)**

That the presentation, respecting the Grand River Conservation Authority's 2019 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 Beach Rescue Unit (Item 6.3)**

Chief Charlie Witherington, of the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit, addressed Committee and provided two video presentations respecting the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit's 2019 Operating Budget submission.

**(Collins/Nann)**

That the presentation, respecting the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit's 2019 Operating Budget submission, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(iv) Royal Botanical Gardens (Item 6.4)**

Ruth Lee, Chair of the Royal Botanical Gardens Board; and, Andrew Duncan, Director of Finance & Administration, addressed Committee and provided a verbal overview respecting the Royal Botanical Gardens' 2019 Operating Budget submission.

**(Pearson/B. Johnson)**

That the presentation, respecting the Royal Botanical Gardens' 2019 Operating Budget submission, be received.

**CARRIED**

A copy of the handouts are available on the City's website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca) or through the Office of the City Clerk.

**(v) Hamilton Region Conservation Authority (Item 6.5)**

Lisa Burnside, CAO of the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority; Scott Peck, Deputy CAO; and, Neil McDougall, Secretary-Treasurer addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation, respecting the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority's 2019 Operating Budget submission.

**(Ferguson/Johnson)**

That the presentation, respecting the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority's 2019 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.

**(vi) Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (Item 6.6)**

Greg Furtney, Acting Director of Corporate Resources, for the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's 2019 Operating Budget submission.

**(Collins/Nann)**

That the presentation, respecting the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's 2019 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.

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

**(Collins/Nann)**

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

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

S. Merulla, Deputy Mayor  
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk