



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

9:30 a.m.

Friday, January 25, 2019

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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**Present:** Mayor F. Eisenberger, Deputy Mayor S. Merulla (Chair)  
Councillors M. Wilson, 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

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

**1. York Region Transit Cross-Boundary Travel and Greater Toronto and Hamilton Fare Integration (Item 4.1)**

**(Pearson/Ferguson)**

That the correspondence, respecting the York Region Transit Cross-Boundary Travel and Greater Toronto and Hamilton Fare Integration, be received.

**CARRIED**

**2. DARTS Transit, Hamilton (Item 8.1)**

**(Jackson/Pauls)**

(a) That the CEO/Executive Director of DARTS Transit, Hamilton, be requested to attend the February 11, 2019 General Issues Committee budget delegation meeting to provide clarity to the existing relationship between DARTS and the City of Hamilton; and to provide the following documents, to the Legislative Coordinator of the General Issues Committee, in advance of that meeting:

- (i) Board Appointments Process;
- (ii) Governance Structure;
- (iii) Budget; and,
- (iv) The last 4 years of Audited Financial Statements.

(b) That the 5-minute speaking limit, outlined in sub-section (6), Section 5.11 – Delegations, of the Procedural by law 18-270, be waived and the delegation be permitted to take the appropriate time required to provide the information requested by Committee; and,

- (c) That the presentation from the CEO/Executive Director of DARTS Transit, Hamilton, respecting the existing relationship between DARTS and the City of Hamilton, be heard last on the February 11, 2019 General Issues Committee agenda, to allow for the appropriate discussion and in consideration of the other delegates present that day.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Councillor Jason Farr  
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 - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge  
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

Not Present: Councillor Terry Whitehead  
Not Present: Councillor Brenda Johnson

**3. Review of the Service Delivery Model for Accessible Transit (Item 8.2)**

**(Ferguson/Partridge)**

WHEREAS, the Disabled and Aged Regional Transit System (DARTS) provides paratransit service for people with disabilities on behalf of the City of Hamilton, through a Master Operational Agreement;

WHEREAS, the number of trips per year continues to rise, causing an increase in costs; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable from a continuous improvement perspective to review the available options for the delivery of paratransit service in the City of Hamilton;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to review the service delivery model for accessible transit and report back to Public Works Committee with possible options for future models to maximize cost efficiency and optimize service delivery.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Councillor Nrinde 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 Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

Not Present: Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
Not Present: Councillor Brenda Johnson

**FOR INFORMATION:**

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

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

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)**

3.1 January 24, 2019

**2. COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)**

4.1 York Region Transit Cross-Boundary Travel and Greater Toronto and Hamilton Fare Integration (Referred to GIC budget process by Council at its meeting of December 19, 2018.)

Recommendation: For the consideration of Committee.

**3. MOTIONS (Item 8)**

8.1 DARTS Transit, Hamilton

8.2 Review of the Service Delivery Model for Accessible Transit

**(Eisenberger/Pauls)**

That the agenda for the January 25, 2019 General Issues Committee (Operating Budget) meeting be approved, as presented.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson  
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 - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson

Not Present: Councillor Tom Jackson  
Not Present: Councillor Judi Partridge  
Not Present: Councillor Terry Whitehead  
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) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETNG (Item 3)**

**(i) January 24, 2019 (Item 3.1)**

**(Collins/Nann)**

That the Minutes of the January 24, 2019 General Issues Committee's (Operating Budget) meeting be approved, as presented.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson  
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 - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson

Not Present: Councillor Tom Jackson  
Not Present: Councillor Judi Partridge  
Not Present: Councillor Terry Whitehead  
Not Present: Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
Not Present: Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
Not Present: Councillor Brad Clark

**(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 4)**

**(i) Transit 2019 Operating Budget Overview (Item 6.1)**

Debbie Dalle Vedove, Director of Transit, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Transit 2019 Operating Budget.

**(Jackson/Pauls)**

That the presentation, respecting the Transit 2019 Operating Budget, 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.

**(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)**

**(Partridge/Pearson)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee, be adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

S. Merulla, Deputy Mayor  
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk