



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

9:30 a.m.

Friday, February 15, 2019

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent:** Councillor J. Partridge - Personal

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

**1. Savings Generated from Funded Projects (FCS19007) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

**(Eisenberger/Jackson)**

That Report FCS19007, respecting the Savings Generated from Funded Projects, be received.

**CARRIED**

**2. Food Advisory Committee 2019 Budget Request and Annual Report (BOH19004) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

**(Whitehead/Farr)**

- (a) That the Food Advisory Committee 2019 base budget submission, attached as Appendix "A" to Report BOH19004, in the amount of \$1,500, be approved;
- (b) That, in addition to the base funding, a one-time budget allocation for 2019 in the amount of \$1,000, to be funded by an increase to the tax levy, be approved;
- (c) That any remaining 2019 funds be returned to the Food Advisory Committee reserve; and,
- (d) That the Food Advisory Committee's annual report included in this report, be received.

**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 Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins  
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Judi Partridge  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeeck  
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**3. 2019 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission – Hamilton Cycling Committee (PED18224) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)**

**(Whitehead/Eisenberger)**

- (a) That the Hamilton Cycling Committee's 2019 base budget submission, in the amount of \$10,000, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED18224, be approved; and,
- (b) That, in addition to the base funding, a one-time budget allocation for 2019 in the amount of \$3,500, to be funded by the Hamilton Cycling Committee reserve, be approved.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins  
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Judi Partridge  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeeck  
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson

YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**4. 2019 Volunteer Committee Budget – Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee (PW18095) (City Wide) (Item 7.4)**

**(Eisenberger/Merulla)**

- (a) That the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee's 2019 base budget submission, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PW18095. in the amount of \$18,250, be approved; and,
- (b) That, in addition to the base funding, a one-time budget allocation in the amount of \$15,615, to be funded by the Volunteer Committee Reserve (112212), be approved.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins  
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Judi Partridge  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**5. 2019 Budget Submission Volunteer Advisory Committees (HUR18021) (City Wide) (Item 7.5)**

**(Whitehead/Ferguson)**

That the Volunteer Advisory Committee 2019 budget base submissions be approved as follows:

- (a) Advisory Committee for Immigrants & Refugees in the amount of \$3,500 (attached as Appendix "A" to Report HUR18021);

- (b) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Advisory Committee, in the amount of \$3,964 (attached as Appendix “B” to Report HUR18021);
- (c) That, in addition to the 2019 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Advisory Committee’s base budget, \$1,000 to be funded from the Committee’s 2018 reserve for community consultation and a conference (attached as Appendix “B” to Report HUR18021);
- (d) Aboriginal Advisory Committee in the amount of \$3,552 (attached as Appendix “C” to Report HUR18021);
- (e) Hamilton Mundialization Committee in the amount of \$5,890 (attached as Appendix “D” to Report HUR18021);
- (f) That, in addition to the Hamilton Mundialization Committee’s 2019 budget, \$500 to be funded from the Hamilton Mundialization Committee’s reserve, to cover expenses that may arise throughout the year from twin city visits or unplanned Mundialization events (attached as Appendix “D” to Report HUR18021), be approved;
- (g) Hamilton Status of Women Committee in the amount of \$3,500 (attached as Appendix “E” to Report HUR18021);
- (h) That, in addition to the Status of Women Committee’s 2019 budget request, \$2,000 to be funded from the Status of Women Committee’s reserve to support the 2019 Women’s March and 2019 Women of Distinction Awards (attached as Appendix “E” to Report HUR18021), be approved;
- (i) Committee Against Racism (includes Lincoln Alexander Day Celebration) in the amount of \$8,900 (attached as Appendix “F” to Report HUR18021); and,
- (j) The in addition to the Committee Against Racism’s 2019 budget request, an additional 7,000 to be funded from the Committee Against Racism’s reserve to provide ongoing support to the Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre and to support anti-racism related community events (attached as Appendix “F” to Report HUR18021), be approved.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

- YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
- YES - Councillor Jason Farr
- YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Councillor Sam Merulla
- YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES - Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins  
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Judi Partridge  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**6. 2019 Budget Submission – Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (HSC18051) (City Wide) (Item 7.6)**

**(Nann/Wilson)**

That the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2019 base budget submission, attached as Appendix “A” to Report HSC18051, in the amount of \$1,000, be approved.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins  
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Judi Partridge  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**7. 2019 Budget Submission – Seniors Advisory Committee (HUR18019) (City Wide) (Item 7.7)**

**(Jackson/Nann)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee 2019 base budget submission, in the amount of \$2500, be approved.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins  
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Judi Partridge  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**8. City of Hamilton Veteran's Committee 2019 Budget Submission (PED18236)  
(City Wide) (Item 7.8)**

**(Johnson/Clark)**

That the Hamilton Veterans Committee 2019 base budget submission, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED18236, in the amount of \$30,000, be approved.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins  
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Judi Partridge  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

9. **Arts Advisory Commission 2019 Budget Submission (PED18235) (City Wide) (Item 7.9)**

**(Eisenberger/Pauls)**

That the Arts Advisory Commission 2019 base budget submission, attached as Appendix 'A' to Report PED18235, in the amount of \$9,000, be approved.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins  
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Judi Partridge  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

10. **2019 Tax Supported Capital Budget (Update) (FCS18097) (City Wide) (Item 7.10)**

**(Eisenberger/Danko)**

That the operating budget and Full Time Equivalent (FTE) impacts of the 2019 Tax Supported Capital Budget in the amount of \$2,892,490 and 24.24 FTEs, attached as Appendix "A" to Report FCS18097, be incorporated into the 2019, or future, Tax Supported Operating Budgets.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins  
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Judi Partridge

YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**11. 2019 Budget Submission for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (HUR18020) (City Wide) (Item 7.11)**

**(Whitehead/Farr)**

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities 2019 base budget submission, in the amount of \$6,100, be approved.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins  
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Judi Partridge  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**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 MEETINGS (Item 3)**

3.1 February 8, 2019 – REVISED

3.2 February 11, 2019



**2. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)**

- 6.1 2019 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations (FCS18096(a)) (City Wide)

AMENDED Appendices “A”, “B”, “C”, and “D”.

**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)**

- 7.10 2019 Tax Supported Capital Budget (Update) (FCS18097) (City Wide) (Item 6.1) (Deferred to the Operating Budget Process by the General Issues Committee at its Capital Budget meeting of January 21, 2019) - REVISED
- 7.11 2019 Budget Submission Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (HUR18020) (City Wide)

**(Clark/Pearson)**

That the agenda for the February 15, 2019 meeting of the General Issues Committee be approved, as amended.

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

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Esther Pauls  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins  
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Judi Partridge  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Item 3)**

**(i) February 8, 2019 (Operating Budget) (Item 3.1)**

**(Whitehead/VanderBeek)**

That the Minutes of the February 8, 2019 General Issues Committee (Operating Budget) meeting be approved, as presented.

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

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Esther Pauls  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins  
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Judi Partridge  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**(ii) February 11, 2019 (Operating Budget) (Item 3.2)**

**(Whitehead/VanderBeek)**

That the Minutes of the February 11, 2019 General Issues Committee (Operating Budget) meeting be approved, as presented.

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

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Esther Pauls  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins  
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Judi Partridge  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead

YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)**

**(i) 2019 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations (FCS18096(a) (City Wide) (Item 6.1))**

Mike Zegarac, Interim City Manager, provided a PowerPoint overview respecting Report FCS18096(a) - 2019 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations.

**(Clark/Jackson)**

That the presentation, respecting Report FCS18096(a) - 2019 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations, 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.

**(Jackson/Eisenberger)**

That the following reductions to the 2019 Operating Budget, be approved:

- (a) Bill 148 – PEL Days and Contractual Contingencies not required = (\$1.236 M)

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson  
YES - Councillor Jason Farr  
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins  
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Judi Partridge  
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NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson

YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**(Jackson/Eisenberger)**

(b) Operating Impacts from Capital – Assume April 1, 2019 start = (\$500,000)

(i) Total Reductions = (\$1.736 M); and,

(b) Revised Residential Tax Impact = 2.7%

**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 Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko  
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins  
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
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YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek  
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson  
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**(Clark/Jackson)**

That Report FCS18096(a), respecting the 2019 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations, be DEFERRED to the February 28, 2019 General Issues Committee Budget meeting.

**CARRIED**

**(e) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 9)**

Councillor L. Ferguson introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(i) Recalculation of the 10-year Transit Strategy (Item 9.1)**

That the General Manager of Public Works be directed to recalculate the 10-year Transit Strategy using actual ridership and population numbers

rather than anticipated numbers, and report to the General Issues Committee of the impact during the 2019 Operating Budget process.

Mayor F. Eisenberger introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(ii) Transit Services Levels (Item 9.2)**

- (a) That the General Manager of the Public Works Department be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee (2019 Operating Budget Process) with the transit volume forecast for Ancaster, Binbrook, Dundas, Waterdown and Stoney Creek, based on the significant growth projected in those communities; and,
- (b) That the General Manager of the Public Works Department be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee (2019 Operating Budget Process) on how existing transit service levels vary, based on volume and demand specifically in non-area-rated service areas.

Councillor T. Whitehead introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(iii) Alternative Funding Options for Transit (Item 9.3)**

That staff be directed to incorporate an analysis that includes other options of funding for Transit:

- (i) kilometers of service and service levels city-wide; and,
- (ii) incorporating assessment part of the area rating formula (as was done by the Region).

Councillor T. Whitehead introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(iv) At Risk Taxpayers Trends (Item 9.4)**

That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with a five-year trend that illustrates at risk tax payers (seniors, renters, etc.) with regard residential late taxes paid and outstanding taxes, with that report to show per capita spending on housing and housing units compared with similar communities, and social services spending and programs.

Councillor S. Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(v) A System-Wide Approach to Public Transit (Item 9.5)**

WHEREAS, transportation and public transit continue to be significant and important public policy matters;

WHEREAS, public transit (known as HSR) in the City of Hamilton remains a priority for Council;

WHEREAS, public transit is currently apportioned to residents based on geographic area and service levels; and,

WHEREAS, Council has stated on numerous occasions, that it supports a system-wide approach to public transit that would include enhancing service levels;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed report back to the General Issues Committee, as part of the 2020 Budget process, respecting a system-wide approach to public transit that would include enhancing service levels, with that report to align with the overall City Transit strategy.

**(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)**

**(Clark/Wilson)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee, be adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

C. Collins, Deputy Mayor  
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk