



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
(2020 Operating Budget)
REPORT 20-002**

9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
January – March 2020
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main Street West

January 17, 2020:

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

Absent: Councillors E. Pauls, J. Farr, S. Merulla – Personal

January 21, 2020:

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

Absent: Councillor J. Farr, E. Pauls, T. Whitehead – Personal

January 23, 2020:

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

Absent: Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

January 24, 2020:

- Present:** Mayor F. Eisenberger, Deputy Mayor B. Clark (Chair)
Councillors M. Wilson, J. Farr, N. Nann, S. Merulla, C. Collins,
T. Jackson, E. Pauls, J.P. Danko, M. Pearson, L. Ferguson,
A. VanderBeek, J. Partridge
- Absent:** Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal
Councillor B. Johnson – Other City Business
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January 28, 2020:

- Present:** Mayor F. Eisenberger, Councillor N. Nann (Chair)
Councillors M. Wilson, J. Farr, S. Merulla, C. Collins,
T. Jackson, E. Pauls, J.P. Danko, M. Pearson, B. Johnson,
L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek, J. Partridge
- Absent:** Councillor T. Whitehead, B. Clark – Personal
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January 29, 2020:

- Present:** Mayor F. Eisenberger, Councillor N. Nann (Chair)
Councillors M. Wilson, J. Farr, S. Merulla, C. Collins,
T. Jackson, E. Pauls, J.P. Danko, M. Pearson, B. Johnson,
L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek, J. Partridge
- Absent:** Councillor T. Whitehead, B. Clark – Personal
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January 30, 2020:

- Present:** Mayor F. Eisenberger, Deputy Mayor B. Clark (Chair)
Councillors M. Wilson, J. Farr, N. Nann, S. Merulla, C. Collins,
T. Jackson, E. Pauls, J.P. Danko, M. Pearson, B. Johnson,
A. VanderBeek, J. Partridge
- Absent:** Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal
Councillor L. Ferguson – Other City Business
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February 7, 2020:

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

Absent: Mayor F. Eisenberger – Other City Business
Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

February 10, 2020:

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

Absent: Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

February 13, 2020:

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

Absent: Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

February 24, 2020:

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

Absent: Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

March 2, 2020:

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

March 4, 2020:

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

March 20, 2020:

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Deputy Mayor J. Farr (Chair)
Councillors M. Wilson, N. Nann, S. Merulla, C. Collins, T. Jackson,
J. P. Danko, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson, T. Whitehead,
J. Partridge

Absent: Councillors E. Pauls, L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek – Self Isolation



**THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 20-002 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. 2020 Budget Overview (FCS20001) (City Wide) (Item 6.1) (January 17, 2020)

That Report FCS20001, respecting the 2020 Budget Overview, be received.

**2. 2016 – 2025 Strategic Plan Update (CM16003(d)) (City Wide) (Item 6.3)
(January 17, 2020)**

That Report CS16003(d), respecting the 2016 – 2025 Strategic Plan Update, be received.

3. Social Housing and Growth Forecasts (Item 6.3) (January 17, 2020)

That further analysis of the depth of housing needs for those waiting for social housing be included as part of the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan update to be presented to the Emergency and Community Services Committee in 2020.

4. Apportionment of Conservation Authority Levies (FCS20011) (City Wide) (Item 7.1) (January 21, 2020)

That Report FCS20011, respecting the Apportionment of Conservation Authority Levies, be received.

5. Correspondence from Jessica Langdon, Communications Coordinator, Hamilton Technology Centre, respecting the Reinstatement of HSR Bus Service on Innovation Drive (Item 4.1) (January 24, 2020)

That the correspondence from Jessica Langdon, Communications Coordinator, Hamilton Technology Centre, respecting the reinstatement of HSR bus service on Innovation Drive, be received and referred to the Director of Transit for review and consideration as it relates to the (Re)envision project.

6. Correspondence from Jim Brown, Site Leader, Heritage Site, Maple Leaf Foods; and, Michele Defrain, People Leader, Employee Services, Heritage Site, Maple Leaf Foods respecting a Request for Increased Transit (Item 4.2) (January 24, 2020)

That the correspondence from Jim Brown, Site Leader, Heritage Site, Maple Leaf Foods; and, Michele Defrain, People Leader, Employee Services, Heritage Site, Maple Leaf Foods respecting a request for increased transit, be received and referred to the Transit Area Rating Review Sub-committee for discussion.

7. Correspondence from Phillipe Murphy-Rheaume, Manager, Government Relations and Sustainability, Bimbo Canada, respecting a Request for Increased Transit (Item 4.3) (January 24, 2020)

That the correspondence from Phillipe Murphy-Rheaume, Manager, Government Relations and Sustainability, Bimbo Canada, respecting a request for increased transit, be received and referred to the Transit Area Rating Review Sub-committee for discussion.

8. Correspondence from Ron J. McKerlie, President of Mohawk College, respecting a Request for Increased Transit (Item 4.4) (January 24, 2020)

That the correspondence from Ron J. McKerlie, President of Mohawk College, respecting a request for increased transit, be received and referred to the Transit Area Rating Review Sub-committee for discussion.

9. (Re)envision the HSR Updates (PW20005) (City Wide) (Item 7.1) (January 24, 2020)

That Report PW20005, respecting the (Re)envision the HSR Updates, be received.

10. Living Wage - School Crossing Guards (HUR20004) (City Wide) (Item 7.1) (February 7, 2020)

That Report HUR20004, respecting Living Wage - School Crossing Guards, be received.

11. Living Wage (HUR20003/FCS20013) (City Wide) (Item 7.2) (February 7, 2020)

That Report HUR20003/FCS20013, respecting Living Wage, be received.

12. Sidewalk Snow Removal (PW19022(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1) (February 13, 2020)

- (a) That staff be directed to expand the existing communications initiatives regarding winter storm activities to include additional information about By-law No. 03-296 and on-street parking during snow events;
- (b) That staff be directed report to the General Issues Committee on the benefits and challenges associated with universal winter sidewalk snow removal no later than August 10, 2020, with that report to include the impact of proactive enforcement of sidewalk snow removal and a review of current service levels of sidewalk clearing to determine how it may be improved;
- (c) That staff be directed to engage with the City's Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, the Seniors' Advisory Committee, and the Hamilton Status of Women's Committee, external interested and relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to, those whom delegated with

respect to the sidewalk snow removal matter, as it relates to assisting those with mobility issues (wheelchairs, strollers, scooters, seniors, etc.); and,

- (d) That staff be directed to communicate with other municipalities that are providing sidewalk snow removal, in order to gauge and understand how it is received in their community and to assess what success is achieved with respect to enhanced mobility of its citizens.

13. 2020 Volunteer Committee Budget - Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee (PW19093) (City Wide) (Item 7.2) (February 13, 2020)

That the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee's 2020 base budget submission, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PW19093, in the amount of \$18,250, representing a zero-net levy impact from the previous year budget, be approved.

14. Hamilton Cycling Committee Budget 2020 (PED19194) (City Wide) (Item 7.3) (February 13, 2020)

- (a) That the Hamilton Cycling Committee 2020 base budget submission, in the amount of \$10,000, as described in Appendix "A" attached to Report PED19194, be approved; and,
- (b) That, in addition to the base funding, a one-time budget allocation for 2020 of \$3,000 to support community events and initiatives that meet the mandate of the Hamilton Cycling Committee, to be funded by the Hamilton Cycling Committee reserve, be approved.

15. 2020 Budget Submissions Volunteer Advisory Committee (HUR19026) (City Wide) (Item 7.4) (February 13, 2020)

- (a) That the following Volunteer Advisory Committee 2020 budget base submissions be approved, as follows:
 - (i) Advisory Committee on Immigrant & Refugees in the amount of \$3,500, attached as Appendix "A" to Report HUR19026;
 - (ii) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Advisory Committee in the amount of \$3,914, attached as Appendix "B" to Report HUR19026;

- (iii) Aboriginal Advisory Committee in the amount of \$3,552, attached as Appendix “C” to Report HUR19026;
 - (iv) Hamilton Mundialization Committee in the amount of \$5,890, attached as Appendix “D” to Report HUR19026;
 - (v) Hamilton Status of Women Committee in the amount of \$3,500, attached as Appendix “E” to Report HUR19026; and,
 - (vi) Committee Against Racism in the amount of \$8,900, attached as Appendix “F” to Report HUR19026;
- (b) That, in addition to the base funding, a one-time budget allocation for 2020 of \$2,000 to support external community partners working to promote the safety and well-being of woman identified and non-binary Hamiltonians, to be funded by the Status of Women Committee’s reserve, attached as Appendix “E” to Report HUR19026, be approved; and,
 - (c) That, in addition to the base funding, a one-time budget allocation for 2020 of \$7,000, for ongoing support to the Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre, to be funded by the Committee Against Racism’s reserve, attached as Appendix “F” to Report HUR19026, be approved.
- 16. City of Hamilton Veterans Committee 2020 Budget Submission (PED19229) (City Wide) (Item 7.5) (February 13, 2020)**
- (a) That the Hamilton Veterans Committee 2020 base budget be approved with an increase of \$13,000 (from \$30,000 to \$43,000), attached as Appendix ‘A’ to Report PED19229; and,
 - (b) That a one-time budget allocation for 2020 of \$12,000, to be funded by the Hamilton Veterans Committee reserve, be approved.
- 17. 2020 Budget Submission - Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (HSC19069) (City Wide) (Item 7.6) (February 13, 2020)**
- That the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2020 base budget submission attached as Appendix “A” to Report HSC19069 in the amount of \$1,000, be approved.

18. 2020 Budget Submission - Seniors Advisory Committee (HUR19027) (City Wide) (Item 7.7) (February 13, 2020)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee 2020 base budget submission in the amount of \$2,500, attached as Appendix "A" to Report HUR19027, be approved.

19. Arts Advisory Commission 2020 Budget Submission (PED19231) (City Wide) (Item 7.8) (February 13, 2020)

That the Arts Advisory Commission 2020 base budget submission, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED19231, in the amount of \$9,000, be approved.

20. 2020 Budget Submission – Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (HUR19025) (City Wide) (Item 7.9) (February 13, 2020)

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) 2020 base budget submission, attached as Appendix "A" to Report HUR19025, in the amount of \$6,100, be approved.

21. Food Advisory Committee 2020 Budget Request (BOH20001) (City Wide) (Item 7.10) (February 13, 2020)

(a) That the Food Advisory Committee 2020 base budget submission, attached as Appendix "A" to Report BOH20001, in the amount of \$1,500, be approved; and,

(b) That, in addition to the base funding, a one-time budget allocation for 2020 of \$1,000, to be funded from the Food Advisory Committee Reserve, be approved.

22. Savings Generated from Funded Projects (FCS20015) (City Wide) (Item 7.11) (February 13, 2020)

That Report FCS20015, respecting the Savings Generated from Funded Projects, be received.

23. 2019 Assessment Growth (FCS20019) (City Wide) (Item 6.4) (March 2, 2020)

That Report FCS20019, respecting the 2019 Assessment Growth, be received.

24. Parking Fee Review (PED19238(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2) (March 2, 2020)

That Report PED19238(a), respecting the Parking Fee Review, be received.

25. Parking Fee Review (PED19238(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2(a)) (March 2, 2020)

That Report PED19238(b), respecting the Parking Fee Review, be received.

26. Summary of Communications Team Functions (CM20003) (City Wide) (Item 7.1) (March 4, 2020)

That Report CM20003, respecting the Summary of Communications Team Functions, be received.

27. Under-Performing HSR Routes (PW20015) (City Wide) (Item 7.2) (March 4, 2020)

(a) That the service adjustments to the HSR Routes, as outlined in Appendix "C" to Report PW20015, as amended, respecting the Under-Performing HSR Routes, be approved; and,

(b) That staff be directed to prepare the HSR Schedule adjustments for March 20, 2020 and for implementation on June 28, 2020, as outlined in Appendix "C" to Report PW20015, as amended.

28. Graffiti Enforcement Program Update (PED20079) (City Wide) (Item 7.3) (March 4, 2020)

That Report PED20079, respecting Graffiti Enforcement Program Update, be received.

29. 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget - Recommendations (FCS20001(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.1) (March 20, 2020)

(a) Council Referred Items, Business Cases and 2021 – 2023 Multi-Year Outlook

(i) That the 2020 Council Referred Items in Appendix "A" , **as amended**, attached to Report FCS20001(a), be received;

- (ii) That the 2020 Business Cases in Appendix “B” **as amended**, attached to Report FCS20001(a), be received;
 - (iii) That the 2021 – 2023 Multi-Year Outlook in Appendix “G” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be received;
 - (iv) That the Proposed Amendment to 2020 Approved User Fees in Appendix “H” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
- (b) Boards and Agencies
- (i) That the Boards and Agencies operating budget of **\$219,066,870** in Appendix “D”, **as amended**, attached to Report FCS20001(a), inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C”, **as amended**, attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
 - (ii) That the City Enrichment Fund operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “A”, **as amended**, to Report FCS20001), page 21, \$6,088,340, be approved;
- (c) Planning and Economic Development Department
- (i) That the Planning and Economic Development operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “A”, **as amended**, to Report FCS20001), page 34, **\$28,928,130**, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
- (d) Healthy and Safe Communities Department
- (i) That the Healthy and Safe Communities operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “A”, **as amended**, to Report FCS20001), page 54, **\$250,431,310**, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
 - (ii) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or delegate, be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City, all agreements, including all federal and provincial funding agreements, and any agreements with Community Services Provider(s), as well as any ancillary agreements, contracts, extensions and documents, associated

with, or arising out of, Council's approval of the budgets outlined in Report FCS20001. This also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly and/or year-end reporting as well as the authority to make appropriate payments to Community Service Providers; and

- (iii) Where required for Public Health Services that the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or delegate, or the Medical Officer of Health, or delegate, be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City, all agreements, including all federal and provincial funding agreements, as well as any ancillary agreements, contracts, extensions and documents, associated with, or arising out of, Council's approval of the budgets outlined in Report FCS20001. This also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly and/or year-end reporting;

- (e) Public Works Department
 - (i) That the Public Works operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix "A", **as amended**, to Report FCS20001), page 76, **\$252,762,070**, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix "C" attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;

- (f) City Manager's Office
 - (i) That the City Manager's operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix "A", **as amended**, to Report FCS20001), page 90, **\$11,995,340**, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix "C" attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;

- (g) Corporate Services Department
 - (i) That the Corporate Services operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix "A", **as amended**, to Report FCS20001), page 100, **\$32,496,860**, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix "C" attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;

- (h) Legislative
 - (i) That the Legislative operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix "A", **as amended**, to Report **Council – March 20, 2020**

FCS20001), page 115, **\$5,081,790**, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C”, **as amended**, attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;

- (i) Hamilton Entertainment Facilities
 - (i) That the Hamilton Entertainment Facilities operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “A”, **as amended**, to Report FCS20001), page 122, \$4,051,190, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
- (j) Corporate Financials – Expenditures / Non-Program Revenues
 - (i) That the Corporate Financials – Expenditures operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book - Appendix “A”, **as amended**, to Report FCS20001), page 116, **\$23,513,730**, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” , **as amended**, attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
 - (ii) That the Non-Program Revenues operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book - Appendix “A”, **as amended**, to Report FCS20001), page 127, **(\$47,044,680)**, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” , **as amended**, attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
- (k) Capital Financing
 - (i) That the Capital Financing operating budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “A”, **as amended**, to Report FCS20001), page 123, \$136,571,240 inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
 - (ii) That the Capital Financing portion of the Police Services budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “A”, **as amended**, to Report FCS20001), page 20, \$662,390, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;
 - (iii) That the Capital Financing portion relating to the Hamilton Public Library budget (2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book –

Appendix "A", **as amended**, to Report FCS20001), page 20,
\$191,240, be approved;

- (l) 2020 By-Law Authorization
 - (i) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, for the purposes of establishing the tax levy;

- (m) Budgeted Complement Transfer Schedule
 - (i) That in accordance with the "Budgeted Complement Control Policy", the requested complement transfers from one department / division / cost category to another, as outlined in Appendix "E" attached to Report FCS20001(a), be approved;

- (n) Budget Exclusions Related to Regulation 284/09
 - (i) That the budget exclusions related to Regulation 284/09 of the *Municipal Act* titled "Budget Matters – Expenses", as per Appendix "F" attached to Report FCS20001(a), be received.

January 17, 2020:

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

6.3 2016 – 2025 Strategic Plan Update (CM16003(d)) (City Wide)

The City Manager would like to provide the Strategic Update ahead of the Budget overview; therefore, the order of the agenda has been amended, beginning with Item 6.3 and continuing with the printed order of the agenda.

The agenda for the January 17, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)

(i) Correspondence from David Richter respecting the City of Hamilton 2020 Operating Budget (Item 4.1)

The correspondence from David Richter, respecting the City of Hamilton 2020 Operating Budget, was received.

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

(i) 2020 Budget Overview (FCS20001) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Report FCS20001, the 2020 Budget Overview.

The presentation, respecting Report FCS20001, the 2020 Budget Overview, was received.

(1) 2020 Budget Reduction Amendment Items (Item 6.1) (January 17, 2020)

That, with the exception of the Parking Fines and Rates (Planning & Economic Development), the 2020 Budget Reduction Amendment Items, as presented on Slide 5 and shown below, be approved:

- (aa) Corporate Financials Partial Mitigation of 2020 Operating Impacts of Capital - New Traffic Signals (Decrease of 2.6 FTE) (\$327,000);
- (bb) Public Works (City Wide) Fuel Savings as a result of a \$0.02 reduction (\$220,000);
- (cc) Public Works Environmental Services - Landfill Contract Efficiencies (\$75,000);

- (dd) Public Works Contractual adjustments (\$370,000);
- (ee) Healthy & Safe Communities Housing - Financial Adjustments to Benchmarks (\$1,000,000);
- (ff) Healthy & Safe Communities OW deliver at 2019 budget levels (\$1,100,000); and,
- (gg) Healthy & Safe Communities Public Health Reserve (\$278,000).

(2) 2020 Budget Reduction Amendment Items

The Parking Fines and Rates (Planning & Economic Development), as presented on Slide 5 of the 2020 Budget Reduction Amendment Items, were DEFERRED.

For further disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 1.

(ii) Planning & Economic Development Department 2020 Operating Budget Presentation (Item 6.2)

Jason Thorne, General Manager, Planning & Economic Development, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Planning & Economic Development Department's 2020 Operating Budget.

The presentation, respecting the Planning & Economic Development Department's 2020 Operating Budget, was received.

(iii) 2016 - 2025 Strategic Plan Update (CM16003(d)) (City Wide) (Item 6.3)

Janette Smith, City Manager, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Report CM16003(d), the 2016 - 2025 Strategic Plan Update.

The presentation, respecting the 2016 - 2025 Strategic Plan Update, was received.

(1) Social Housing and Growth Forecasts

The target growth forecasts for population and employment include the Development Charge Planning Document targets in addition to the Provincial Growth Plan targets.

For further disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 3.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

January 21, 2020:

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

3.1 January 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The agenda for the January 21, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(i) January 17, 2020

The Minutes of the January 17, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit (Item 6.1)

Chief Charlie Witherington, of the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit, addressed Committee and provided two video presentations respecting the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit's 2020 Operating Budget submission.

The presentation, respecting the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit's 2020 Operating Budget submission, was received.

(ii) Royal Botanical Gardens (Item 6.2)

Andrew Duncan, Director of Finance & Administration; and, Cliff Carson, Board Chair, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Royal Botanical Gardens' 2020 Operating Budget submission.

The presentation, respecting the Royal Botanical Gardens' 2020 Operating Budget submission, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(iii) Conservation Halton (Item 6.3)

Hassaan Basit, General Manager; and, Marnie Piggott, Director of Finance, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Conservation Halton's 2020 Operating Budget submission.

The presentation, respecting Conservation Halton's 2020 Operating Budget submission, was received.

The presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(iv) Grand River Conservation Authority (Item 6.4)

Samantha Lawson, CAO; and, Sonja Radoja, Manager of Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Grand River Conservation Authority's 2020 Operating Budget submission.

The presentation, respecting the Grand River Conservation Authority's 2020 Operating Budget submission, was received.

The presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(v) Hamilton Conservation Authority (Item 6.5)

Lisa Burnside, CAO; Scott Peck, Deputy CAO; and, Neil McDougall, Secretary-Treasurer addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation, respecting the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority's 2020 Operating Budget submission.

The presentation, respecting the Hamilton Conservation Authority's 2020 Operating Budget submission, was received.

The presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(vi) Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (Item 6.6)

Chandra Sharma, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer; Lise Gagnon, Director of Corporate Services; and, Adam Christie, Director of Operations & Strategic Initiatives, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's 2020 Operating Budget submission.

The presentation, respecting the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's 2020 Operating Budget submission, was received.

The presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

January 23, 2020:

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

3.1 January 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The agenda for the January 23, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) January 21, 2020 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the January 21, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Hamilton Farmers' Market Board (Item 6.1)

Eric Miller, Treasurer, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Hamilton Farmers' Market Board's 2020 Operating Budget.

The presentation, respecting the Hamilton Farmers' Market Board's 2020 Operating Budget, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(ii) Hamilton Library Board (Item 6.2)

Nick van Velzen, current Board Chair; Lori-Anne Spence-Smith, previous Board Chair; and, Paul Takala, Chief Librarian & CEO addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Hamilton Library Board's 2020 Operating Budget.

The presentation, respecting the Hamilton Library Board's 2020 Operating Budget, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(iii) Hamilton Police Services Board (Item 6.3)

Chief Eric Girt addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Hamilton Police Services Board's 2020 Operating Budget.

The Hamilton Police Services Boards' global 2020 budget was referred back to the Board to request a further review to determine if any further efficiencies can be found, in recognition of Council's mandate of a target increase of 2%.

This above motion was withdrawn.

The presentation, respecting the Hamilton Police Services Board's 2020 Operating Budget, was received.

The presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

January 24, 2020:

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 January 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes

4. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

4.1 Correspondence from Jessica Langdon, Communications Coordinator, Hamilton Technology Centre, respecting the Reinstatement of HSR Bus Service on Innovation Drive

Recommendation: For consideration of Committee.

4.2 Correspondence from Jim Brown, Site Leader, Heritage Site, Maple Leaf Foods; and, Michele Defrain, People Leader, Employee Services, Heritage Site, Maple Leaf Foods respecting a Request for Increased Transit

Recommendation: For consideration of Committee.

4.3 Correspondence from Phillippe Murphy-Rheaume, Manager, Government Relations and Sustainability, Bimbo Canada, respecting a Request for Increased Transit

Recommendation: For consideration of Committee.

4.4 Correspondence from Ron J. McKerlie, President of Mohawk College, respecting a Request for Increased Transit

Recommendation: For consideration of Committee.

The agenda for the January 24, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting was approved, as amended.

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(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) January 23, 2020 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the January 23, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting was approved, as presented.

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

(i) 2020 Transit Operating Budget Overview (Item 6.1)

Debbie Dalle Vedove, Director of Transit, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2020 Transit Operating Budget.

The presentation, respecting the 2020 Transit Operating Budget, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

January 28, 2020:

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 January 24, 2020

The agenda for the January 28, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) January 24, 2020 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the January 24, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Public Works Department 2020 Operating Budget (Item 6.1)

Dan McKinnon, General Manager of the Public Works Department, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Public Works Department 2020 Operating Budget.

The presentation, respecting the Public Works Department 2020 Operating Budget, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (ITEM 7)

(i) Sidewalk Snow Removal (PW19022(a)) (City Wide)

Report PW19022(a), respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal, was DEFERRED to the February 13, 2020 General Issues Committee meeting, in order to hear any delegations respecting this matter at the February 10, 2020 GIC, prior to considering this report.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

January 29, 2020:

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 January 28, 2020

The agenda for the January 29, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) January 28, 2020 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the January 28, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

(i) City Manager's Office 2020 Operating Budget (Item 6.1)

Janette Smith, City Manager, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the City Manager's Office 2020 Operating Budget.

The presentation, respecting the City Manager's Office 2020 Operating Budget, were received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(ii) Corporate Services Department 2020 Operating Budget (Item 6.2)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Corporate Services Department 2020 Operating Budget.

The presentation, respecting the Corporate Services Department 2020 Operating Budget, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

January 30, 2020:

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 January 29, 2020

The agenda for the January 30, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) January 29, 2020 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the January 29, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Healthy & Safe Communities Department 2020 Operating Budget (Item 6.1)

Paul Johnson, General Manager, Healthy & Safe Communities Department, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Healthy & Safe Communities Department 2020 Operating Budget.

The presentation, respecting the Healthy & Safe Communities 2020 Operating Budget, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

February 7, 2020:

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 January 30, 2020

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 Correspondence from Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Living Wage

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 7.2.

4.2 Correspondence from Councillor Bridget Doherty, City of Kingston, Portsmouth District, respecting Living Wage

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 7.2.

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Added as Item 6.2(a), Marion Emo, President and CEO Hamilton-Burlington SPCA is in attendance to comment on the Animal Adoption Program matter, at the request of Council.

The agenda for the February 7, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) January 30, 2020 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the January 30, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)

Communication Items 4.1 and 4.2 were approved, as follows:

- (i) Correspondence from Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Living Wage (Item 4.1)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 7.2.

- (ii) Correspondence from Councillor Bridget Doherty, City of Kingston, Portsmouth District, respecting Living Wage (Item 4.2)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 7.2.

(e) PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

- (i) **2020 Corporate Financials & Non-Program Revenue Budgets (Item 6.1)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2020 Corporate Financials & Non-Program Revenue Budgets.

The presentation, respecting the 2020 Corporate Financials & Non-Program Revenue Budgets, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

The Corporate Pension, Benefits and Contingency, in the amount of \$15,946,000 for 2020, was approved.

- (a) The Hamilton Entertainment Facilities – Global Spectrum 2020 Budget, was reduced by \$350,000; and,
- (b) The Hamilton Entertainment Facilities – Hamilton Convention Centre by Carmen's 2020 Budget, was reduced \$100,000 by utilizing a transfer from a working fund reserve.

(ii) 2020 Council Referred Items (Item 6.2)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2020 Council Referred Items.

The presentation, respecting the 2020 Council Referred Items, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(1) Marion Emo, President and CEO Hamilton-Burlington SPCA, addressed Committee, at their request, to speak to the Animal Adoption Program Matter (Item 6.2(a))

Marion Emo, President and CEO Hamilton-Burlington SPCA, addressed Committee, at their request, and spoke to the Animal Adoption Program Matter.

The presentation, provided by Marion Emo, President and CEO Hamilton-Burlington SPCA, respecting the Animal Adoption Program matter, was received.

All 2020 Council Referred Items were DEFERRED to a future 2020 General Issues Committee Budget meeting.

(iii) 2020 Business Cases (Item 6.3)

With the exception of the Corporate Pension, Benefits and Contingency; and, the Hamilton Entertainment Facilities matters, the 2020 Businesses Cases were DEFERRED to a future 2020 General Issues Committee Budget meeting.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

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February 10, 2020:

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

1. CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.1 Correspondence from Kevin MacDonald respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal

2. DELEGATION REQUESTS

The following Delegation Requests have been withdrawn from today's agenda:

- 5.8 Craig Burley, Barrister and Solicitor, respecting Report PW19022(a) - Sidewalk Snow Removal
- 5.11 Paula Kilburn respecting Report PW19022(a) - Sidewalk Snow Removal
- 5.27 Janice Folk-Dawson, Ontario Federation of Labour, respecting Student Living Wage
- 5.28 Bobby Barnett, City of Hamilton, respecting Living Wage for Students Employed with the City of Hamilton

Added Delegations Requests:

- 5.14 Kojo Dampsey, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting the 2020 Operating Budget
- 5.15 Leo Dragtoe, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal
- 5.16 Arthur Gallant, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal

- 5.17 Cameron Kroetsch, respecting Report PW19022(a) – Sidewalk Snow Removal
- 5.18 Violetta Nikolskaya, YWCA, respecting the 2020-02-10 GIC Budget meeting, pertaining the need for a GBA+ (gender-based analysis plus) analysis on the City of Hamilton’s budget priorities and process, and inclusive open governance practices.
- 5.19 Shelbi De Sliva, Moms Hamilton Speaking to council on behalf of Moms in the city who are negatively impacted by the lack of snow removal that happens on major pedestrian sidewalks in Hamilton after a heavy snow fall. I have a large community of moms who have expressed frustrations and experienced injury due to residential and commercial properties not following current snow removal by law. We believe more has to be done by the city to ensure snow is removed in a timely manner in the best interest of all citizens.
- 5.20 Mike Wood, ACORN, respecting the 2020 Operating Budget
- 5.21 Alex Murphy, Beasley Neighbourhood Association, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal
- 5.22 Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton, respecting the 2020 Operating Budget
- 5.23 Jason Beharriell, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal
- 5.24 Michelle Xu, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Snow Removal
- 5.25 Barry Conway, CUPE 5167, respecting Living Wage
- 5.26 Margie Goold, Disability Justice Network of Ontario
- 5.27 Janice Folk-Dawson, Ontario Federation of Labour, respecting Student Living Wage
- 5.28 Bobby Barnett, City of Hamilton, respecting Living Wage for Students Employed with the City of Hamilton
- 5.29 Terri Wallis, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Snow Removal

- 5.30 Tania Kerr, ETFO, respecting Living Wage for Students
- 5.31 James Watson, CUPE 3906, respecting Student Living Wage
- 5.32 Miriam Sager, respecting the Climate Emergency
- 5.33 Geraldine McMullen, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal

The agenda for the February 10, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)

(i) Correspondence from Kevin MacDonald respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 4.1)

The correspondence from Kevin MacDonald respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal, was received.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 5)

The following Delegation Requests were approved:

- (i) Ryan Tse, AVP Municipal Affairs, McMaster Students Union, respecting the 2020 Operating Budget (Item 5.1)
- (ii) Gabriella Christopher in Support of Cycling Related Initiatives and Developments in Hamilton (Item 5.2)
- (iii) Jennifer Vermeer, S.V.N. Stop Violence Now, respecting the Need for More Police Liaison Officers to Assist with Rising School Violence (Item 5.3)
- (iv) Nicole Smith, Kumon Hamilton West, respecting the Need for all Budget Items and Council Decisions to be Considered through a Climate Change Lens (Item 5.4)

- (v) Karl Andrus respecting Report PW19022(a) - Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 5.5)
- (vi) Sarah Jama, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Report PW19022(a) - Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 5.6)
- (vii) Tajseem Hussain, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting Report PW19022(a) - Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 5.7)
- (viii) Stewart Klazinga, respecting Report PW19022(a) - Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 5.9)
- (ix) Thomas Manzuk, respecting Report PW19022(a) - Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 5.10)
- (x) James Kemp, respecting Report PW19022(a) - Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 5.12)
- (xi) Anthony Marco, Hamilton and District Labour Council, respecting the Living Wage Report for City Employees (Item 5.13)
- (xii) Kojo Dampsey, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting the 2020 Operating Budget (Item 5.14)
- (xiii) Leo Dragtoe, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 5.15)
- (xiv) Arthur Gallant, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 5.16)
- (xv) Cameron Kroetsch, respecting Report PW19022(a) – Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 5.17)
- (xvi) Violetta Nikolskaya, YWCA, respecting the 2020-02-10 GIC Budget meeting, pertaining the need for a GBA+ (gender-based analysis plus) analysis on the City of Hamilton’s budget priorities and process, and inclusive open governance practices (Item 5.18)
- (xvii) Shelbi De Sliva, Moms Hamilton Speaking to council on behalf of Moms in the city who are negatively impacted by the lack of snow removal that happens on major pedestrian sidewalks in Hamilton after a heavy snow fall. I have a large community of moms who have expressed frustrations and experienced injury due to residential and commercial properties not following current snow removal by law. We believe more has to be done by the city to ensure snow is removed in a timely manner in the best interest of all citizens (Item 5.19)

- (xviii) Mike Wood, ACORN, respecting the 2020 Operating Budget (Item 5.20)
- (xix) Alex Murphy, Beasley Neighbourhood Association, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 5.21)
- (xx) Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton, respecting the 2020 Operating Budget (Item 5.22)
- (xxi) Jason Beharriell, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 5.23)
- (xxii) Michelle Xu, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Snow Removal (Item 5.24)
- (xxiii) Barry Conway, CUPE 5167, respecting Living Wage (Item 5.25)
- (xxiv) Margie Goold, Disability Justice Network of Ontario (Item 5.26)
- (xxv) Janice Folk-Dawson, Ontario Federation of Labour, respecting Student Living Wage (Item 5.27)
- (xxvi) Bobby Barnett, City of Hamilton, respecting Living Wage for Students Employed with the City of Hamilton (Item 5.28)
- (xxvii) Terri Wallis, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Snow Removal (Item 5.29)
- (xxviii) Tania Kerr, ETFO, respecting Living Wage for Students (Item 5.30)
- (xxix) James Watson, CUPE 3906, respecting Student Living Wage (Item 5.31)
- (xxx) Miriam Sager, respecting the Climate Emergency (Item 5.32)
- (xxx) Geraldine McMullen, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 5.33)

(d) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

The presentations from the following delegates were received:

- (i) Ryan Tse, AVP Municipal Affairs, McMaster Students Union, respecting the 2020 Operating Budget (Item 6.1)
- (ii) Gabriella Christopher in Support of Cycling Related Initiatives and Developments in Hamilton (Item 6.2)

- (iii) Jennifer Vermeer, S.V.N. Stop Violence Now, respecting the Need for More Police Liaison Officers to Assist with Rising School Violence (Item 6.3)
- (iv) Nicole Smith, Kumon Hamilton West, respecting the Need for all Budget Items and Council Decisions to be Considered through a Climate Change Lens (Item 6.4)
- (v) Karl Andrus respecting Report PW19022(a) - Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 6.5)
- (vi) Sarah Jama, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Report PW19022(a) - Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 6.6)
- (vii) Tajseem Hussain, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting Report PW19022(a) - Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 6.7)
- (viii) Stewart Klazinga, respecting Report PW19022(a) - Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 6.9)
- (ix) Thomas Manzuk, respecting Report PW19022(a) - Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 6.10)
- (x) James Kemp, respecting Report PW19022(a) - Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 6.12)
- (xi) Anthony Marco, Hamilton and District Labour Council, respecting the Living Wage Report for City Employees (Item 6.13)
- (xii) Kojo Dampsey, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting the 2020 Operating Budget (Item 6.14)
- (xiii) Leo Dragtoe, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 6.15)
- (xiv) Arthur Gallant, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 6.16)
- (xv) Cameron Kroetsch, respecting Report PW19022(a) – Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 6.17)
- (xvi) Violetta Nikolskaya, YWCA, respecting the 2020-02-10 GIC Budget meeting, pertaining the need for a GBA+ (gender-based analysis plus) analysis on the City of Hamilton’s budget priorities and process, and inclusive open governance practices (Item 6.18)

- (xvii) Shelbi De Sliva, Moms Hamilton Speaking to council on behalf of Moms in the city who are negatively impacted by the lack of snow removal that happens on major pedestrian sidewalks in Hamilton after a heavy snow fall. I have a large community of moms who have expressed frustrations and experienced injury due to residential and commercial properties not following current snow removal by law. We believe more has to be done by the city to ensure snow is removed in a timely manner in the best interest of all citizens (Item 6.19)
- (xviii) Mike Wood, ACORN, respecting the 2020 Operating Budget (Item 6.20)
- (xix) Alex Murphy, Beasley Neighbourhood Association, and Rosa Zetler, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 6.21)
- (xx) Lynda Lukasik, Executive Director, Environment Hamilton, respecting the 2020 Operating Budget (Item 6.22)
- (xxi) Jason Beharriell, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 6.23)
- (xxii) Michelle Xu, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Snow Removal (Item 6.24)
- (xxiii) Barry Conway, CUPE 5167, respecting Living Wage (Item 6.25)
- (xxiv) Margie Goold, Disability Justice Network of Ontario (Item 6.26)
- (xxv) Janice Folk-Dawson, Ontario Federation of Labour, respecting Student Living Wage (Item 6.27)
- (xxvi) Bobby Barnett, City of Hamilton, respecting Living Wage for Students Employed with the City of Hamilton (Item 6.28)
- (xxvii) Terri Wallis, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Snow Removal (Item 6.29)
- (xxviii) Tania Kerr, ETFO, respecting Living Wage for Students (Item 6.30)
- (xxix) James Watson, CUPE 3906, respecting Student Living Wage (Item 6.31)
- (xxx) Miriam Sager, respecting the Climate Emergency (Item 6.32)
- (xxxi) Geraldine McMullen, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 6.33)

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

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

February 13, 2020:

FOR INFORMATION:

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

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

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)
 - 7.11 Savings Generated from Funded Projects (FCS20015) (City Wide)

That the agenda for the February 13, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as amended.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) **DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)**

(i) **Sidewalk Snow Removal (PW19022(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

- (a) Sub-section (b) to Report PW19022(a), respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal, was deleted in its entirety:

~~**(b) That the Sidewalk Clearing Program, Snow Angels Program, Pro-Active Sidewalk Snow Removal Enforcement and Regular Maintenance of Canada Post Community Mailbox Locations, be removed from the General Issues Committee Outstanding Business List.**~~

(b) That Report PW19022(a), respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal, be amended by adding new sub-sections (b), (c) and (d), to read as follows:

(b) That staff be directed report to the General Issues Committee on the benefits and challenges associated with universal winter sidewalk snow removal no later than August 10, 2020, with that report to include the impact of proactive enforcement of sidewalk snow removal and a review of current service levels of sidewalk clearing to determine how it may be improved;

(c) That staff be directed to engage with the City's Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, the Seniors' Advisory Committee, and the Hamilton Status of Women's Committee, external interested and relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to, those whom delegated with respect to the sidewalk snow removal matter, as it relates to assisting those with mobility issues (wheelchairs, strollers, scooters, seniors, etc.); and,

(d) That staff be directed to communicate with other municipalities that are providing sidewalk snow removal, in order to gauge and understand how it is received in their community and to assess what success is achieved with respect to enhanced mobility of its citizens.

(d) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget), be adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

February 24, 2020:

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

6.1 2020 Budget Update

The agenda for the February 24, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting was approved, as amended.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

The following General Issues Committee meeting minutes were approved, as presented:

- (i) February 7, 2020 (Item 3.1)
- (ii) February 10, 2020 (Item 3.2)
- (iii) February 13, 2020 (Item 3.3)

(d) **COMMUNICATION ITEMS (Item 4)**

The following Communication Items were approved, **as amended**, as follows:

- (i) Correspondence from Elizabeth McGuire, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 4.1)

Recommendation: Be received **and referred to staff for review and consideration when preparing the report back to the General Issues Committee respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal.**

- (ii) Correspondence from Beatrice Ekoko, Senior Program Manager, Environment Hamilton, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 4.2)

Recommendation: Be received **and referred to staff for review and consideration when preparing the report back to the General Issues Committee respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal.**

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

(i) 2020 Budget Update (Item 6.1)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2020 Operating Budget update.

The presentation, respecting the 2020 budget update, were received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's web site at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(1) Amendments to the 2020 Operating Budget

The following amendments to the 2020 Operating Budget were approved, as follows:

(aa)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Elimination of Vacant Position (Recreation) (1.00 FTE)	(\$82,000)
(bb)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Revised Scheduling	(\$24,000)
(cc)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Align Training and Conference Budget to 2019 Actuals	(\$20,000)
(dd)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Use of City Vehicles Reduction	(\$10,000)
(ee)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Defer Increased Reserve Transfer to Hamilton Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Reserve to 2021	(\$356,000)
(ff)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Align Contribution to Line of Duty Death Budget to Forecasted Levels	(\$300,000)
(gg)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Defer Increased Reserve Transfer to Hamilton Paramedic Services Vehicle and Equipment Reserve to 2021	(\$108,100)
(hh)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Request 100% Provincial Funding (Raccoon Rabies Outbreak Program)	(\$111,500)
(ii)	Public Works	Shift Optimization (Winter Control)	(\$125,000)

(jj)	Public Works	TransCab Contract Savings	(\$130,000)
(xi)	Corporate Financials	10% Reduction of Advertising and Promotion Costs	(\$270,000)
(kk)	Corporate Financials	Provincial Offences Administration (POA) Automated Speed Enforcement	(\$130,000)
(ll)	Corporate Financials	Provincial Cannabis Funding (OCLIF)	(\$292,000)
(mm)	City Manager's Office	Cost Efficiencies via Review of 2019 Actuals	(\$20,000)
(nn)	Corporate Services	Cost Efficiencies via Review of 2019 Actuals	(\$69,100)
(oo)	Corporate Services	Increases in Taxation Related and Miscellaneous Revenues	(\$43,000)
(pp)	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Elimination of Vacant Position (Licensing By-Law Services) (1.00 FTE)	(\$77,400)
(qq)	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Elimination of Vacant Position (Transportation Planning & Parking) (1.00 FTE)	(\$66,600)
(rr)	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Align to 2019 Actuals – Airport Lease	(\$250,000)

(2) Operating Costs for the 5th Year of the 10-Year Transit Plan

The \$990,000 operating costs for the 5th year of the 10-Year Transit Plan, will be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve.

The following motion was DEFEATED:

(3) Winter Quality Maintenance Standards for Roads

Staff was directed to review the winter quality maintenance standards for roads, through service level alignments to comparator municipalities, industry standards, best practices and legislative requirements and identify where the City exceeds those comparators along with the financial implications.

(4) List of Under-Performing HSR Routes

Staff were directed to report back during the 2020 budget process with a list of under- performing HSR routes.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Summary of Communications Team Functions (CM20003) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Report CM20003, respecting the Summary of Communications Team Functions, was DEFERRED to the March 2, 2020 General Issues Committee budget process.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

March 2, 2020:

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)

7.2(a) Parking Fee Review (PED19238(b) (City Wide)

7.3 2019 Assessment Growth (FCS20019) (City Wide)

As there is a presentation to accompany Report FCS20019, this item has been moved to Item 6.4.

7.4 Under-Performing HSR Routes (PW20015) (City Wide)

The agenda for the March 2, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

- (i) Councillor E. Pauls declared an interest to Item BC-05, within Item 6.2, respecting the Healthy & Safe Communities, Hamilton Paramedic Service Enhancement (Ambulance), as her daughter-in-law is a paramedic in the Hamilton Paramedic Service.
- (ii) Councillor E. Pauls declared an interest to Item CR-02, within Item 6.3, respecting Planning and Economic Development, Hess Village Paid Duty Policing, as her son is a Staff Sargent with the Hamilton Police Service.
- (iii) Councillor J. Farr declared an interest to Item CR-08, within Item 6.3, respecting the City Manager's Office, Implement Living Wage, as his son has applied for a position within the City of Hamilton that pays less than living wage.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) February 24, 2020 (Item 3.1)

The February 24, 2020 General Issues Committee meeting minutes were approved, as presented.

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)

(i) Correspondence from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal Report PW19022(a) (Item 4.1)

The correspondence from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal Report PW19022(a), was received and referred to staff for review and consideration when preparing the report back to the General Issues Committee respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal.

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

(i) 2020 Budget Update (Item 6.1)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2020 Budget Update.

The presentation, respecting the 2020 Budget Update, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's web site at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(1) Amendments to the 2020 Operating Budget

The following amendments to the 2020 Operating Budget were approved:

(aa)	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Parking Fines and Rates	(\$500,000)
(bb)	Capital Financing	Corporate Capital Financing	\$143,360
(cc)	Boards & Agencies	Police Services Board: Capital Financing	(\$143,360)
(dd)	Boards & Agencies	Police Services Board: Operating	\$569,020
(ee)	Boards & Agencies	Grand River Conservation Authority	\$17,270
(ff)	Boards & Agencies	Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)	(\$6,710)
(gg)	All Departments	Increased Gapping Targets	(\$450,000)

The following amendments to the 2020 Operating Budget, were reconsidered:

(aa)	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Parking Fines and Rates	(\$500,000)
(bb)	Capital Financing	Corporate Capital Financing	\$143,360
(cc)	Boards & Agencies	Police Services Board: Capital Financing	(\$143,360)
(dd)	Boards & Agencies	Police Services Board: Operating	\$569,020
(ee)	Boards & Agencies	Grand River Conservation Authority	\$17,270
(ff)	Boards & Agencies	Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)	(\$6,710)

(gg)	All Departments	Increased Gapping Targets	(\$450,000)
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The following amendments to the 2020 Operating Budget were approved:

(aa)	On-Street Meter Rates, only when technology becomes available (Summer 2020)	50 cent increase	\$560,000
(bb)	Off-Street Parking Rates	Increase to \$3/hour and \$12/day in downtown parkades and lots (Downtown Hamilton in CIP area only)	\$376,000
(cc)	Off-Street Parking Rates	\$10/month increase in monthly permits (every lot)	\$306,000
(dd)	Parking Penalties	Increase parking penalties to a level equal to comparator municipalities	\$383,000

The following amendments to the 2020 Operating Budget were approved, **as amended**, as follows:

(aa)	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Parking Fines and Rates	(\$750,000)
(bb)	Capital Financing	Corporate Capital Financing	\$143,360
(cc)	Boards & Agencies	Police Services Board: Capital Financing	(\$143,360)
(dd)	Boards & Agencies	Police Services Board: Operating	\$569,020
(ee)	Boards & Agencies	Grand River Conservation Authority	\$17,270
(ff)	Boards & Agencies	Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)	(\$6,710)
(gg)	All Departments	Increased Gapping Targets	(\$450,000)

(ii) 2020 Business Cases (Item 6.2)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2020 Business Cases.

The presentation, respecting the 2020 Business Cases, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's web site at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

- (1) The Item, respecting By-Law Enforcement – Graffiti Management – 2 Co-op Students (2 FTEs) was approved, **as amended**, as follows:

BC-02	Planning & Ec. Dev.	By-Law Enforcement – Graffiti Management – 2 Co-op Students (2 FTEs)	\$100,000
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- (2) The Graffiti Wall was DEFERRED to the 2021 operating budget for consideration.

The matter respecting By-Law Enforcement – Graffiti Management – 2 Co-op Students (2 FTEs), was DEFERRED to the March 4, 2020 General Issues Committee Budget meeting to allow the Licensing and By-law Services Division staff to obtain the statistics, respecting By-Law Enforcement related to Graffiti, requested by Committee.

The Hamilton Paramedic Service Enhancement (Ambulance and 10 FTEs) was approved, as follows:

BC-05	Healthy & Safe Communities	Hamilton Paramedic Service Enhancement (Ambulance and 10 FTEs)	\$1,039,500
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The following amendments to the 2020 Operating Budget were approved, as follows:

BC-01	Planning & Economic Development – Real Estate	Converting Contract Positions to Permanent (3 FTEs)	\$0.00
BC-04	Planning & Economic Development	Transportation Development Review – Converting Contract Position to Permanent (1 FTE)	\$0.00
BC-06	Public Works – Transportation, Operations and Maintenance	Converting Consultant Inspectors to In-House Permanent Technologist Inspector and Student Inspectors (4.4 FTEs)	(\$89,530)

BC-07	Public Works - Tax	Tim Horton's Field – Assistant Stadium Technicians to handle the addition of Forge FC Soccer Games (2.3 FTEs)	\$0.00
BC-08	City Manager's Office – Human Resources	Return to Work Services Specialist (funded by Fire) (1 FTE)	\$0.00
BC-09	Corporate Services – Payroll	Enhanced WSIB Payroll Processing Services (1 FTE)	\$0.00
BC-10	Corporate Services – Information Technology	Conversion of an FTE from Temporary to Permanent (1 FTE)	\$0.00

(iii) 2020 Council Referred Items (Item 6.3)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2020 Council Referred Items.

The presentation, respecting the 2020 Council Referred Items, were received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's web site at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

The Item, respecting Planning and Economic Development, the Hess Village Paid Duty Policing, was DEFERRED to the end of the March 2, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, on order to receive additional information from staff.

The following amendment to the 2020 Operating Budget was approved:

CR-04	Healthy & Safe Communities	Enhancement for CANUSA Funding	\$10,920
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The following amendment to the 2020 Operating Budget was approved:

CR-07	City Manager's Office	City Enrichment Fund – Concession Street BIA	\$2,730
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The following amendment to the 2020 Operating Budget was approved:

CR-03	Healthy & Safe Communities	10-Year Fire Service Delivery Plan	\$572,420
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That following amendment to the 2020 Operating Budget was DEFEATED:

CR-08	City Manager's Office	Implement Living Wage: (i) Non-Union, Part-time Casuals (\$432,640); (ii) Non-Union, Full-time Students (\$119,600); and, (iii) Unionized Summer Students (\$325,420). To be phased in over a 3-year period at \$292,550/year.	\$292,550
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The following amendment to the 2020 Operating Budget was DEFEATED:

CR-08	City Manager's Office	Implement Living Wage: Non-Union, Part-time Casuals (\$432,640). To be phased in over a 3-year period (\$144,220).	\$144,220
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The matter respecting the establishment of a Climate Change Reserve for sustainable funding, was DEFERRED to discussion of the forthcoming Climate Change Report, at an upcoming General Issues Committee meeting outside of the 2020 Operating Budget process.

The following amendment to the 2020 Operating Budget was approved:

CR-10	Healthy & Safe Communities and City Manager's Office	Corporate Goals and Areas of Focus for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation An annual commitment, for a 3-year term for the Bay Area Climate Change Office (2 FTEs)	\$160,000
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The following amendment to the 2020 Operating Budget was approved:

CR-11	Public Works - Tax	Ongoing Care and Maintenance of the Aviary and Birds	\$30,000
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The matter respecting the Parkdale Landing Mini Library Branch was approved, as follows:

CR-12	Boards and Agencies	Parkdale Landing Mini Library Branch	\$145,000
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The matter respecting the Animal Adoption Pilot Program was approved, as follows:

CR-13	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Animal Adoption Pilot Program (1 FTE)	\$90,000
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The matter respecting the Planning and Economic Development Department, Cigarette Butt By-law Enforcement Officer (CR-01), was received.

The following amendment to the 2020 Operating Budget was approved:

CR-02	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Hess Village Paid Duty Policing	\$20,000
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(iv) 2019 Assessment Growth (FCS20019) (City Wide) (Item 6.4)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Report FCS20019, regarding the 2019 Assessment Growth.

The presentation, respecting Report FCS20019, regarding the 2019 Assessment Growth, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's web site at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)

The following Items were DEFERRED to the March 4, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting:

- (i) Summary of Communications Team Functions (CM20003) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)
- (ii) Under-Performing HSR Routes (PW20015) (City Wide) (Item 7.4)

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

March 4, 2020:

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 March 2, 2020
- 2. ADDED DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)

- 7.1 Summary of Communications Team Functions (CM20003) (City Wide) (Deferred from the March 2, 2020 GIC)
- 7.2 Under-Performing HSR Routes (PW20015) (City Wide) (Deferred from the March 2, 2020 GIC)

Includes a revised Appendix "C" in a larger font and also now reflects the Wards associated with the bus routes.
- 7.3 Graffiti Enforcement Program Update (PED20079) (City Wide)

The number on the agenda should read 20-002(l) rather than 20-002(m).

The agenda for the March 4, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

- (i) Councillor E. Pauls declared an interest to Item BC-05, within Item 6.1, respecting the Healthy & Safe Communities, Hamilton Paramedic Service Enhancement (Ambulance), as her daughter-in-law is a paramedic in the Hamilton Paramedic Service.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) March 2, 2020 (Item 3.1)

The March 2, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting minutes were approved, as presented.

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

(i) 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations (FCS20001(a)) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Report FCS20001(a), 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations.

The presentation, respecting Report FCS20001(a), 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's web site at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

One-time funding in the amount of \$400,000, for Healthy and Safe Communities, Hamilton Paramedic Services (Ambulance - 10 FTEs) (BC-05), to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve, was approved.

Consideration of Report FCS20001(a), 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations, as amended, was DEFERRED to the March 25, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Summary of Communications Team Functions (CM20003) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Consideration of Report CM20003, respecting the Summary of Communications Team Functions, was DEFERRED until after the Closed Session portion of the meeting.

(ii) Under-Performing HSR Routes (PW20015) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

Services on HSR route 42 were eliminated, with the exception of Saturdays when service will continue to be provided, for an annualized savings of \$339,224.

The changes to the Festival shuttle to the Winona Peach Festival, were deleted from Appendix "C" to Report PW20015, respecting the Under-Performing HSR Routes.

The following Motion was DEFEATED:

That the Waterfront Trolley continue to run, until further consideration at the 2021 Operating Budget process, with a \$1.00 fare per ride.

Consideration of the recommendation to eliminate the Waterfront Trolley service, as shown in Appendix "C" to Report PW20015, respecting the

Under-Performing HSR Routes, was DEFERRED to the 2021 Operating Budget process.

(iii) Graffiti Enforcement Program Update (PED20079) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

The following amendment to the 2020 Operating Budget was approved:

BC-02	Planning & Ec. Dev.	By-Law Enforcement – Graffiti Management – 2 Co-op Students (2 FTEs)	\$65,000
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(f) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 10)

(i) Summary of Communications Team Functions (CM20003) (City Wide) (Item 10.1/7.1)

Committee moved into Closed Session to discuss Item 10.1 (7.1), pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (b) and (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b) and (d) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and, labour relations or employee negotiations.

Staff were provided with direction in Closed Session.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

March 20, 2020:

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

The agenda for the March 20, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Councillor C. Collins declared an interest to the presentation for Item 5.1; specifically, to the portion related to the Hamilton Police Services 2020 Operating Budget, as his sister is a member of the Service.

Councillor C. Collins declared an interest to the consideration of the Hamilton Police Services 2020 Operating Budget, as his sister is a member of the Service.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) March 2, 2020 (Item 3.1)

The March 2, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting minutes were approved, as presented.

March 4, 2020 (Item 3.2)

The March 4, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting minutes were approved, as presented.

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)

The Communication Items were approved, as follows:

- (i) Correspondence from Shekar Chandrashekar respecting the 2020 Budget and QEW Pedestrian Bridge (Item 4.1)

Recommendation: Be received.

- (ii) Correspondence from Scott Innes, on behalf of the Ainslie Wood Westdale Community Association, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 4.2)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to staff for review and consideration when preparing the report back to the General Issues Committee respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal.

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 5)

- (i) **2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations (FCS20001(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Report FCS20001(a), 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations.

The presentation, respecting Report FCS20001(a), 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's web site at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

The following amendments to the 2020 Operating Budget, were approved:

Corporate Financials	Supplementary Taxes	(\$500,000)
Board & Agencies	Hamilton Police Services Updated Budget	(\$260,000)
Corporate Financials	Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre – Area Rating	(\$127,120)
City Manager's Office	Communications Reduction	(\$225,000)

Item CR-08, respecting Option 1, Living Wage for Non-Union, Part-time Casual Living Wage, was reconsidered.

CR-08	City Manager's Office	Implement Living Wage: Non-Union, Part-time Casuals (\$432,640). To be phased in over a 3-year period (\$144,220).	\$144,220
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Item CR-08, respecting Option 1, Living Wage for Non-Union, Part-time Casual Living Wage, was approved at a cost of \$216,000 for 2020, to be indexed annually to commence on July 1, 2020 .

CR-08	City Manager's Office	Implement Living Wage: Non-Union, Part-time Casuals (\$432,640). To be phased in over a 3-year period (\$144,220).	\$216,320
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Councillor T. Whitehead wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to approval of the 2020 Operating Budget, as amended.

(f) MOTIONS (Item 7)

Staff were directed to review the feasibility of waiving the penalties for 30 days for homeowners who may default on the April 30, 2020 for property tax installation, and report back to the General Issues Committee.

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 8)

Councillor B. Clark introduced a Notice of Motion respecting the feasibility of waiving the penalties for homeowners who may default on the April 30, 2020 for property tax installation.

The rules of order were waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting the feasibility of waiving the penalties for homeowners who may default on the April 30, 2020 for property tax installation.

For disposition of this matter, please see Item 7.1 above.

(h) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 10)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – March 4, 2020 (Item 9.1)

- (a) The Closed Session Minutes of the March 4, 2020 General Issues Committee meeting, were approved; and,
- (b) That the Closed Session Minutes of the March 4, 2020 General Issues Committee meeting shall remain confidential.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget), be adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

B. Clark, Deputy Mayor (January)
Chair, General Issues Committee

J. P. Danko, Deputy Mayor (February)
Chair, General Issues Committee

J. Farr, Deputy Mayor (March)
Chair, General Issues Committee

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