



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 20-023

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Due to COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall, this meeting was held virtually.

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

Absent: Councillor S. Merulla – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Arts Advisory Commission Minutes, September 3, 2020 (Item 6.1)

(Whitehead/VanderBeek)

That the Arts Advisory Commission Minutes of September 3, 2020, be received.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Ninder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Absent	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

2. International Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed Budget and Schedule of Payments for 2021 (PED20184) (Ward 2) (Item 6.2)

(Pauls/Pearson)

- (a) That the 2021 Operating Budget for the International Village Business Improvement Area (BIA), attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED20184, in the amount of \$188 K, be approved;
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the International Village Business Improvement Area in the amount of \$170 K, be approved;
- (c) That the General Manager of the Finance and Corporate Services Department be authorized and directed to prepare the requisite By-law, pursuant to Section 208, *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to levy the 2021 Operating Budget for the International Village Business Improvement Area; and,
- (d) That the following schedule of payments for 2021 Operating Budget for the International Village Business Improvement Area, be approved:
 - (i) January \$85,000
 - (ii) June \$85,000

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

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

3. **Downtown Dundas Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed Budget and Schedule of Payments for 2021 (PED20185) (Ward 13) (Item 6.3)**

(Pauls/Pearson)

- (a) That the 2021 Operating Budget for the Downtown Dundas Business Improvement Area (BIA), attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED20185, in the amount of \$226,800, be approved;
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the Downtown Dundas Business Improvement Area in the amount of \$170,632, be approved;
- (c) That the General Manager of the Finance and Corporate Services Department be authorized and directed to prepare the requisite By-law, pursuant to Section 208, *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to levy the 2021 Operating Budget for the Downtown Dundas Business Improvement Area; and,
- (d) That the following schedule of payments for 2021 Operating Budget for the Downtown Dundas Business Improvement Area, be approved:
 - (i) January \$85,316
 - (ii) June \$85,316

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

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

4. Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed Budget and Schedule of Payments for 2021 (PED20186) (City Wide) (Item 6.4)

(Pauls/Pearson)

- (a) That the 2021 Operating Budget for the Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area (BIA), attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED20186, in the amount of \$465 K, be approved;
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area in the amount of \$400 K, be approved;
- (c) That the General Manager of the Finance and Corporate Services Department be authorized and directed to prepare the requisite By-law, pursuant to Section 208, *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to levy the 2021 Operating Budget for the Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area; and,
- (d) That the following schedule of payments for 2021 Operating Budget for the Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area, be approved:
 - (i) January \$200,000
 - (ii) June \$200,000

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

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

5. King West Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed Budget Schedule of Payments for 2021 (PED20190) (Ward 2) (Item 6.5)

(Pauls/Pearson)

- (a) That the 2021 Operating Budget for the King West Business Improvement Area (BIA), attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED20190, in the amount of \$5,647, be approved;
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the King West Business Improvement Area in the amount of \$5,647, be approved;
- (c) That the General Manager of the Finance and Corporate Services Department be authorized and directed to prepare the requisite By-law, pursuant to Section 208, *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to levy the 2021 Operating Budget for the King West Business Improvement Area; and,
- (d) That the following schedule of payments for 2021 Operating Budget for the King West Business Improvement Area, be approved:
 - (i) January \$2,823.50
 - (ii) June \$2,823.50

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

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

6. **Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Sub-Committee Minutes 19-002, October 29, 2019 (Item 6.6)**

(Whitehead/VanderBeek)

That the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Sub-Committee Minutes 19-002, October 29, 2020, be received.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Absent	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

7. **2020 S&P Global Ratings Credit Rating Review (FCS20099) (City Wide) (Item 6.7)**

(Whitehead/VanderBeek)

That Report FCS20009, respecting the 2020 S&P Global Ratings Credit Rating Review, be received.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor

Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
Absent	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

8. Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery (Item 8.1)

(Ferguson/Whitehead)

That the Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

9. Review of the Final Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery (Item 8.1.a.)

(Eisenberger/Nann)

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 has resulted in widespread economic hardship across multiple sectors in Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council established the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery to develop an action driven plan to position the City of Hamilton for sustainable and equitable economic recovery;

WHEREAS, the deliberations and recommendations of the Task Force's seven Working Groups have been compiled as the Final Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to review the Final Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery and identify actions within the Report that can be brought forward to Council for consideration either as standalone initiatives, or through other City initiatives such as the Economic Development Action Plan; and,
- (b) That the Chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery be requested to convene two additional meetings of the Task Force in early 2021 to receive updates from City staff, and provide City staff with feedback on the implementation of actions to support the City's economic recovery, after which the work of the Task Force be deemed complete, and the members be recognized and thanked for their contributions.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

10. COVID-19 Support for Local Businesses (Item 8.1.b.)

(Clark/Pearson)

WHEREAS, the Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery includes a number of recommendations related to supporting economic recovery by providing easy access for local businesses to information and resources related to financial support programs and public health best practices;

WHEREAS, the City's three Chambers of Commerce have undertaken significant efforts to support their members through COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the City has been partnering with the Chambers of Commerce to ensure that local businesses have the resources they need to navigate the new COVID-19 rules and regulations, including collaborating to develop and launch the COVID-19 Business Continuity and Economic Recovery website as well as the COVID Business Impact Survey;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the City's Economic Development Division collaborate with the Hamilton, Flamborough, Stoney Creek, **Ancaster and Dundas** Chambers of Commerce to establish a COVID-Concierge service through the Hamilton Business Centre, including the creation of information materials, phone line, and on-line one-stop resource centre for COVID-19 related information for local businesses, to be funded to an upset limit of \$150,000 from the Economic Development Initiatives capital account (3621708900).

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

11. Motion - Financial Relief for Local Businesses (Item 8.1.c.)

(Jackson/Eisenberger)

WHEREAS, the Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery includes a number of recommendations related to supporting economic recovery through temporary financial relief for businesses; and,

WHEREAS, the City currently regulates 44 categories of businesses through its Business Licensing Program, comprising a total of 8,320 businesses;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That all General Business License Fees, Trade License Fees, Taxi and Personal Transportation Providers (PTP) Fees, and Film Permit Fees be frozen at 2020 levels for 2021, with the loss in budgeted revenues in 2021 of an estimated \$275,000 to be funded from the Economic Development Initiatives capital account (3621708900).

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Conflict	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

12. Stimulating Local Development - Affordable Housing Projects - Cash-in-lieu Parking Policy – Downtown Secondary Plan Area -Temporary Period (Item 8.1.d.)

(Farr/Collins)

WHEREAS the Report of the Mayor’s Task Force on Economic Recovery includes a number of recommendations related to supporting economic recovery by stimulating local development, and particularly construction of new affordable housing;

Parking Requirements

WHEREAS, the City previously used a temporary reduction in parking requirements to stimulate downtown development, through a Temporary Use By-law for the period November 1, 1996 to September 1, 1999;

WHEREAS, Section 40(1) and 40(2) of the *Planning Act* allows municipalities to enter into an agreement with an owner or occupant of a building that effectively allows for the payment of cash-in-lieu of any parking requirement and the City of Hamilton has such a policy in place in its Official Plan that authorizes the City to consider a cash-in-lieu payment for all or part of the parking required under the applicable in-force Zoning By-law requirements;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton Official Plan directs that cash-in-lieu of parking payments are to be used for the acquisition of lands and/or the provision of off-street parking as deemed appropriate by the City;

WHEREAS, the former City of Hamilton has operational guidelines in place on how cash-in-lieu of parking payments are to be calculated which currently state that “payments made by proponents will not be less than 50% of the total cost of the parking not provided” and set out a formula for calculating the cost of parking based on both land and construction costs;

WHEREAS, the most recent use of the cash-in-lieu of parking policy was in 2017 for 8 parking spaces for a project in downtown Hamilton and which resulted in the payment of \$140,400 (approximately \$17,550 per parking space);

WHEREAS, a temporary amendment to the cash-in-lieu of parking policy to reduce the cash-in-lieu rate could be used to reduce the overall cost of development;

Building Permit Fees for Affordable Housing

WHEREAS, since 2018 the City of Hamilton has waived various application fees for planning approvals (e.g. zoning, minor variances, site plan applications) for affordable housing projects, which has resulted in tens of thousands of dollars in savings for new affordable housing projects, but has not waived Building Permit fees which, for recent affordable housing projects, have cost affordable housing developers thousands of dollars per project, such as the Parkdale Landing (\$46k), North End Landing (\$118k); Ken Soble Tower (\$129k); and, Good Shephard (\$56k);

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton currently maintains a Building Permit Revenue Stabilization Reserve, which is forecast to have a balance of approximately \$22 million as of December 2020, but the use of these funds is regulated provincially under the *Ontario Building Code Act*, which limits their use to the administration of the *Building Code Act*;

WHEREAS, if the Province were to allow it, the City could use a small portion of its Building Permit Revenue Stabilization Reserve funds to offset the cost of waiving Building Permit fees for affordable housing;

Surety Bonds

WHEREAS, the Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery specifically recommends that the City of Hamilton permit surety bonds as a means of securing various financial obligations to the City on the part of developers;

WHEREAS, surety bonds can potentially reduce the cost of development by providing developers with a lower-cost option for financial securities, compared to current City practice which largely require Letters of Credit; and,

WHEREAS, there are potential risks to the City with respect to surety bonds, for example, related to the ease of accessing to the funds should the City have to draw upon them;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

- (a) That Planning staff be directed to report back to Planning Committee with options for modifying the City's existing cash-in-lieu of parking policy to provide for a temporary, reduced cash-in-lieu of parking fee within the Downtown Secondary Plan Area for a temporary period;
- (b) That the Mayor be authorized and directed to write to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the local MPPs to request that the Province amend the *Ontario Building Code Act* to permit municipalities to utilize Building Permit Reserve funds to offset the cost of waiving Building Permit fees for affordable housing projects;
- (c) That, if the amendments are made to the *Ontario Building Code Act* to permit municipalities to utilize Building Permit Reserve funds to offset the cost of waiving Building Permit fees for affordable housing projects, staff be directed to report back to the Planning Committee on a recommended program for waiving Building Permit fees for affordable housing projects, to be funded by the Building Permit Revenue Stabilization Reserve (Reserve Number 104050); and,
- (d) That Finance and Legal staff be directed to report back to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee on the potential for the use of surety bonds as financial security for development projects to secure municipal agreements.

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

- Yes - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
- Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr

Yes	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4	Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson
Absent	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

13. Supporting "Shop Local" (Item 8.1.e.)

(Pauls/VanderBeek)

WHEREAS, the Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery includes a number of recommendations related to supporting economic recovery by encouraging people to shop local, explore local, visit local business areas, and support local businesses;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to supporting local businesses as one component of its broader economic recovery planning;

WHEREAS, there are currently 13 Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) in the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the BIAs are established through the coordination and request of the local business community, legislated through the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, and are governed through a Board of Management, which is a Local Board;

WHEREAS, the BIAs are primarily funded through a levy placed on each commercial property owner;

WHEREAS, the City currently supports the 13 BIAs with funding enhancements by providing an annual Contribution to Operating Grant Program (\$89,100 per year total), a share of parking revenues (10% of Hamilton Municipal Parking System operating surplus to a maximum of \$167,280 per year), and an annual grant for holiday programming (\$1,000 per BIA); and,

WHEREAS, the City's annual Winterfest festival, which has a 2021 budget of approximately \$65,000 to curate outdoor activities primarily in parks across the

City, presents an opportunity for an immediate impact by extending its scope to include outdoor activities in the City's BIA areas;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That each of the City's existing thirteen Business Improvement Areas be provided a one-time enhancement grant of \$10,000 each to support special programming in 2021 to help to support local businesses, subject to the submission and approval of a plan and budget to the City's Economic Development Division, to be funded from the Economic Development Initiatives capital account (3621708900);
- (b) That the budget for the February 2021 Hamilton Winterfest be increased by \$25,000, to add additional programming in each of the City's 13 Business Improvement Areas, to be funded from the Economic Development Initiatives capital account (3621708900); and,
- (c) That the Commercial Districts and Small Business Section of the Economic Development Division and Tourism Hamilton be directed to include an enhanced focus on supporting local tourism and support for local businesses in their 2021 programming, using their existing budgets.

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

- Yes - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
- Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- Absent - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
- Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- Absent - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
- Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
- Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- Yes - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- Yes - Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
- Yes - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
- Yes - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
- Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
- Absent - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
- Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
- Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
- Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

14. Creative Enterprise Facilities Property Tax Sub-class (item 8.1.f.)

(Danko/Nann)

WHEREAS, the Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery includes a number of recommendations related to property tax relief for small businesses and businesses in the arts and culture sector;

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2020, the Province of Ontario announced that it would be enabling municipalities to provide property tax relief for small businesses by giving municipalities the ability to create a new "Small Business" Tax Sub-Class in 2021; and,

WHEREAS, in 2018 the City of Toronto was successful in having the Province create a special Creative Enterprise Facilities Property Tax Sub-Class, which the City of Toronto has used to provide a reduction in property tax for eligible creative enterprises and live music venues, but this authority does not yet exist in the City of Hamilton;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

- (a) That staff be directed to report back to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee with options for the creation of a Small Business Tax Sub-class;
- (b) That the Mayor be authorized and directed to write to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, with a copy to the local MPPs to request that the Province extend the eligibility for the Creative Enterprise Facilities Property Tax Sub-class to the City of Hamilton;
- (c) That, should the Province support extending the Creative Enterprise Facilities Property Tax Sub-class to the City of Hamilton, Finance staff be directed to report back to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee with options for creating such a sub-class.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor

Yes - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

15. Federal and Provincial Assistance with COVID-19 Economic Recovery Initiatives (Item 8.1.g.)

(Eisenberger/Nann)

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 has resulted in widespread economic hardship across multiple sectors in Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery has recognized that a successful economic recovery will require involvement and collaboration from all levels of government; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery has identified specific recommendations that are beyond the authority of a municipality and require action from upper levels of government;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff directed to prepare correspondence from the Mayor, on behalf of Council, to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of Ontario, copying all local MPs, MPPs, **AMO and FCM to request their support and action** of the following:
- (i) establishing trade policies that support the manufacturing and auto sectors;
 - (ii) continuing transfers to municipalities to cover municipal budget shortfalls due to COVID impacts;
 - (iii) instituting Universal Paid Emergency Leave;
 - (iv) extending the Commercial Rent Assistance Program beyond 2020;
 - (v) extending the Extension of Termination and Severance Protection beyond Jan 2, 2021;
 - (vi) extending the CERB/CEWS wage subsidy programs and committing to study the potential for a Universal Basic Income program;

- (vii) establishing a national universal childcare program;
 - (viii) allowing for the extension of Corporate Tax deferral programs;
 - (ix) providing funding for non-governmental organizations that provide well-being supports, such as services for people with mental health and addictions);
 - (x) establishing a centralized contact point for businesses for information on pandemic-related provincial restrictions and guidelines;
 - (xi) ensuring fair wages/consistent policy for workers WSIB claims to align with COVID-19 impacts;
 - (xii) advancing investments for major infrastructure projects as a catalyst for job creation and economic stimulus;
 - (xiii) investing in skills development, employment supports and employer incentives for marginalized groups; and,
 - (xiv) support a home renovation tax credit; and,
- (b) That staff be directed to devise work plans for follow-up on the task force recommendations with their federal and provincial counterparts such as deputy ministers, directors and policy staff.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

16. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Framework Update (HUR19019(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(Eisenberger/Ferguson)

That Report HUR19019(a)), respecting the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Framework Update, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Absent	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

17. Hamilton.ca Website Redevelopment (CM20011) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(Danko/Whitehead)

That Report CM20011, respecting the Hamilton.ca Website Redevelopment, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson

Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

18. Encampment Update - Expenses (HSC20038(a)) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That Report HSC20038(a), respecting the Encampment Update – Expenses, be received.

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

Yes - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

19. COVID-19 Emergency Delegated Authority By-Law Update (CM20004(c)) (City Wide) (Item 9.2)

(Partridge/Ferguson)

That Report CM20004(c), respecting the COVID-19 Emergency Delegated Authority By-Law Update, be received.

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

Yes - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

Absent	-	Ward 4	Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

20. 2021 Budget Submission – Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (HUR20010) (City Wide) (Item 9.3)

(Pearson/Ferguson)

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) 2021 base budget submission attached as Appendix “A” to Report HUR20010 in the amount of \$6,100, be approved and forwarded to the 2021 budget process for consideration.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**21. Arts Advisory Commission 2021 Base Budget Submissions (PED20219)
(City Wide) (Item 9.4)**

(Danko/Johnson)

That the Arts Advisory Commission 2021 base budget submission, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED20219 in the amount of \$9,000, be approved and referred to the 2021 Budget process for consideration.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**22. Hamilton Tax Increment Grant - 144 Wellington Street North (PED20204)
(Ward 3) (Item 9.5)**

(Nann/Eisenberger)

- (a) That a Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program application submitted by Lena Zahabi, for the property at 144 Wellington Street North, Hamilton, estimated at \$34,497.60 over a maximum of a five-year period, and based upon the incremental tax increase attributable to the development of 144 Wellington Street North, Hamilton, be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute a Grant Agreement together with any ancillary documentation required, to the Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program application submitted by Lena Zahabi, for the property at 144 Wellington Street North, Hamilton, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,

- (c) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized to approve and execute any Grant Amending Agreements, together with any ancillary amending documentation, if required, provided that the terms and conditions of the Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program, as approved by City Council, are maintained.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

23. Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update (LS19036(c)) (City Wide) (Item 9.6)

(Collins/Pearson)

That Report LS19036(c), respecting the Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 2, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
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No	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson
No	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

24. 2022 Municipal Elections: Alternative Voting Options (FCS20081) (City Wide) (Item 9.7)

(Whitehead/Nann)

- (a) That the City Clerk be directed to prepare and issue a competitive procurement process in accordance with the City's Procurement Policy for the lease of a vote tabulation system for the 2022 municipal election, with options to extend the contract to include any by-elections leading up to 2026, and the 2026 municipal election;
- (b) That a one-time increase of \$350,000 to the Election Expense Reserve (112206) be referred to the 2020 Year-end Variance Disposition Report for consideration, to support the general administration of the 2022 municipal election;
- (c) That the annual contribution to the Election Expense Reserve (112206) be increased by \$75,000, to a total of \$550,000, to cover increased costs associated with municipal election administration and be referred to the 2021 Operating Budget for consideration;
- (d) That the annual contribution to the Election Expense Reserve (112206) be increased by 2.5% in 2022 and subsequent years to cover continuing inflationary costs associated with municipal election administration; and,
- (e) That the City Clerk be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee in Q2 2021 on Election Expense Reserve needs related to consideration of internet voting for the 2026 municipal election.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko

Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

25. 2021 Tax Supported User Fees (FCS20085) (City Wide) (item 9.8)

(Eisenberger/Jackson)

- (a) That the 2021 User Fees contained in Appendix “A”, **as amended**, to Report FCS20085, 2021 Tax Supported User Fees, be approved and implemented;
- (b) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, for the purposes of establishing the user fees contained within Appendix “A”, **as amended**, to Report FCS20085; and,
- (c) That the Temporary Waiver and Deferral of User Fees and Charges Policy contained in Appendix “B” to Report FCS20085, “2021 Tax Supported User Fees”, be approved and implemented.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

26. **Event Service Provider for Christmas in Gore Park (PED20215) (Ward 2) (Item 9.9)**

(Farr/Nann)

- (a) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, a five-year service contract between the Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area (Downtown BIA) and the City to retain the services of the Downtown BIA to produce the Christmas in Gore Park Event beginning in 2021, with the option to renew at the City's discretion, and together with all necessary ancillary documents, with content acceptable to the Director of Tourism and Culture and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (b) That the five-year service contract between the Downtown BIA and the City of Hamilton for production of the Christmas in Gore Park Event include financial support to an upset limit of \$17 K for each year of the contract, to be funded from the Planning and Economic Development Department Operating Budget (Dept id 709120) in the amount of \$7 K and from the Public Works Department Operating Budget (Dept id 444076) in the amount of \$10 K; be approved.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

27. **Affordable Housing Site Selection Sub-Committee, Report 20-001, November 24, 2020 (Item 9.10)**

(Johnson/Eisenberger)

(a) Disposition Strategy to Achieve Affordable Housing in Binbrook (PED20179) (Ward 11) (Item 14.2)

- (i) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report PED20179 - the Disposition Strategy to Achieve Affordable Housing in Binbrook, be approved; and,
- (ii) That Report PED20179, respecting the Disposition Strategy to Achieve Affordable Housing in Binbrook, remain confidential until the completion of the real estate transaction.

(b) Properties and Process for Disposition of Lands for Affordable Housing (PED17219(c)) (City Wide) (Item 14.3)

That Report PED17219(c), respecting Properties and Process for Disposition of Lands for Affordable Housing, be received and remain confidential.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

28. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (FCS20103) (City Wide) (Item 9.11)

(Eisenberger/Pauls)

- (a) That the projects listed in Appendix “A” to Report FCS20103, be approved as the City of Hamilton’s submission for consideration to the Ministry of Infrastructure for the requested funding amount of \$7,434,008 for projects with a total project cost of \$9,464,000, in accordance with the terms and conditions associated with the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream;
- (b) That levy funding capacity resulting from approved grant funding from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream be reallocated to the Unallocated Capital Reserve (108020);
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documentation or advisable, including Funding Agreements to receive funding under Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream with content satisfactory to the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (d) That staff be authorized and directed to tender and implement projects contained in Appendix “A” to Report FCS20103 upon execution of a transfer payment agreement between the City of Hamilton and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure for the Province of Ontario to Receive Funding Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream;
- (e) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to submit future project amendments that may be required to Infrastructure Canada and the Province of Ontario provided that no amendment shall result in the City’s maximum funding share being exceeded;
- (f) That where required to give effect and authorize the signing of a transfer payment agreement between the City of Hamilton and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure for the Province of Ontario, to receive funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream, one or more By-law(s) be prepared in the form satisfactory to the City Solicitor for consideration by Council; and,
- (g) That where required to give effect and authorize the signing of amendments to the transfer payment agreement between the City of

Hamilton and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure for the Province of Ontario, to receive funding under Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream, one or more By-law(s) be prepared in the form satisfactory to the City Solicitor for consideration by Council.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

29. Deferral of Full Taxes for Seniors and Low-Income Persons with Disabilities Program (FCS18005(a)) (City Wide) (Item 9.12)

(Jackson/Pearson)

- (a) That the three-year pilot for a Deferral of Full Taxes for Seniors and Low-Income Persons with Disabilities Program (“Full Tax Deferral Program”) become a permanent program under the criteria included in Appendix “A” attached to Report FCS18005(a); and,
- (b) That the 0.5 temporary Full Time Equivalent for the administration of this program funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (110046), be eliminated.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

**30. Audit and Accountability Fund Intake 2: Expression of Interest (FCS20106)
(City Wide) (Item 9.13)**

(Collins/Ferguson)

- (a) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be authorized and directed to submit expression of interests associated with third-party reviews of municipal services to identify potential savings and efficiencies, in accordance with the terms and conditions associated with the Audit and Accountability Fund Intake 2 by December 18, 2020;
- (b) That the third-party reviews only be undertaken should the City be successful in obtaining funds from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- (c) That staff be directed to single source third-party consultants to complete reviews should the City be successful in obtaining funds from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- (d) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a transfer payment agreement between the City of Hamilton and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the transfer of funds from the Audit and Accountability Fund, together with all necessary or advisable associated documents, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and with content acceptable to the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services;
- (e) That where required to give effect and authorize the signing of a transfer payment agreement between the City of Hamilton and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario for the transfer of funds from the Audit and Accountability Fund, one or more By-law(s) be prepared in the form satisfactory to the City Solicitor for consideration by Council; and,

- (f) That a certified copy of the approved by-law authorizing the signing of the transfer payment agreement be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing upon Council approval.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

31. West Harbour Development Sub-Committee Report 20-001, December 2, 2020 (Item 9.14)

(Farr/Partridge)

(a) West Harbour Waterfront Re-Development Plan – Implementation Status Update (PED17181(b)) (Item 10.1)

(i) Animation of Piers 5-8 Lands

- (1) That staff from the Tourism and Culture Division be directed to prepare and execute an agreement with an external entity to a maximum value of \$40,000 for the implementation of operating and programming temporary animation of the Piers 5 to 8 lands, inclusive of the Waterfront Trust Centre (formerly the Discovery Centre), with nominal cost for leasing of the lands, for the 2021-2022 seasons, to be funded through Project 4411606003 (West Harbour Community Engagement) in a manner and on conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department, and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor; and,

- (2) That staff be directed to report back to the West Harbour Development Sub-Committee, by the end of the first quarter of 2021, with interim and long-term strategies for the use of the Waterfront Trust Centre (formerly the Discovery Centre), including animation of the surrounding outdoor area.

(ii) West Harbour Waterfront Re-Development Plan – Implementation Status Update (PW17181(b)) (City Wide)

That Report PW17181(b), respecting West Harbour Waterfront Re-Development Plan – Implementation Status Update, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

32. Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee Report 20-005, December 8, 2020 (Item 9.15)

(Pauls/Ferguson)

(a) Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair (Item 1)

- (i) That Councillor E. Pauls be appointed as Chair of the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee for 2021; and,
- (ii) That the Vice-Chair position rotate among Committee members for the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee for 2021.

(b) Letter to the Premier on Behalf of the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee (Item 10.2)

That the Mayor of the City of Hamilton send a letter to the Premier of Ontario on behalf of the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee (attached as Appendix "A" to Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee Report 20-005), respecting the COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open and the impact it has on small businesses and Business Improvement Areas.

(c) Barton Village Business Improvement Area Expenditure Request (Item 11.1)

(i) That the expenditure request from the Barton Village Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$6,222.03 for the cost to hire youth through the summer to clean and maintain the sidewalks in Barton Village, to be funded from the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Contribution Program (BIA Payments Account 815010-56905), be approved; and,

(ii) That the expenditure request from the Barton Village Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$10,192.27 for the cost of marketing for the Barton Village BIA (\$554.24), Office Equipment (\$1,482.23), Banners and Planters (\$4,654.58), and the cost to hire a manager to oversee street cleanup (\$3,501.00), to be funded from the Shared Parking Revenue Program (Parking Revenue Account 815010-45559), be approved.

(d) Stoney Creek Business Improvement Area Expenditure Request (Item 11.2)

That the expenditure request from the Stoney Creek Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$8,046.70 for the cost of winter greenery for planters, Christmas decor lights, Christmas decorations maintenance, and materials for summer planters, to be funded from the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Contribution Program (BIA Payments Account 815010-56905), be approved.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

Absent	-	Ward 4	Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

33. Major Construction Project Disruptions Impacting the Eligibility for Affected Businesses under the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy Program (Item 10.1)

(Wilson/Nann)

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2020, the Government of Canada proposed the new Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) to provide direct relief to businesses, non-profits and charities that continue to be economically impacted from the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy mirrors the calculation of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS), providing benefits directly to qualifying renters and property owners, without requiring the participation of landlords;

WHEREAS, the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy provides a subsidy on eligible expenses for qualifying organizations that have experienced a revenue decline due to the impacts of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy provides a subsidy on eligible expenses for qualifying organizations that have experienced a revenue decline due to the impacts of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the eligibility will generally be determined by the reduction in an eligible entity's monthly revenues, year-over-year, for the applicable calendar month;

WHEREAS, major construction and capital projects, such as the Locke Street Business Improvement Area road reconstructions located between Main Street West and Herkimer Street (Hamilton), caused considerable disruption to vehicular and pedestrian traffic resulting in significant declines in business levels and revenues for impacted businesses;

WHEREAS, using the 2019 base to calculate the percentage revenue decline for the current qualifying period of 2020 in determining the subsidy rate will not reflect an accurate representation of year-over-year lost revenue decline, due to the lowered revenues in 2019 due to road reconstruction; and,

WHEREAS, small businesses and commercial districts are the lifeline of not only Hamilton's, but also to the Canadian economy, and they have been devastated by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Mayor correspond with the Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Middle-Class Prosperity and Associate Minister of Finance and, the local MPs to request that:

- (i) The reference periods for the drop-in-revenues, used for calculating the eligible payment amount under the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy and Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, be expanded to support businesses who were disproportionately affected by major construction and capital projects, such as the Locke Street Business Improvement Area road reconstruction, located between Main Street West and Herkimer Street (Hamilton), caused considerable disruption to vehicular and pedestrian traffic resulting in significant declines in business levels and revenues for impacted businesses; and,
- (ii) The rate of revenue drop used in the calculation of the subsidy drop in both the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy and the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy be more flexible to allow a base year to include a year that is most representative of a normal year's revenue, especially in situations where 2019 is not representative of a normal year's revenue.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson

Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

34. Authority to Expropriate for the Acquisition of Part of 339 Mountain Brow Road (PED20206) (Ward 15) (Item 13.2)

(Partridge/Johnson)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report PED20206, regarding the Authority to Expropriate for the Acquisition of Part of 339 Mountain Brow Road, be approved; and,
- (b) That Report PED20206, respecting the Authority to Expropriate for the Acquisition of Part of 339 Mountain Brow Road, remain confidential save and except for any portions that need be disclosed for the purposes of completing this expropriation at the discretion of the City Solicitor, until completion of the real estate transaction.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 1, as follows:

Absent - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
No - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

35. Acquisition of Part of 344 Mountain Brow Road (PED20207) (Ward 15) (Item 13.3)

(Partridge/Johnson)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report PED20207, Acquisition of Part of 344 Mountain Brow Road, Hamilton, be approved; and,
- (b) That Report PED20207, respecting the acquisition of part of 344 Mountain Brow Road, Hamilton, remain confidential until completion of the real estate transaction.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 1, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
No	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

36. Acquisition of Part of 351 Mountain Brow Road (PED20208) (Ward 15) (Item 13.4)

(Partridge/Johnson)

- (a) That an Option to Purchase, scheduled to close on February 25, 2021, for the partial acquisition of land municipally known as 351 Mountain Brow Road, Hamilton, as shown in Appendix "A" attached to Report PED20208, based substantially on the Terms and Conditions, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED20208, and such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department, be approved;

- (b) That all costs related to the acquisition of part of 351 Mountain Brow Road, Hamilton, be charged to Project ID Account No. 4031280288, as outlined in Appendix “B” attached to Report PED20208;
- (c) That the sum of \$37,050 be funded from Project ID Account No. 4031280288 and be credited to Dept. ID No. 812036 (Real Estate – Admin Recovery) for recovery of expenses including real estate and legal fees and costs;
- (d) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to complete the acquisition of part of 351 Mountain Brow Road, Hamilton, transaction on behalf of the City, including paying any necessary expenses, amending the closing, due diligence and other dates, and amending and waiving terms and conditions on such terms as she considers reasonable;
- (e) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the necessary documents, respecting the acquisition of part of 351 Mountain Brow Road, Hamilton, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (f) That the Report PED20208, respecting the acquisition of part of 351 Mountain Brow Road, Hamilton, remain confidential until completion of the real estate transaction.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 1, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
No	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

37. Acquisition of 154-156 Cannon Street East (PED20209) (Ward 2) (Item 13.5)

(Farr/Collins)

- (a) That an Option to Purchase, scheduled to close on April 21, 2021, for the acquisition of land described as 154-156 Cannon Street East, Hamilton, as shown in Appendix "A" attached to Report PED20209, based substantially on the Terms and Conditions, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED20209, and such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department, be approved;
- (b) That all costs related to the acquisition of 154-156 Cannon Street East be charged to reserve 104090 – Parkland Dedication, as outlined in Appendix "B" attached to Report PED20209;
- (c) That the sum of \$113,075 be funded from reserve 104090 – Parkland Dedication and be credited to Dept. ID No. 812036 (Real Estate – Admin Recovery) for recovery of expenses including real estate and legal administration fees and costs associated with the acquisition and leasing of 154-156 Cannon Street East;
- (d) That a lease to the current operating company, Car Star, scheduled to commence on April 21, 2021, for a portion of the property (buildings and a portion of the parking area), as shown in Appendix "A" attached to Report PED20209, based substantially on the Terms and Conditions attached as Appendix "C" to Report PED20209, and such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department, be approved;
- (e) That a lease to the current sub-tenant, City Max Motors, scheduled to commence on April 21, 2021, for a portion of the property (remainder of the parking area), as shown in Appendix "A" attached to Report PED20209, based substantially on the Terms and Conditions attached as Appendix "D" to Report PED20209, and such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department, be approved;
- (f) That all net proceeds related to the leases outlined in Appendices "C" and "D" attached to Report PED20209 be credited to reserve 104090 – Parkland Dedication;
- (g) The General Manager of Planning and Economic Development Department, or designate, acting on behalf of the City as lessor, be authorized to provide any consents, approvals, and notices related to the subject Lease Agreement herein outlined;

- (h) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to complete the acquisition and lease transactions related to 154-156 Cannon Street East on behalf of the City, including completing and/or amending the leases, paying any necessary expenses, amending the closing, due diligence and other dates, and amending and waiving terms and conditions on such terms as she considers reasonable;
- (i) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the necessary documents required to complete the acquisition and lease transactions related to 154-156 Cannon Street East, Hamilton, as shown in Appendix "A" attached to Report PED20209, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (j) That Report PED20209, respecting the Acquisition of 154-156 Cannon Street East, remain confidential and not be released as a public document, until final completion of the real estate transactions.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**38. Downtown Entertainment Precinct Status Update (PED18168(f)) (City Wide)
(Item 13.6)**

(Farr/Pauls)

That Report PED18168, respecting the Downtown Entertainment Precinct Status Update, remain confidential.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Conflict	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

39. Motion - Proposed Assignment and Amendment to Operating Agreement (Ward 2) (Item 13.7)

(Farr/Collins)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting the Proposed Assignment and Amendment to Operating Agreement in Ward 2, be approved; and,
- (b) That the Motion, respecting Proposed Assignment and Amendment to Operating Agreement (Ward 2), remain confidential until completion of the real estate transaction.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 2, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
No	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
No	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek

Absent - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

40. City of Hamilton Transfer Stations and Community Recycling Centre Update (PW20068(c)/LS20039(b)) (City Wide) (Item 13.9)

(Jackson/Ferguson)

That Report (PW20068(c)/LS20039(b)), respecting City of Hamilton Transfer Stations and Community Recycling Centre Update, remain confidential.

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

Absent - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

4. ADDED COMMUNICATION ITEMS

Correspondence respecting COVID-19 Matters:

4.1.d. Christine Campbell, Ballare Studio Dance

4.1.e. Robert Burke

- 4.1.f. Darren Mullin
- 4.1.g. Fran Spoelstra
- 4.1.h. Sandra Smith

8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- 8.1 Report on the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery – Motions directly related to this report:
 - 8.1.b. Motion - COVID-19 Support for Local Businesses
 - 8.1.c. Motion - Financial Relief for Local Businesses
 - 8.1.d. Stimulating Local Development - Affordable Housing Projects - Cash-in-lieu Parking Policy – Downtown Secondary Plan Area -Temporary Period
 - 8.1.e. Motion - Supporting "Shop Local" *8.1.f. Creative Enterprise Facilities Property Tax Sub-class *8.1.g. Federal and Provincial Assistance with COVID-19 Economic Recovery Initiatives
 - 8.1.f. Creative Enterprise Facilities Property Tax Sub-class
 - 8.1.g. Federal and Provincial Assistance with COVID-19 Economic Recovery Initiatives

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 9.14. West Harbour Development Sub-Committee Report 20-001, December 2, 2020
- 9.15. Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee Report 20-005, December 8, 2020 13.

13. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- 13.9. City of Hamilton Transfer Stations and Community Recycling Centre Update (PW20068(c)/LS20039(b)) (City Wide)

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (e) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 18- 270, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (e) and (k) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

(Whitehead/Partridge)

That the agenda for the December 9, 2020 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

- (i) Councillor M. Wilson declared an interest to Item 13.6 – Report PED18168(f), respecting the Downtown Entertainment Precinct Status Update, as her spouse has a potential involvement in this matter.
- (ii) Councillor L. Ferguson declared an interest to Item 8.1.c., being a Motion regarding Financial Relief for Local Businesses, as he has an interest in the taxi industry.

- (iii) Councillor L. Ferguson declared an interest to the amendment to Appendix "A" to Item 9.8 – Report FCS20085, respecting the 2021 Tax Supported User Fee that related to the taxi industry, as he has an interest in the taxi industry.

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

- (i) **November 18, 2020 and November 30, 2020 (Items 3.1 and 3.2)**

(Pearson/Collins)

That the Minutes of the November 18, 2020 and November 30, 2020 General Issues Committee meetings be approved, as presented.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(d) COMMUNICATION ITEMS (Item 4)

- (i) **Correspondence respecting COVID-19 Matters (Item 4.1)**

(Pearson/Whitehead)

That the following correspondence, respecting COVID-19 Matters, be received:

- (1) Kimberly Coole (Item 4.1.a.)
- (2) Lauren Stephen (Item 4.1.b.)

- (3) Mark-Alan Whittle (Item 4.1.c.)
- (4) Christine Campbell, Ballare Studio Dance (Item 4.1.d.)
- (5) Robert Burke (Item 4.1.e.)
- (6) Darren Mullin (Item 4.1.f.)
- (7) Fran Spoelstra (Item 4.1.g)
- (8) Sandra Smith (Item 4.1.h)

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

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

- (ii) **Correspondence from Catherine Bridgman, CEO, Ronald McDonald House Charities, South Central Ontario, respecting a Request for the City to Consider Partnering with RMHCSCO through the Invest in Canada Infrastructure Program (Item 4.2)**

(Wilson/Pearson)

That the correspondence from Catherine Bridgman, CEO, Ronald McDonald House Charities, South Central Ontario, respecting a Request for the City to Consider Partnering with RMHCSCO through the Invest in Canada Infrastructure Program, be received and referred to the consideration of Item 9.11.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery (Item 8.1)

Ron McKerlie, President of Mohawk College, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery.

(Ferguson/Whitehead)

That the presentation, respecting the Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek

Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Items 8 to 15.

(ii) COVID-19 Verbal Update (Item 8.2)

Paul Johnson, General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, provided Committee with a verbal update respecting COVID-19.

(Johnson/VanderBeek)

That the verbal update, respecting COVID-19, be received.

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

Yes - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**(iii) Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Framework Update (HUR19019(a))
(City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

Jodi Koch, Director of Talent and Diversity, provided the presentation regarding Report HUR19019(a), Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Framework Update.

(Eisenberger/Partridge)

That the presentation, respecting Report HUR19019(a), Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Framework Update, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Absent	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 16.

(iv) Hamilton.ca Website Redevelopment (CM20011) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

Matthew Grant, Director of Communications and Intergovernmental Affairs; and, Bonnie Large, Senior Digital Officer, provided the PowerPoint presentation respecting Report CM20011, Hamilton.ca Website Redevelopment.

(Farr/Partridge)

That the presentation, respecting Report CM20011, Hamilton.ca Website Redevelopment, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson

- Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
- Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
- Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
- Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
- Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 17.

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 9)

(i) 2022 Municipal Elections: Alternative Voting Options (FCS20081) (City Wide) (Item 9.7)

(Whitehead/Partridge)

That sub-section (b) to Report FCS20081, respecting the 2022 Municipal Elections: Alternative Voting Options, which reads as follows, be REFERRED to the Governance Review Sub-committee for discussion:

- (b) That the City Clerk be directed to evaluate the vote from home program and special vote by mail option for the 2022 municipal election and report back to the General Issues Committee by Q2 2021 with recommendations for alternative voting methods and an authorizing by-law, with a one-time increase of \$125,000 to the Election Expense Reserve (112206) be referred to the 2020 Year-end Variance Disposition Report for consideration, to support these initiatives;

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

- No - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
- No - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
- No - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- Absent - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
- Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
- Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- Yes - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- No - Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
- Yes - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
- Absent - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
- Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
- Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
- Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
- Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 24.

(ii) **2021 Tax Supported User Fees (FCS20085) (City Wide) (Item 9.8)**

(Eisenberger/Jackson)

That Appendix "A" to Report FCS20085, respecting the 2021 Tax Supported User Fees, be amended to reflect the freezing of fees for all General Business Licence Fees, Trade Licence Fees, Taxi and Personal Transportation Providers (PTP) Fees and Film Permit Fees at 2020 levels, of which the loss of budgeted revenues in 2021 are being funded at an estimated amount of \$275,000 from the Economic Development Initiatives Capital account 3621708900.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Conflict	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(Jackson/Nann)

That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with a COVID-19 recreation financial assistance program aimed to offset the increase in the 2021 User Fees.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 25.

(g) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 13)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – November 18, 2020 (Item 13.1)

(Johnson/Pearson)

- (a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the November 18, 2020 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved; and,
- (b) That the Closed Session Minutes of the November 18, 2020 General Issues Committee meeting remain confidential.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(Johnson/Pearson)

That Committee move into Closed Session respecting Items 13.2 to 13.7 and 13.9, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (c), (e), and (k) of the City's

Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c), (e), and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
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Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 14)

(Nann/Pearson)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Absent	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Brad Clark
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
Office of the City Clerk