



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
(2021 OPERATING BUDGET)
MINUTES 21-002(b)**

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 21, 2021

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, 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

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 January 19, 2021

(VanderBeek/Pearson)

That the agenda for the January 21, 2021 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as amended.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Ninder Nann
Yes	-	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
Absent - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

- (i) Councillor E. Pauls declared an interest to Item 6.3, Hamilton Police Services 2021 Budget presentation, as her son works for the Hamilton Police Service.
- (ii) Councillor C. Collins declared an interest to Item 6.3, Hamilton Police Services 2021 Budget presentation, as his sister works for the Hamilton Police Service.

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

(i) January 19, 2021 (Item 3.1)

(Nann/Pearson)

That the Minutes of the January 19, 2021 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as presented.

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

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

(i) **Hamilton Farmers' Market – 2021 Budget Presentation (Item 6.1)**

Gordon Albin, Board Treasurer, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Hamilton Farmers' Market 2021 Operating Budget submission.

(Pauls/Jackson)

That Gordon Albin, Board Treasurer, Hamilton Farmers' Market, be permitted additional time, beyond the permitted 5 minutes, to continue with his presentation.

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

(Pauls/Jackson)

That the presentation, respecting the Hamilton Farmers' Market 2021 Operating Budget submission, 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
Yes	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

(ii) Hamilton Library Board – 2021 (Item 6.2)

Nick van Velzen, Hamilton Library Board Chair; and, Paul Takala, Chief Librarian & Chief Executive Officer, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Hamilton Library Board's 2021 Operating Budget submission.

(Pearson/Partridge)

That Nick van Velzen, Hamilton Library Board Chair; and, Paul Takala, Chief Librarian & Chief Executive Officer, be permitted additional time, beyond the permitted 5 minutes, to continue with their presentation.

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

(Pearson/Partridge)

That the presentation, respecting the Hamilton Library Board's 2021 Operating Budget submission, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 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
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(Nann/Partridge)

That the General Issues Committee recess for one half hour until 12:30 p.m.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 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
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(iii) **Hamilton Police Services Board – 2021 Budget Presentation (Item 6.3)**

Chief Eric Girt, Anna Filice, CAO of the Hamilton Police Service, and Acting Chief F. Bergin, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Hamilton Police Service's 2021 Operating Budget submission.

(Eisenberger/Ferguson)

That, Police Chief Eric Girt, Anna Filice, CAO of the Hamilton Police Service, and Acting Police Chief F. Bergin, be permitted additional time, beyond the permitted 5 minutes, to continue with their presentation.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(Eisenberger/Jackson)

That the presentation, respecting Hamilton Police Service's 2021 Operating Budget submission, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Conflict	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

(e) MOTIONS (Item 8)

(i) \$30,000 One-Time Funding to the Hamilton Farmers Market (Item 8.1)

(Farr/Collins)

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Farmers Market is a cherished cultural and social institution in Hamilton;

WHEREAS, through the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Hamilton Farmers Market is facing perhaps its greatest challenges since it was founded in 1837;

WHEREAS, despite these challenges, the 2021 budget presented by the Hamilton Farmer's Market Board of Directors has maintained the Council requested 2% levy guideline;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Farmers Market has forecasted stall revenue reductions of \$41,200 or 8.6% year-over-year; and,

WHEREAS, due to 5 abandoned contracts (estimated forgone revenue of \$14.5k); delayed business starts (estimated forgone revenue of \$9k); unoccupied available space (estimated forgone revenue of \$23.1k); and, an increased stall vacancy rate of 13.3%;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That one-time funding in the amount of \$30,000 to be funded from the Economic Development Investment Reserve (Account No.112221) or the COVID-19 Emergency Reserve (110053), to be to be utilized to promote the market during the ongoing pandemic, be approved and referred to the 2021 Operating Budget for consideration; and,
- (b) That the Hamilton Farmers Market Board of Directors liaise with the City of Hamilton Culture and Tourism Section and Corporate Communications Office, in order to fully leverage and coordinate promotion of the Market.

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

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Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)

(Johnson/Ferguson)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget), be adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 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
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	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
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