



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

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 27, 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 changes to the agenda:

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 January 26, 2021

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1 Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre Funding

(Pauls/Wilson)

That the agenda for the January 27, 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
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Ninder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

Absent	-	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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) January 26, 2021 (Item 3.1)

(Jackson/Partridge)

That the Minutes of the January 26, 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
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	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

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Public Works Department – 2021 Operating Budget (Item 6.1)

Dan McKinnon, General Manager, Public Works Department, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Public Works Department's 2021 Operating Budget.

(Eisenberger/VanderBeek)

That the presentation, respecting the Public Works Department's 2021 Operating Budget, 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
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
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
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(e) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 9)

Councillor J.P. Danko introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre Funding (Item 9.1)

WHEREAS, City Council supported the establishment and ongoing operation of Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre since 2015;

WHEREAS, the Neighbour to Neighbour Food Centre has become a community hub providing programs and support to the area residents;

WHEREAS the Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre focussed programs and supports on hunger and food insecurity which connected to poverty, inequality, racism, health, the environment, and social relationships;

WHEREAS, the Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre aligns with and contributes to the goals and objectives of the City of Hamilton's Food Strategy;

WHEREAS, Council has provided financial support to Neighbour to Neighbour for the Community Food Centre operation in the amount of \$200,000 per year for the past five years, expiring December 31, 2020;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That five additional years of funding for Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre be supported at a cost of \$200,000 per year, to be provided on an annual basis for 5 years and to be funded through the Tax Stabilization Reserve; and,
- (b) That the Motion respecting funding for the Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre, be approved and referred to the 2021 Operating Budget deliberations for consideration.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)

(Pearson/VanderBeek)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget), be adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Brad Clark
Chair, General Issues Committee

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Legislative Coordinator
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