



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

3:00 p.m.

Monday, February 8, 2021

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

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

4. ADDED COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1. Craig Burley, Hamilton Police Service Carding

Recommendation: Be received.

- 4.2. Keanin Loomis, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting Just Recovery for All Hamiltonians

Recommendation: Be received.

- 4.3. Abedar Kamgari respecting the Hamilton Police Services Budget

Recommendation: Be received.

- 4.4. Atlas Ditomasso respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget

Recommendation: Be received.

- 4.5. Hannah Barrie respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget

Recommendation: Be received.

- 4.6. Jess Geddes respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget

Recommendation: Be received.

- 4.7. Joanna Aitcheson respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget

Recommendation: Be received.

- 4.8. Sean Hurley respecting a Just Recovery for Hamilton

Recommendation: Be received.

- 4.9. Dawn Hoad respecting the Housing Crisis

Recommendation: Be received.

5. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 5.2 Natalie Castellino respecting Neighbourhood Street Safety –
(Withdrawn from the agenda.)

ADDED DELEGATION REQUESTS:

- 5.22. Jamie Stuckless respecting the 2021 Operating Budget

- 5.23. Geoff Ondercin-Bourne, Council of Canadians, respecting Support
of Solar Retrofitting Public Buildings (Withdrawn from this agenda.)

- 5.24. Darlene Wesley respecting the 2021 Operating Budget

- 5.25. Michael Lopez, Hamilton ACORN, respecting the 2021 Operating
Budget, as this is a video submission, this item will be moved to the
end of the agenda.

- 5.26. Veronica Gonzalez respecting the 2021 Operating Budget

- 5.27. Ian Borusk, Environment Hamilton respecting the 2021 Operating Budget
- 5.28. Barry Conway, CUPE Local 5167 respecting the 2021 Operating Budget
- 5.29. Violetta Nikolskaya, Hamilton YWCA, respecting the Just Recovery for Hamilton Policy Document
- 5.30. Kasey Waddell, Hamilton and District Labour Council respecting Student Living Wage
- 5.31. Stephanie Brash, ACORN Hamilton and 14 For Progress, respecting priorities for a Just Recovery
- 5.32. Paula Grove respecting the 2021 Operating Budget
- 5.33. Eric Tuck, ATU Local 107 respecting the 2021 Operating Budget
- 5.34. Don McLean respecting the 2021 Operating Budget
- 5.35. Theo Ditomasso respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget
- 5.36. Mohammed Alshalalfeh respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget
- 5.37. Shanice Bowrin respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Does not wish to appear - please review comments on attached Request to Speak Form only.)
- 5.38. Rachel Cuthill respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Withdrawn from the agenda.)
- 5.39. Claudia Spadafora respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget
- 5.40. Casandra Thiessen, Hamilton ACORN, respecting the 2021 Operating Budget
- 5.41. Miriam Sager respecting the Hamilton Just Recovery Initiative
- 5.42. Haley Reap respecting the Hamilton Police Service Surplus – (Withdrawn from the agenda.)
- 5.43. Alicia De Jong respecting the Hamilton Police Service Surplus
- 5.44. Annie Webber respecting the Hamilton Police Service Surplus

- 5.45. Maria Paz Villar respecting the Hamilton Police Service Surplus
- 5.46. Eric Hoevenaars respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget
- 5.47. Richard DeJong respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget
(Withdrawn from the agenda)
- 5.48. Angela Shlimon respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget
- 5.49. Sarah Jama, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Just
Recovery in Hamilton
- 5.50. Laurel Carter respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget
- 5.51. Eshan Merali respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget
- 5.52. Jonathan Lopez respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Video
Submission)
- 5.53. Mike Burnett, Hamilton ACORN, respecting the 2021 Operating
Budget (Video Submission)
- 5.54. Jacqueline Cantar respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget
(Video Submission)

(Eisenberger/Nann)

That the agenda for the February 8, 2021 General Issues Committee (Budget)
meeting be approved, as amended.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson, Deputy Mayor
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
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)

- (i) Councillor E. Pauls declared an interest to Item 4.1, regarding correspondence from Craig Burley, Hamilton Police Service Carding, as her son works for the Hamilton Police Service.
- (ii) Councillor E. Pauls declared an interest to Item 4.3, regarding Abedar Kamgari respecting the Hamilton Police Services Budget, as her son works for the Hamilton Police Service.
- (iii) Councillor E. Pauls declared an interest to Item 4.4, regarding correspondence from Atlas Ditomasso respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget, as her son works for the Hamilton Police Service.
- (iv) Councillor E. Pauls declared an interest to Item 4.5, regarding correspondence from Hannah Barrie respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget, as her son works for the Hamilton Police Service.
- (v) Councillor E. Pauls declared an interest to Item 4.6, regarding correspondence from Jess Geddes respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget, as her son works for the Hamilton Police Service.
- (vi) Councillor E. Pauls declared an interest to Item 4.7, regarding correspondence from Joanna Aitcheson respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget, as her son works for the Hamilton Police Service.
- (vii) Councillor M. Pearson declared an interest to Item 5.14, the delegation by Bill Johnston respecting the 2021 Operating Budget, as it relates to rental housing and she is a rental property landlord.
- (viii) Councillor S. Merulla declared an interest to Item 5.14, the delegation by Bill Johnston respecting the 2021 Operating Budget, as it relates to rental housing and he is a rental property landlord.
- (ix) Councillor A. VanderBeek declared an interest to Item 5.14, the delegation by Bill Johnston respecting the 2021 Operating Budget, as it relates to rental housing and she is a rental property landlord.

(c) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)

(Partridge/Jackson)

That the following Communication Items, respecting 2021 Operating Budget matters, be received:

- (i) Craig Burley, Hamilton Police Service Carding (Item 4.1)

- (ii) Keanin Loomis, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting Just Recovery for All Hamiltonians (Item 4.2)
- (iii) Abedar Kamgari respecting the Hamilton Police Services Budget (Item 4.3)
- (iv) Atlas Ditomasso respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 4.4)
- (v) Hannah Barrie respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 4.5)
- (vi) Jess Geddes respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 4.6)
- (vii) Joanna Aitcheson respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 4.7)
- (viii) Sean Hurley respecting a Just Recovery for Hamilton (Item 4.8)
- (ix) Dawn Hoad respecting the Housing Crisis (Item 4.9)

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson, Deputy Mayor
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
Conflict	-	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
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) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 5)

(Farr/VanderBeek)

That the following delegation requests be approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on February 8, 2021:

- (i) Matthew James William Higginson respecting Road Safety and Equity in All Forms of Transportation (Item 5.1)
- (ii) Maanvi Dhillon, Associate Vice President of Municipal Affairs, McMaster Student Union, respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 5.3)
- (iii) Anthony Marco, Hamilton and District Labour Council, respecting Next Steps on Living Wage for the City of Hamilton's 2021 Operating Budget (Item 5.4)
- (iv) Aya Younis respecting Student Living Wage (Item 5.5)
- (v) Brock Bodo respecting Student Living Wage (Item 5.6)
- (vi) Aiden McIvaney respecting Student Living Wage (Item 5.7)
- (vii) Ayla Bahram respecting Student Living Wage (Item 5.8)
- (viii) Hasnain Khan, McMaster Student Unions, respecting Student Living Wage (Item 5.9)
- (ix) Sharoni Mitra, CUPE 3906, respecting Student Living Wage (Item 5.10)
- (x) Devika Nair respecting Student Living Wage (Item 5.11)
- (xi) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting the Just Recovery for Hamilton Policy, as it relates to the Work of the Hamilton Community Network (Item 5.12)
- (xii) Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 5.13)
- (xiii) Bill Johnston respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 5.14)
- (xiv) Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton, respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 5.15)
- (xv) Nancy Hurst respecting Climate Change and the City's Growth Plan (Item 5.16)
- (xvi) Senna Rose Thomas respecting the Homelessness Rate (Item 5.17)

- (xvii) Jeanne Mayo, Seniors' Advisory Committee, respecting Transit Needs for Older Adults (Item 5.18)
- (xviii) Kojo Dampsey, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 5.19)
- (xix) Pascale Marchand respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 5.20)
- (xx) Sue Markey respecting the Hamilton Just Recovery Initiative (Item 5.21)
- (xxi) Jamie Stuckless respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 5.22)
- (xxii) Darlene Wesley respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 5.24)
- (xxiii) Michael Lopez, Hamilton ACORN, respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 5.25)
- (xxiv) Veronica Gonzalez respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 5.26)
- (xxv) Ian Borusk, Environment Hamilton respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 5.27)
- (xxvi) Barry Conway, CUPE Local 5167 respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 5.28)
- (xxvii) Violetta Nikolskaya, Hamilton YWCA, respecting the Just Recovery for Hamilton Policy Document (Item 5.29)
- (xxviii) Kasey Waddell, Hamilton and District Labour Council respecting Student Living Wage (Item 5.30)
- (xxix) Stephanie Brash, ACORN Hamilton and 14 For Progress, respecting priorities for a Just Recovery (Item 5.31)
- (xxx) Paula Grove respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 5.32)
- (xxxi) Eric Tuck, ATU Local 107 respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 5.33)
- (xxxii) Don McLean respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 5.34)
- (xxxiii) Theo Ditomasso respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 5.35)
- (xxxiv) Mohammed Alshalalfeh respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 5.36)

- (xxxv) Claudia Spadafora respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 5.39)
- (xxxvi) Miriam Sager respecting the Hamilton Just Recovery Initiative (Item 5.41)
- (xxxvii) Alicia De Jong respecting the Hamilton Police Service Surplus (Item 5.43)
- (xxxviii) Annie Webber respecting the Hamilton Police Service Surplus (Item 5.44)
- (xxxix) Maria Paz Villar respecting the Hamilton Police Service Surplus (Item 5.45)
- (xl) Eric Hoevenaars respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 5.46)
- (xli) Angela Shlimon respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 5.48)
- (xlii) Sarah Jama, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Just Recovery in Hamilton (Item 5.49)
- (xliii) Laurel Carter respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 5.50)
- (xliv) Eshan Merali respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 5.51)
- (xlv) Jonathan Lopez respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Video Submission) (Item 5.52)
- (xlvi) Mike Burnett, Hamilton ACORN, respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Video Submission) (Item 5.53)
- (xlvii) Jacqueline Cantar respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Video Submission) (Item 5.54)

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

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| Yes | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| Yes | - | Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson, Deputy Mayor |
| 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 |
| 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

(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(Pearson/Danko)

That the presentations from the following delegates, respecting 2021 Operating Budget matters, be received:

- (i) Matthew James William Higginson respecting Road Safety and Equity in All Forms of Transportation (Item 6.1)
- (ii) Maanvi Dhillon, Associate Vice President of Municipal Affairs, McMaster Student Union, respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 6.2)
- (iii) Anthony Marco, Hamilton and District Labour Council, respecting Next Steps on Living Wage for the City of Hamilton's 2021 Operating Budget (Item 6.3)
- (iv) Aya Younis respecting Student Living Wage (Item 6.4)
- (v) Brock Bodo respecting Student Living Wage (Item 6.5)
- (vi) Aiden McIvaney respecting Student Living Wage (Item 6.6)
- (vii) Ayla Bahram respecting Student Living Wage (Item 6.7)
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- (ix) Sharoni Mitra, CUPE 3906, respecting Student Living Wage (Item 6.9)
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- (xiii) Bill Johnston respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 6.13)

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- (xvii) Jeanne Mayo, Seniors' Advisory Committee, respecting Transit Needs for Older Adults (Item 6.17)
- (xviii) Kojo Dampsey, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 6.18)
- (xix) Pascale Marchand respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 6.19)
- (xx) Sue Markey respecting the Hamilton Just Recovery Initiative (Item 6.20)
- (xxi) Jamie Stuckless respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 6.21)
- (xxii) Darlene Wesley respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 6.22)
- (xxiii) Veronica Gonzalez respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 6.23)
- (xxiv) Ian Borusk, Environment Hamilton respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 6.24)
- (xxv) Barry Conway, CUPE Local 5167 respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (item 6.25)
- (xxvi) Violetta Nikolskaya, Hamilton YWCA, respecting the Just Recovery for Hamilton Policy Document (Item 6.26)
- (xxvii) Kasey Waddell, Hamilton and District Labour Council respecting Student Living Wage (Item 6.27)
- (xxviii) Paula Grove respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 6.29)
- (xxix) Don McLean respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 6.31)
- (xxx) Miriam Sager respecting the Hamilton Just Recovery Initiative (Item 6.35)
- (xxxi) Jonathan Lopez respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Video Submission) (Item 6.44)

- (xxxii) Mike Burnett, Hamilton ACORN, respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Video Submission) (Item 6.45)
- (xxxiii) Jacqueline Cantar respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Video Submission) (Item 6.46)
- (xxxiv) Michael Lopez, Hamilton ACORN, respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Video Submission) (Item 6.47)

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

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Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
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Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

The following delegates were not present when called upon:

- (i) Stephanie Brash, ACORN Hamilton and 14 For Progress, respecting priorities for a Just Recovery (Item 6.28)
- (ii) Eric Tuck, ATU Local 107 respecting the 2021 Operating Budget (Item 6.30)
- (iii) Theo Ditomasso respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 6.32)
- (iv) Mohammed Alshalalfeh respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 6.33)
- (v) Claudia Spadafora respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 6.34)
- (vi) Alicia De Jong respecting the Hamilton Police Service Surplus (Item 6.36)

- (vii) Annie Webber respecting the Hamilton Police Service Surplus (Item 6.37)
- (viii) Maria Paz Villar respecting the Hamilton Police Service Surplus (Item 6.38)
- (ix) Eric Hoevenaars respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 6.39)
- (x) Angela Shlimon respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 6.40)
- (xi) Sarah Jama, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Just Recovery in Hamilton (Item 6.41)
- (xii) Laurel Carter respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 6.42)
- (xiii) Eshan Merali respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 6.43)

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)

(Pearson/Farr)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget), be adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson, Deputy Mayor
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
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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
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 Maureen Wilson
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk