



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

9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

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

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

**Absent:** Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal  
Councillor L. Ferguson – Other City Business

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**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**1. Cease Purchase of Diesel Fuel Vehicles (Item 8.2)**

**(Clark/Johnson)**

That Transit staff be directed to cease the purchase of any diesel vehicles, effective immediately.

**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 Nrinde Nann
Yes	-	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
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

**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 22, 2021

**(Pearson/Jackson)**

That the agenda for the January 26, 2021 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as amended.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 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
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
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	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 22, 2021 (Item 3.1)**

**(Johnson/Farr)**

That the Minutes of the January 22, 2021 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as presented.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 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
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
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

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

**(i) Corporate Services Department – 2021 Operating Budget (Item 6.1)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Corporate Services 2021 Operating Budget.

**(Eisenberger/Partridge)**

That the presentation, respecting the Corporate Services Department 2021 Operating Budget, 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
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
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek

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

**(ii) Planning & Economic Development Department – 2021 Operating Budget (Item 6.2)**

Jason Thorne, General Manager, Planning & Economic Development, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Planning & Economic Development Department's 2021 Operating Budget.

**(Johnson/VanderBeek)**

That the General Issues Committee recess for one half hour until 1:20 p.m.

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

No - 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  
Absent - 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

**(Pearson/Johnson)**

That the presentation, respecting the Planning & Economic Development Department's 2021 Operating Budget, be received.

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

No - 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  
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**(e) MOTIONS (Item 8)**

**(i) Transit Rate Freeze (Item 8.1)**

**(Nann/Wilson)**

That the Motion respecting a Transit Rate Freeze, be DEFERRED to the February 5, 2021 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, with the following direction:

That staff be directed to bring forward a report to the February 5, 2021 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, respecting the impact of the Motion, respecting a Transit Rate Freeze, would have on the 10-Year Transit Plan in 2021/2022.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 1, 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
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Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
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**(f) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 9)**

Councillor A. VanderBeek introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**Increased Municipal Law and Parking Enforcement in the Waterfall Areas Across the City – Pilot Program (Item 9.1)**

WHEREAS, City Council, at its March 27, 2019 meeting, approved the creation of a multi-disciplinary working group to conduct a comprehensive, multi-faceted investigation of public safety and the negative impacts to the Greensville and Dundas neighbourhoods associated with the increase in visitors to Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak;

WHEREAS, this multi-disciplinary working group continues to meet regularly and in consultation with the Ward 13 Councillor, to troubleshoot the continuing problems in residential areas in the vicinities of Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Conservation Authority's shuttle-bus operation was suspended during 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, despite many City Council approved regulations and increased fines, regular enforcement, and other improvement measures being enacted/conducted, as well as a reservation system being tested by the Hamilton Conservation Authority, increased visitors to Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak continue to have negative impacts on area residents;

WHEREAS, requests for by-law enforcement at other Hamilton Waterfall areas continue to increase;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee, during the 2021 Operating budget process, with options and costing for a pilot program involving increased Municipal Law and Parking Enforcement service levels in the waterfall areas across the City where challenges have been identified on weekends from March 15, 2021 through to November 15, 2021, with that report to include a 3 year overview of the net revenues generated through Waterfall parking enforcement in these areas.

**(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)**

**(Pearson/Merulla)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget), be adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

**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
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Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Brad Clark  
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk