



## **GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 21-004**

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 17, 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 M. Wilson (Chair)  
Councillors J. Farr, N. Nann, S. Merulla, C. Collins, T. Jackson,  
E. Pauls, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson, L. Ferguson,  
A. VanderBeek, J. Partridge

**Absent:** Councillors J. P. Danko, T. Whitehead – Personal

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

#### **1. 2020 Music Strategy Update (PED21041) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)**

**(Nann/Farr)**

That Report PED21041, respecting the 2020 Music Strategy 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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Ninder 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
Absent	-	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

**2. Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Digital Media Sector Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Strategy: Findings and Recommendations (PED21027) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

**(Jackson/Nann)**

That Report PED21027, respecting Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Digital Media Sector Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Strategy: Findings and Recommendations, be received.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 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
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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

**3. City of Hamilton - Ministry of Transportation 2020-2021 Dedicated Gas Tax Funding Agreement (FCS21011) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)**

**(Farr/Pauls)**

- (a) That the Mayor and the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be authorized and directed to enter into an Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Province of Ontario related to the funding commitment made by the Province of Ontario to the Municipality under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Hamilton's Public Transportation Program;
- (b) That the Mayor and General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be authorized and directed to execute the Letter of Agreement attached as Appendix "A" to Report FCS21011;
- (c) That the By-law attached as Appendix "C" to Report FCS21011 authorizing and directing the Mayor and General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, to sign a Letter of Agreement between the City of Hamilton and

the Province of Ontario with respect to funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program, be passed; and,

- (d) That, upon being passed, a certified copy of the By-law, together with two copies of the signed Letter of Agreement, be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation.

**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
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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

**4. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 21-001, January 12, 2021 (Item 9.3)**

**(Eisenberger/Pearson)**

**(a) Resignation of Shahan Aaron from the Outreach Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 6.3(a))**

That the resignation of Shahan Aaron from the Outreach Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be received.

**(b) Update on COVID-19 and Persons with Disabilities (Item 8.3)**

WHEREAS, at the September 8, 2020 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, Committee members Tim Nolan and Tom Manzuk were authorized to delegate at the General Issues Committee on behalf of the Committee respecting all matters related to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on persons with disabilities, including recommendations for improved policies and procedures;

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities prepared a list of concerns and challenges faced by persons with disabilities throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, it is important to ensure that pandemic plans, policies and procedures account for the needs of persons with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, consultation with the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities on pandemic plans, policies and procedures would help to mitigate unintended negative impacts and consequences for persons with disabilities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That ***General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department*** be directed to ensure the appropriate staff consult with the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities when developing future pandemic plans, policies and procedures, ***when possible and appropriate***, with the understanding that Public Health Services and the City's Emergency Operations Centre hold the safety and well-being of the public as paramount.

**(c) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Working Group Membership Review (Item 8.4)**

- (i) That the resignation of Tim Nolan from the Built Environment Working Group and the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be received; and,
- (ii) That Tom Manzuk be appointed to the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the remainder of the 2018 – 2022 term of Council.

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

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

**5. Chedoke Creek Remediation Workplan (PW19008(j)) (City Wide) (Item 9.4)**

**(Pearson/Jackson)**

That Report PW19008(j), respecting the Chedoke Creek Remediation Workplan, be received.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 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
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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

**6. Greater Hamilton Volunteer Firefighters Association - CLAC Local 911, Ratification of Collective Agreement (HUR21003) (City Wide) (Item 13.2)**

**(Partridge/Johnson)**

- (a) That the tentative agreement reached on January 19, 2021, between the City of Hamilton and the Greater Hamilton Volunteer Firefighters Association – CLAC Local 911 representing 192 volunteers, regarding the collective agreement that covers a four (4) year period, January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2023, be ratified; and,
- (b) That Report HUR21003, respecting the Greater Hamilton Volunteer Firefighters Association – CLAC Local 911 Ratification of Collective Agreement, remain confidential.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:**

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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

**7. Central Composting Facility (LS21005) (City Wide) (Item 13.3)**

**(Eisenberger/Jackson)**

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report LS21005 - Central Composting Facility, be approved; and,
- (b) That Report LS21005, respecting the Central Composting Facility, remain confidential.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:**

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

**8. Litigation Matter (Item 13.4)**

**(Partridge/VanderBeek)**

That the verbal update respecting the Litigation Matter, be received and remain confidential.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:**

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
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Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
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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:

**9. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

9.4 Chedoke Creek Remediation Workplan (PW19008(j)) (City Wide)

**13. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

13.3 Central Composting Facility (LS21005) (City Wide)

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (d) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as

amended, as the subject matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations.

#### 13.4 Litigation Matter – Verbal

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (b), (d), (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b), (d), (e) and (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

#### **(Nann/VanderBeek)**

That the agenda for the February 17, 2021 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

#### **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
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	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)**

There were no declarations of interest.



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

**(i) February 3, 2021 (Item 3.1)**

**(Eisenberger/VanderBeek)**

That the Minutes of the February 3, 2021 General Issues Committee 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, 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

**(d) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Shane Coleman, Hamilton Farmers' Market Stallholder Association, respecting Rent Relief for the Hamilton Farmers' Market (Item 7.1)**

Shane Coleman, of the Hamilton Farmers' Market Stallholder Association, addressed Committee respecting Rent Relief for the Hamilton Farmers' Market.

**(Eisenberger/Jackson)**

That the presentation provided by Shane Coleman, of the Hamilton Farmers' Market Stallholder Association, respecting Rent Relief for the Hamilton Farmers' Market, be received.

**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
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	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

**(Farr/Jackson)**

That staff be directed to review comparator municipalities such as Kitchener-Waterloo, London, Mississauga and Cambridge with respect to rent relief for their farmers' markets and market governance, and report back to the General Issues Committee.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 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
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Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**(ii) Jennifer Hompoth, Friends of the Hamilton Farmers' Market, respecting the Well-Being of the Hamilton Farmers' Market (Item 7.2)**

Jennifer Hompoth, of the Friends of the Hamilton Farmers' Market, addressed Committee respecting the Well-Being of the Hamilton Farmers' Market.

**(Jackson/Pauls)**

That Jennifer Hompoth, Friends of the Hamilton Farmers' Market, be permitted additional time, beyond the permitted 5 minutes, to continue with her presentation.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 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
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
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Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**(Pauls/Pearson)**

That the presentation provided by Jennifer Hompoth, of the Friends of the Hamilton Farmers' Market, respecting the Well-Being of the Hamilton Farmers' Market, be received.

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

**(iii) Tom Manzuk, Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, respecting Matters Related to COVID-19 and its Impact on Persons with Disabilities (Item 7.3)**

Tom Manzuk, of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, addressed Committee respecting Matters Related to COVID-19 and its Impact on Persons with Disabilities.

**(Ferguson/Pearson)**

That the presentation provided by Tom Manzuk, of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, respecting Matters Related to COVID-19 and its Impact on Persons with Disabilities, be received.

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

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**(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)**

**(i) Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Digital Media Sector Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Strategy: Findings and Recommendations (PED21027) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

Norm Schleeahn, Director of Economic Development, introduced the presentation; and, Lauren Millier, from MDB Insights, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Report PED21027 - Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Digital Media Sector Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Strategy: Findings and Recommendations.

**(Partridge/Pearson)**

That the presentation, respecting Report PED21027 - Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Digital Media Sector Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Strategy: Findings and Recommendations, be received.

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

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Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

For further disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

**(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.

**(Eisenberger/Johnson)**

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

**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
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Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko

Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
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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

**(Clark/Eisenberger)**

That staff be directed to review the feasibility of creating a virtual memorial wall on the City of Hamilton website to honour citizens of Hamilton who have lost their lives to COVID-19, and report back to the General Issues Committee.

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

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Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson, Deputy Mayor
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Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 9)**

**(i) Hate Prevention and Mitigation Initiative Update (CM19006(d)) (City Wide) (Item 9.2)**

**(Eisenberger/Nann)**

That staff be directed to retain a telephone polling company, to partner with the Project Lead Consultant, to conduct city-wide telephone polling with a target of 600 respondents, respecting the Hate Prevention and Mitigation Initiative to be completed by April 2021, at an estimated cost of \$25,000 to be funded through the Tax Stabilization Reserve.

**Result: Motion DEFEATED by a vote of 3 to 8, as follows:**

No	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
No	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson, Deputy Mayor
Absent	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
No	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
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No	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
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Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
No	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(i) **Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 21-001, January 12, 2021 (Item 9.3)**

**2. Update on COVID-19 and Persons with Disabilities**

**(Eisenberger/Ferguson)**

That Item 2 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 21-001, respecting and Update on COVID-19 and Persons with Disabilities, be **amended** by deleting the words "Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respectfully requests that consultation occur" and replacing them with the words "**General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be directed to ensure the appropriate staff consult**"; and, by adding the words "**when possible and appropriate**", to read as follows:

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respectfully requests that consultation occur **General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be directed to ensure the appropriate staff consult** with the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities when developing future pandemic plans, policies and procedures, **when possible and appropriate**, with the understanding that Public Health Services and the City's Emergency Operations Centre hold the safety and well-being of the public as paramount.

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

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

For further disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 4.

**(Nann/Jackson)**

That the General Issues Committee recess for one half hour until 12:50 p.m.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 1, as follows:**

No	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson, Deputy Mayor
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
Absent	-	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



**(g) MOTIONS (Item 10)**

**(i) Establishing Fair Wages for Musicians: Guidelines and-or Policy for City Run or City-Funded Events Utilizing Musicians (Item 10.1)**

**(Eisenberger/Clark)**

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery recommends the creation of a "minimum wage" pay scale for musicians hired by the City and at City related/sanctioned events, to ensure musicians are fairly compensated as COVID-19 related re-openings occur and to establish a best practice for the future;

WHEREAS, one of the City of Hamilton's Music Strategy key goals is to cultivate music creation and talent;

WHEREAS, the City's Creative Industries Sector Profile identifies music as one of the top industries for growth and development; identifies Hamilton as the number one/top destination for music related occupations in Canada; and identifies talent retention and attraction as essential in maintaining and developing the music industry in Hamilton;

WHEREAS, Hamilton is recognised as 7th in the world for the number of independent musicians per capita; and musicians and singers are the top core creative music sector occupations, representing 14% of all music sector occupations; and with 22% of all music industry workers identified as self employed;

WHEREAS, recognizing that the single most important source of income for a musician is generated through live performances in venues and spaces in cities across Canada, and that many musicians are unable to perform in venues and festivals due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the current Canadian Federation of Musicians and the Hamilton Musician Guild rates range from \$150 to \$590 for performances of approximately one hour in length (rates dependent on the number of musicians performing);

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee on the establishment of City guidelines and/or a policy establishing a practice of payment for musicians, based on the most current fees recommended by the Canadian Federation for Musicians, represented locally by the Hamilton Musicians Guild, Local 293 for City-hosted and City-funded events.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 2, 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
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
No	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
No	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**(h) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 13)**

**(i) Closed Session Minutes – February 3, 2021 (Item 13.1)**

**(Johnson/Pearson)**

- (a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 3, 2021 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as presented; and,
- (b) That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 3, 2021 General Issues Committee meeting remain confidential.

**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
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
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Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**(Eisenberger/Pearson)**

That Committee move into Closed Session respecting Items 13.2 to 13.4, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (b), (d), (e), (f) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b), (d), (e), (f) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting 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 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
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Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 14)**

**(VanderBeek/Pearson)**

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 1, as follows:**

No	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Absent	-	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
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Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
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Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy Mayor Maureen Wilson  
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator,  
Office of the City Clerk