



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

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 11, 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, J.P. Danko, B. Clark, M. Pearson,  
B. Johnson, L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek, J. Partridge

**Absent:** Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

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

#### **1. Sidewalk Clearing Program (Item 6.1)**

##### **(Eisenberger/Partridge)**

That the matter respecting the Sidewalk Snow Clearing Program Options, be referred to the Public Works Committee for further discussion.

##### **Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 1, 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
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
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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**2. Food Advisory Committee 2021 Budget Request (BOH20024) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

**(Eisenberger/Nann)**

- (a) That the Food Advisory Committee 2021 Budget Submission, attached as Appendix "A" to Report BOH20024, in the amount of \$1,500, be approved; and,
- (b) That the unspent 2020 approved funding for education, training and events, in the amount of \$1,000, be transferred to the Food Advisory Committee's 2021 reserve.

**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
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
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
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**3. 2021 Budget Submission - Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (HSC20059) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

**(Pearson/Nann)**

That the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2021 base budget submission, attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC20059, in the amount of \$1,000, be approved.

**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

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
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

**4. 2021 Budget Submission - Seniors Advisory Commission (HUR20011) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)**

**(Jackson/Nann)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee 2021 base budget submission in the amount of \$2500, be approved.

**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
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
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
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**5. City of Hamilton Veterans' Committee 2021 Budget Submission (PED20216) (City Wide) (Item 7.4)**

**(Eisenberger/Johnson)**

That the Hamilton Veterans Committee (Veterans Committee) 2021 base budget submission, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED20216, in the amount of \$43,000, be approved.

**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
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
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
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**6. 2021 Budget Submissions Volunteer Advisory Committee (HUR20012) (City Wide) (Item 7.5)**

**(Eisenberger/Johnson)**

That the following Volunteer Advisory Committee 2021 budget base submissions, be approved:

- (a) Advisory Committee on Immigrant & Refugees, in the amount of \$3,500, attached as Appendix "A" to Report HUR20012;
- (b) Aboriginal Advisory Committee, in the amount of \$3,552, attached as Appendix "B" to Report HUR20012;
- (c) Hamilton Mundialization Committee, in the amount of \$5,890, attached as Appendix "C" to Report HUR20012; and,
- (d) Hamilton Status of Women Committee, in the amount of \$3,500, attached as Appendix "D" to Report HUR20012.

**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
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
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
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

**7. Hamilton Cycling Committee Budget 2021 (PED20212) (City Wide) (Item 7.6)**

**(Eisenberger/Johnson)**

- (a) That the Hamilton Cycling Committee 2021 base budget submission, in the amount of \$10,000, as described in Appendix "A" attached to Report PED20212, be approved; and,
- (b) That, in addition to the base funding, a one-time budget allocation for 2021 of \$4,000, to be used to initiate a community grant program to support community events and initiatives that meet the mandate of the Committee, to be funded by the Hamilton Cycling Committee reserve, be approved.

**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
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
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
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**8. 2021 Budgets Submissions Volunteer Advisory Committee (CM20013) (City Wide) (Item 7.7)**

**(Eisenberger/Johnson)**

That the following Volunteer Advisory Committee 2021 budget base submissions, be approved:

- (a) LGBTQ Advisory Committee, in the amount of \$3,960, attached as Appendix “A” to Report CM20013; and,
- (b) Committee Against Racism, in the amount of \$8,900, attached as Appendix “B” to Report CM20013.

**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
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
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
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**9. Arts Advisory Commission 2021 Base Budget Submission (PED20219) (City Wide) (Item 7.8)**

**(Eisenberger/Johnson)**

That the Arts Advisory Commission 2021 base budget submission, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED20219, in the amount of \$9,000, be approved.

**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
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
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
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

**10. 2021 Budget Submission - Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (HUR20010) (City Wide) (Item 7.9)**

**(Eisenberger/Johnson)**

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) 2021 base budget submission, attached as Appendix "A" to Report HUR20010, in the amount of \$6,100, be approved.

**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
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
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
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**11. 2021 Volunteer Committee Budget - Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee (PW21003) (City Wide) (Item 7.10)**

**(Eisenberger/Johnson)**

That the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee's 2021 base budget submission, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PW21003, in the amount of \$18,250, representing a zero-net levy impact from the previous year budget, be approved.

**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
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
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
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

**12. Women's Shelter and Support Investment Options (HCS20061) (City Wide) (Item 7.11)**

**(Collins/Nann)**

- (a) That annual funding up to \$950,000 from the Net Levy to support the operating costs of the Good Shepherd Centre's Emergency Shelter proposal and increase the investment in the Municipally-funded Portable Housing Benefit Program for women, trans-feminine, trans-masculine and non-binary adults from Hamilton's By-Name List, be approved; and,
- (b) That, in the event the proposed Good Shepherd Emergency Shelter project does not proceed, annual funding of up to \$950,000 from the Net Levy to support the operating costs of Mission Services' Emergency Shelter proposal and increase the investment in the Municipally-funded Portable Housing Benefit Program for women, trans-feminine, trans-masculine and non-binary adults from Hamilton's By-Name List, be approved.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 1, 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
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
No	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek



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

**13. Neighbour to Neighbour Funding Update (FCS21006) (City Wide) (Item 7.12)**

**(Eisenberger/Ferguson)**

That Report FCS21006, respecting the Neighbour to Neighbour Funding Update, be received.

**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  
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  
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

**14. Increased Municipal Law and Parking Enforcement in Waterfalls Areas Across the City - Pilot Program (PED18011(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.13)**

**(VanderBeek/Clark)**

- (a) That, subject to approval of the funding source in recommendation (b), staff be directed to assign additional Municipal Law Enforcement (MLE) and Parking Enforcement staff to Waterfall areas where challenges have been identified including, but not limited to, weekends from March 15, 2021 through to November 15, 2021, by approving additional temporary FTEs as follows:
- (i) by adding 2 Temporary FT Municipal Law Enforcement Officers; and,
  - (ii) by adding 5 Temporary PT Parking Enforcement Officers;
- (b) That funding for the enhanced Municipal Law and Parking enforcement in Waterfall areas, including staffing and vehicle costs, estimated at a total

incremental net cost of up to \$354,000 be funded from the City's Tax Stabilization Reserve 110046, be approved; and,

- (c) That staff be directed to report back to the Planning Committee in January 2022 after the conclusion of the recommended pilot with an overall evaluation, including measurable results such as fines issued for various offences, revenues generated, etc., with recommendations as to whether the enhanced enforcement should be continued in 2022.

**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
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
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 INFORMATION:**

**(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)**

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

**4. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 4.1. Correspondence from Haley Reap respecting the Hamilton Police Budget Surplus
- 4.2. Correspondence from Stephanie Brash respecting Just Recovery Hamilton
- 4.3. Correspondence from Tori Tizzard respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget

- 4.4. Correspondence from Sasha Katz respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget
- 4.5. Correspondence from Laura Katz respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget
- 4.6. Correspondence from Heather South respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget

**6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

- 6.1. Council Referred and Business Cases

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 7.11. Women's Shelter and Support Investment Options (HCS20061) (City Wide)
- 7.12. Neighbour to Neighbour Funding Update (FCS21006) (City Wide)
- 7.13. Increased Municipal Law and Parking Enforcement in Waterfalls Areas Across the City - Pilot Program (PED18011(b)) (City Wide)

**(Pauls/Nann)**

That the agenda for the February 11, 2021 General Issues Committee (Budget) 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
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
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
Absent	-	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, respecting correspondence from Haley Reap respecting the Hamilton Police Budget Surplus, as her son works for the Hamilton Police Service.
- (ii) Councillor E. Pauls declared an interest to Item 4.3, respecting correspondence from Tori Tizzard respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget, as her son works for the Hamilton Police Service.
- (iii) Councillor E. Pauls declared an interest to Item 4.4, respecting correspondence from Sasha Katz 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, respecting correspondence from Laura Katz 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, respecting correspondence from Heather South respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget, as her son works for the Hamilton Police Service.
- (vi) Councillor E. Pauls declared an interest to Item 6.1, the matter relating to the Hamilton Police Service Board 2021 Operating Budget Submission, as her son works with the Hamilton Police Service.
- (vii) Councillor C. Collins declared an interest to Item 6.1, the matter relating to the Hamilton Police Service Board 2021 Operating Budget Submission, as his sister works with the Hamilton Police Service.

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

**(i) February 8, 2021 (Item 3.1)**

**(Pearson/Clark)**

That the Minutes of the February 8, 2021 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as presented.

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

**(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)**

**(Merulla/Johnson)**

That the following Communication Items, 4.1 to 4.6, respecting 2021 Operating Budget matters, be received:

- (i) Correspondence from Haley Reap respecting the Hamilton Police Budget Surplus (Item 4.1)
- (ii) Correspondence from Stephanie Brash respecting Just Recovery Hamilton (Item 4.2)
- (iii) Correspondence from Tori Tizzard respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 4.3)
- (iv) Correspondence from Sasha Katz respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 4.4)
- (v) Correspondence from Laura Katz respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 4.5)
- (vi) Correspondence from Heather South respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 4.6)

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

**(e) PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)**

**(i) Council Referred and Business Cases (Item 6.1)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Council Referred and Business Cases.

**(Pearson/VanderBeek)**

That the presentation, respecting the Council Referred and Business Cases, be received.

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

**(Collins/Nann)**

That the following amendments to the 2021 Operating Budget, be approved:

**(a) Planning and Economic Development**

Building division - Permit Intake Coordinator financial impact offset by Building permits revenues with no impact on levy.

**(b) Healthy and Safe Communities**

CSND funding adjustment for Children's Services (\$990,000).

**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
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
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/Jackson)**

That the following amendment to the 2021 Operating Budget, be approved:

- (a) Hamilton Police Service 2021 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,271,247 to align to Board approvals.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 2, as follows:**

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
No	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
No	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Conflict	-	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
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/Jackson)**

That the following amendment to the 2021 Operating Budget, be approved:

- (a) An additional \$2,636 for the Other Boards and Agencies to align to Board approvals.

**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
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
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 the following amendment to the 2021 Operating Budget, be approved:

- (a) 1 FTE in the Records and Freedom of Information Section of the Office of the City Clerk (Corporate Services), required to continue to support and educate staff in our legislated requirements to protect personal and confidential information, at an annual cost of \$109,000.

**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
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



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/Jackson)**

That the following amendment to the 2021 Operating Budget, be approved:

- (a) Security Patrol Program, to address the increase in vandalism and theft in City-owned public spaces, at a cost of \$96,200.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 2, as follows:**

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
No	-	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
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
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
No	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**(Farr/Eisenberger)**

That the following amendment to the 2021 Operating Budget, be approved:

- (a) 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.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 1, 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
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
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson
No	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

**(Nann/Jackson)**

That the following amendment to the 2021 Operating Budget, be approved:

- (a) 1 FTE, Communications Associate HIPC, to be 100% Federally funded, within the Planning and Economic Development Department.

**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
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
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
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**(Eisenberger/Pearson)**

That the following amendment to the 2021 Operating Budget, be approved:

- (a) The Hamilton Paramedic Service 2021-2024 Enhancement (Ambulance) and 10 FTEs, at a cost of \$1,045,600.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 1, 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
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
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson
No	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

**(Clark/Danko)**

That the following amendment to the 2021 Operating Budget, be approved:

- (a) An additional 2 FTEs for Information Technology, at a cost of 182,300 annually.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 1, 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
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
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
No	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(f) **MOTIONS (Item 8)**

(i) **Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre Funding (Item 8.1)**

**(Partridge/Ferguson)**

That the following Motion be DEFERRED to the February 25, 2021 Budget meeting, pending a discussion between Mountain Councillors:

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 the N2N Community Food Centre be supported for 2021 at a cost of \$200,000 to be provided through the 2021 budget Tax Stabilization Reserve; and,
- (b) That the annual operating \$200,000 funding request from N2N for the remaining four years from 2022 through 2025 be referred to Emergency and Community Services Committee for a report back on multi-year sustainable funding options.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 4, as follows:**

No	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
No	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
No	-	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

No	-	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

**(ii) Reallocating Hamilton Police Service Surpluses and Investing in Community Resilience (Item 8.2)**

**(Nann/Wilson)**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Police Service (HPS) has stated a focus on providing excellence in the core business of policing defined as: property crime, violent crime, illegal drug control and enforcement, guns and gangs, traffic safety and enforcement;

WHEREAS, it is well documented that many residents, including Indigenous, Black and racialized people, feel unsafe and under-supported in the presence of uniformed and armed officers attending a non-violent crisis call;

WHEREAS, in a 2015 report, the John Howard Society highlighted alarming rates of people experiencing crises end up being criminalized for treatable health needs instead of receiving the care and treatment they deserve in order to participate in society;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is home to the most people living with disabilities, including mental health challenges, per capita;

WHEREAS, the City estimates over 150 residents have been living in tents and informal structures since April 2020 and recognizes there are compounding factors that lead to homelessness;

WHEREAS, the Women Housing Planning Collaborative has stated that in the past year over 400 women accessed emergency low-barrier drop-in supports without permanent housing options available to them;

WHEREAS, in 2018 there were 123 opioid related deaths in Hamilton, one of the highest rates in Ontario, and Hamilton City Council has declared an opioid overdose emergency;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to provide services using a trauma-informed approach where an individual's safety, choice and control are a priority;

WHEREAS, best practices in social services across Canada point to the importance of de-prioritizing policing as the primary response to residents

facing crises in mental health, homelessness, substance use and sex work and point to investing in community-led, trauma-informed, harm reduction and safety supports and services in these areas;

WHEREAS, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities notes that the unsustainable increases in policing costs to municipalities are “crowding out” investments in early intervention and prevention;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Police Services annual variance reports continue to show surpluses;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has no governing policy on the reallocation of surpluses from Hamilton Police Services; and,

WHEREAS, investing in community-led services and infrastructure supersedes policing in effectiveness of building a sense of safety and belonging among residents who face systemic barriers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (a) That staff be directed to set out a policy to ensure that any year-end surpluses for Hamilton Police Service comes before the General Issues Committee for disposition, prior to the appropriation by the Hamilton Police Services Board;
- (b) That staff be directed to create a new City of Hamilton Community Resilience Reserve Account expressly to invest in housing and community-led supports and services to address homelessness, mental health, addictions and substance use that center prevention and intervention; and,
- (c) That, subject to the City having a year-end surplus, the above referenced policy is to set out that any Hamilton Police Service year-end surplus, be transferred to the Community Resilience Reserve Account.

**Result: Motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 2 to 11, as follows:**

No	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson, Deputy Mayor
No	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
No	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
No	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
No	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
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No	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
No	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
No	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

**(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)**

**(Ferguson/Pearson)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget), be adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 1, as follows:**

No	-	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
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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

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Maureen Wilson  
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk