



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE  
(OPERATING BUDGET)  
MINUTES 22-002(a)**

9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

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 L. Ferguson (Chair)  
Councillors M. Wilson, J. Farr, N. Nann, R. Powers, T. Jackson,  
E. Pauls, J. P. Danko, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson,  
A. VanderBeek, J. Partridge

**Absent:** Councillors S. Merulla and T. Whitehead - Personal

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**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL 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 14, 2022

**(Pearson/Johnson)**

That the agenda for the January 18, 2022 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, be approved, as amended.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Ninder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
Absent	-	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, Deputy Mayor
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**

**(i) January 14, 2022 (Item 3.1)**

It was noted that Councillor Collins' name should be replaced with Councillor Powers' name in the votes.

**(Johnson/Pauls)**

That the Minutes of the January 14, 2022 meeting of the General Issues Committee, be approved, as presented.

**Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:**

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

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

**(i) Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit – 2022 Budget Presentation (Item 6.1)**

Chief Charlie Witherington, Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit, provided the presentation for the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit's 2022 Budget.

**(Johnson/Pearson)**

That the presentation respecting the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit's 2022 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
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**(ii) Royal Botanical Gardens – 2022 Budget Presentation (Item 6.2)**

Nancy Rowland, Chief Executive Officer; and, Andrew Duncan, Chief Financial Officer, of Royal Botanical Gardens provided the presentation respecting the Royal Botanical Gardens' 2022 Budget.

**(Johnson/Pearson)**

That the presentation, respecting the Royal Botanical Gardens 2022 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
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Russ Powers
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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

**(iii) Conservation Halton – 2022 Budget Presentation (Item 6.3)**

Hassaan Basit, Chief Administrative Officer; and, Marnie Piggott, Director of Finance, Conservation Halton, provided the presentation respecting Conservation Halton's 2022 Budget.

**(Johnson/Pearson)**

That the presentation, respecting Conservation Halton's 2022 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
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**(iv) Grand River Conservation Authority – 2022 Budget Presentation (Item 6.4)**

Samantha Lawson, Chief Administrative Officer; and, Sonja Radoja, Manager of Corporate Services, provided the presentation respecting the Grand River Conservation Authority's 2022 Budget.

**(Johnson/Pearson)**

That the presentation respecting the Grand River Conservation Authority's 2022 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
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**(v) Hamilton Conservation Authority – 2022 Budget Presentation (Item 6.5)**

Lisa Burnside, Chief Administrative Officer, provided the presentation respecting the Hamilton Conservation Authority's 2022 Budget.

**(Johnson/Pearson)**

That the presentation respecting the Hamilton Conservation Authority's 2022 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
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Russ Powers
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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

**(vi) Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority – 2022 Budget  
Presentation (Item 6.6)**

Chandra Sharma, Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer; and, Lise Gagnon, Director, of Corporate Services, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, provided the presentation respecting the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's 2022 Budget.

**(Johnson/Pearson)**

That the presentation, respecting the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's 2022 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
Absent	-	Ward 4	Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Russ Powers
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Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

(d) **ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)**

**(Partridge/Powers)**

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) be adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

**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
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
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Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

Respectfully submitted,

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Lloyd Ferguson, Deputy Mayor  
Chair, General Issues Committee

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Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator,  
Office of the City Clerk