



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

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 20, 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, S. Merulla, R. Powers,  
T. Jackson, E. Pauls, J. P. Danko, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson,  
A. VanderBeek, J. Partridge

**Absent:** Councillor 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 18, 2022

**(Clark/Farr)**

That the agenda for the January 20, 2022 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, be approved, as amended.

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

|        |   |                                  |
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| Yes    | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger           |
| Yes    | - | Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson |
| Yes    | - | Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr     |
| Absent | - | Ward 3 Councillor Nringer Nann   |
| Yes    | - | 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     |

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| 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)**

Councillor Pauls declared an interest to Item 6.3, the presentation respecting the Hamilton Police Services Board's 2022 Budget, as her son works for the Hamilton Police Service.

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

**(i) January 18, 2022 (Item 3.1)**

**(Danko/VanderBeek)**

That the Minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting of the General Issues Committee, be approved, as presented.

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

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| Yes    | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger                          |
| Yes    | - | Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson                |
| Yes    | - | Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr                    |
| Absent | - | Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann                  |
| Yes    | - | 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               |

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

**(i) Hamilton Farmers' Market Board – 2022 Budget (Item 6.1)**

Elly Bowen, Chair, provided the presentation respecting the Hamilton Farmers' Market Board's 2022 Budget.

**(Pauls/Partridge)**

That the presentation respecting the Hamilton Farmers' Market Board's 2022 Budget, be received.

**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                |
| Yes    | - | Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr                    |
| Yes    | - | Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann                  |
| Yes    | - | Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla                   |
| Yes    | - | Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers                   |
| 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, Deputy Mayor |
| Yes    | - | Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek            |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead              |
| Yes    | - | Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge               |

**(Pauls/Farr)**

That City staff, in consultation with the Hamilton Farmers Market Board, be directed to review 2022 COVID related pressures, for the purpose of mitigating, in 2022, through Province's Recovery Funding for Municipalities Program, and report back to the General Issues Committee through the 2022 budget process.

**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 |
| Yes | - | Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr     |
| Yes | - | Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann   |
| Yes | - | Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla    |
| Yes | - | Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers    |
| Yes | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson    |

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| 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               |

**(ii) Hamilton Public Library Board – 2022 Budget (Item 6.2)**

Paul Takala, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Librarian, introduced the presentation respecting the Hamilton Public Library Board's 2022 Budget. Nick van Velzen, Board Chair; and, Lori-Anne Spence-Smith, Board Member, continued the presentation.

**(Pearson/Partridge)**

That the presentation, respecting the Hamilton Public Library Board's 2022 Budget, be received.

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

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| 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 Russ Powers                   |
| Yes    | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson                   |
| Yes    | - | Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls                  |
| Yes    | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko                   |
| Absent | - | 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               |

**(Nann/Partridge)**

That the General Issues Committee recess for 5 minutes.

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

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| 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 Russ Powers                   |
| Yes    | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson                   |
| Yes    | - | Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls                  |
| Yes    | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko                   |
| Absent | - | 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) Hamilton Police Services Board – 2022 Budget (Item 6.3)**

Chief Frank Bergen, Hamilton Police Service, introduced Pat Mandy, Board Chair and Frank Bennink, Vice Chair, who spoke to the Hamilton Police Services Board's 2022 Budget.

Chief Bergin continued with the presentation respecting the Hamilton Police Services Board's 2022 Budget.

**(Pearson/VanderBeek)**

That the presentation, respecting the Hamilton Police Services Board's 2022 Budget, be received.

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

|        |   |                                  |
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| 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 Russ Powers    |
| Yes    | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson    |
| Absent | - | Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls   |
| Yes    | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko    |

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| Absent | - | 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              |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 | Councillor Judi Partridge               |

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

**(Nann/Partridge)**

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) be adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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

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| 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 Russ Powers                   |
| Yes    | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson                   |
| Yes    | - | Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls                  |
| Yes    | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko                   |
| Absent | - | 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               |

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