



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

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 3, 2022

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

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

Absent: Councillors T. Whitehead, B. Johnson, L. Ferguson - Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.1. Correspondence respecting Hamilton Bike Share

a. Denise O'Connor

b. Kerry Scrivens

c. Margot Olivieri

d. Nancy Hurst

e. Simon Carroll

f. Summer Thomas

g. Vivien Underdown

Recommendation: Be received.

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- 6.1. Area Rating Review (FCS21078(b)) (City Wide)
- 6.2. 2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget (FCS22002(a)) (City Wide)

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 7.1. Financial Analysis and Living Wage Implementation Options
- 7.2. 2022 Business Case - Hamilton Paramedic Service 2022-2025 Enhancement (Ambulance) (*DEFERRED to the March 3, 2022 GIC by GIC at its meeting of February 25, 2022*)

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the agenda for the March 3, 2022 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, be approved, as amended.

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, Deputy Mayor
- 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
- Absent - 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 J. Farr declared a disqualifying interest with respect to Item 7.1 – Living Wage Implementation Options, as his son has applied to the City of Hamilton for a summer student position.

- (ii) Councillor J. Farr declared a disqualifying interest with respect to Item 8.1, a Motion respecting Summer Student Wage Rate, as his son has applied to the City of Hamilton for a summer student position.
- (iii) Councillor E. Pauls declared a disqualifying interest with respect to Item 7.1 – Living Wage Implementation Options, as her granddaughter has applied to the City of Hamilton for a summer student position.
- (iv) Councillor E. Pauls declared a disqualifying interest with respect to Item 8.1, a Motion respecting Summer Student Wage Rate, as her granddaughter has applied to the City of Hamilton for a summer student position.
- (v) Councillor S. Merulla declared a disqualifying interest with respect to Item 7.1 – Living Wage Implementation Options, as his daughter is an occasional employee with the City of Hamilton.
- (vi) Councillor S. Merulla declared a disqualifying interest with respect to Item 8.1, a Motion respecting Summer Student Wage Rate, as his daughter is an occasional employee with the City of Hamilton.

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

(i) February 25, 2022 (Item 3.1)

(VanderBeek/Partridge)

That the Minutes of the February 25, 2022 meeting of the General Issues Committee, be approved, as presented.

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, Deputy Mayor
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
Absent	-	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) **COMMUNICATION ITEMS (Item 4)**

(i) **Correspondence respecting Hamilton Bike Share (Item 4.1)**

(Powers/Danko)

That the following Communication Items respecting Hamilton Bike Share, be received:

- (1) Denise O'Connor (a)
- (2) Kerry Scrivens (b)
- (3) Margot Olivieri (c)
- (4) Nancy Hurst (d)
- (5) Simon Carroll (e)
- (6) Summer Thomas (f)
- (7) Vivien Underdown (g)

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, Deputy Mayor
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
Absent	-	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) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Area Rating Review (FCS21078(b) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)

Brian McMullen, Director Financial Planning Administration and Policy, provided the PowerPoint presentation respecting Report FCS21078(b) – Area Rating Review, and answered questions of Committee.

(Powers/Pearson)

That the presentation respecting Report FCS21078(b) – Area Rating Review, be received.

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, Deputy Mayor
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
Absent	-	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

(Clark/Eisenberger)

- (a) That Report FCS21008(b), respecting Area Rating Review, be DEFERRED to the March 23, 2022 General Issues Committee meeting; and,
- (b) That staff be directed to report back, to the March 23, 2022 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, on the impacts of phasing-in all area rating to include, but not be limited to, transit, recreation, sidewalk and street lighting, sidewalk snow removal and Fire over 4, 6, 8 and 10 year scenarios.

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

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

No	-	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
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
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) 2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations
(FCS22002(a)) (City Wide) (Item 6.2)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, provided the PowerPoint presentation respecting Report FCS22002(a) - 2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations, and answered questions of Committee.

(Nann/Clark)

That the presentation respecting Report FCS22002(a) - 2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations, be received.

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

(Eisenberger/Jackson)

That Report FCS22002(a) - 2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations, be DEFERRED to the March 23, 2022 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting.

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

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Living Wage Implementation Options (Item 7.1)

(Eisenberger/Jackson)

That the Living Wage Implementation Options, be DEFERRED to the March 23, 2022 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting.

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, Deputy Mayor
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
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
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson

Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(ii) 2022 Business Case – Hamilton Paramedic Services 2022-2025 Enhancement (Ambulance) (Item 7.2)

(Eisenberger/Jackson)

That the 2022 Business Case – Hamilton Paramedic Services 2022-2025 Enhancement (Ambulance), be DEFERRED to the March 23, 2022 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting.

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

(g) MOTIONS (Item 8)

(i) Summer Student Wage Rate (Item 8.1)

(Eisenberger/Jackson)

That the Motion respecting the Student Summer Wage Rate, be DEFERRED to the March 23, 2022 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting.

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

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)

(Eisenberger/Pearson)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) be adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
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Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
Office of the City Clerk