



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (BUDGET) MINUTES 22-019

3:00 p.m.

November 21, 2022

City Hall, Council Chambers, 2nd Floor

71 Main Street West

Hamilton, Ontario

Present: Mayor A. Horwath, Councillors B. Clark (Chair) and J. P. Danko (Vice Chair)
Councillors J. Beattie, C. Cassar, M. Francis, T. Hwang, T. Jackson,
C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin, N. Nann, E. Pauls, M. Spadafora, M. Tadeson,
A. Wilson, M. Wilson

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of the General Issues Committee Budget Meetings (Item 1)**

(Pauls/Beattie)

- (a) That Councillor Brad Clark be appointed as the Chair of the General Issues Committee Budget Meetings for the ***balance of 2022 and 2023***, and,
- (b) That Councillor J. P. Danko be appointed as the Vice Chair of the General Issues Committee Budget Meetings for the ***balance of 2022 and 2023***.

Result: MAIN MOTION, As Amended, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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 Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

2. Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (Item 5.1.c.)

(M. Wilson/Spadafora)

That the General Manager of the Healthy & Safe Communities Department be directed to meet with the Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (HATS) and report to the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting of December 1, 2022; with respect to the proposal put forward by HATS at the November 21, 2022 General Issues Committee, with regard to policy and responsibility within the duty of the Healthy & Safe Communities Department.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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 Jeff Beattie
Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

FOR INFORMATION:

The Committee Clerk called the meeting to order.

(a) Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of the General Issues Committee Budget Meetings (Item 1)

(M. Wilson/Kroetsch)

That sub-sections (a) and (b) to the Motion, respecting the Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of the General Issues Committee Budget Meetings, **be amended**

by deleting the words “2022 to 2026 term of Council” and replacing them with the words “**balance of 2022 and 2023**”, to read as follows:

- (a) That Councillor Brad Clark be appointed as the Chair of the General Issues Committee Budget Meetings for the ~~2022 to 2026 term of Council~~ **balance of 2022 and 2023**; and,
- (b) That Councillor J. P. Danko be appointed as the Vice Chair of the General Issues Committee Budget Meetings for the ~~2022 to 2026 term of Council~~ **balance of 2022 and 2023**.

Result: Amendment, CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 2, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
No	-	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 Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
No	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

For further disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 1.

Councillor B. Clark assumed the Chair.

(b) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

4. DELEGATION REQUESTS

4.1 Respecting the 2023 Budget

- 4.1.f. Kojo Dampsey, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (as part of the Just Recovery Coalition)
- 4.1.g. Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network

4.1.h. Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton

4.1.i. Christine Seketa

4.1.j. Medora Uppal, YWCA Hamilton

4.1.k. Jessica Bonilla-Dampney, Sexual Assault Centre (Hamilton and Area)

6. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

- 6.1 Correspondence from the United Way Halton-Hamilton (as members of the Just Recovery Coalition), respecting the existing policy recommendations provided in the Just Recovery Policy Paper 2021

Recommendation: Be received.

- 6.2 Correspondence from the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting the 2023 City of Hamilton Budgeting Process and 2022 Municipal Election Priorities

Recommendation: Be received.

- 6.3 14 For Progress respecting the 2023 Budget

Recommendation: Be received.

(A. Wilson/Hwang)

That the agenda for the November 21, 2022 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, be approved, as amended.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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 Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Respecting the 2023 Budget (Item 4.1)

(M. Wilson/McMeekin)

That the following delegation requests, respecting the 2023 Budget, be approved for the November 21, 2022 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting:

- (1) Anthony Marco, Hamilton and District Labour Council (Item 4.1.a.)
- (2) Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction; and, Ted Hildebrandt, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton (Item 4.1.b.)
- (3) Julia Kollek and Daniel A. Bednis, Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (Item 4.1.c.)
- (4) Craig Burley (Item 4.1.d.)
- (5) Zoe Green, Bay Area Climate Change Council (Item 4.1.e.)
- (6) Kojo Dampsey, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (as part of the Just Recovery Coalition) (Item 4.1.f.)
- (7) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network (Item 4.1.g.)
- (8) Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton (Item 4.1.h.)
- (9) Christine Seketa (Item 4.1.i.)
- (10) Medora Uppal, YWCA Hamilton (Item 4.1.j.)

- (11) Jessica Bonilla-Dampney, Sexual Assault Centre (Hamilton and Area) (Item 4.1.k.)

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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 Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 5)

(Hwang/Cassar)

That the following delegations, respecting the 2023 Budget, be received:

- (1) Anthony Marco, Hamilton and District Labour Council (Item 5.1.a.)
- (2) Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction; and, Ted Hildebrandt, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton (Item 5.1.b.)
- (3) Julia Kollek and Daniel A. Bednis, Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (Item 5.1.c.)
- (4) Craig Burley (Item 5.1.d.)

Mr. Burley was not able to be in attendance when called upon.

- (5) Zoe Green, Bay Area Climate Change Council (Item 5.1.e.)
- (6) Kojo Dampney, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (as part of the Just Recovery Coalition) (Item 5.1.f.)
- (7) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network (Item 5.1.g.)

- (8) Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton (Item 5.1.h.)
- (9) Christine Seketa (Item 5.1.i.)
- (10) Medora Uppal, YWCA Hamilton (Item 5.1.j.)
- (11) Jessica Bonilla-Dampney, Sexual Assault Centre (Hamilton and Area) (Item 5.1.k.)

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(f) COMMUNICATION ITEMS (Item 6)

(Spadafora/A. Wilson)

That the following Communication Items, be received:

- (i) Correspondence from the United Way Halton-Hamilton (as members of the Just Recovery Coalition), respecting the existing policy recommendations provided in the Just Recovery Policy Paper 2021 (Item 6.1)
- (ii) Correspondence from the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting the 2023 City of Hamilton Budgeting Process and 2022 Municipal Election Priorities (Item 6.2)
- (iii) 14 For Progress respecting the 2023 Budget (Item 6.3)

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(g) MOTIONS (Item 7)

(A. Wilson/Kroetsch)

That staff be directed to report back through the General Issues Committee Operating Budget process on the cost to provide all City employees and summer students with the current living wage.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(h) **ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)**

(Spadafora/Francis)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee, be adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor B. Clark
Chair, General Issues Committee (Budget)

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
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