



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (BUDGET) MINUTES 22-021(a)

9:30 a.m.

December 2, 2022

Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

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

Absent: T. Jackson – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

**1. 2023 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget
(FCS22054) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)**

(Francis/Cassar)

- (a) That the metered water consumption charges for average residential properties (meters < 25mm in size) in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the following rates, effective January 1, 2023:

Monthly Water Consumption (m3)	Rate (\$/m3)
0 – 10	0.98
> 10	1.96

- (b) That the metered water consumption charge for commercial, industrial, institutional and larger residential properties (meters = >25mm in size) in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the rate of \$1.96 per cubic metre, effective January 1, 2023;
- (c) That daily water fixed charges for all properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the following rates, effective January 1, 2023:

Meter Size	Daily Water Rate
15 mm	\$0.43
16 mm	\$0.43
20 mm	\$0.43
21 mm	\$0.43
25 mm	\$1.08
38 mm	\$2.15
50 mm	\$3.44
75 mm	\$6.88
100 mm	\$10.75
150 mm	\$21.50
200 mm	\$34.40
250 mm	\$49.45
300 mm	\$73.10

- (d) That the wastewater / storm treatment charges for average residential properties (meters < 25mm in size) in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the following rates, effective January 1, 2023:

Monthly Water Consumption (m3)	Rate (\$/m3)
0 – 10	0.98
> 10	1.96

- (e) That the wastewater / storm treatment charge for all commercial, industrial, institutional and larger residential properties (meters = >25mm in size) in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the rate of \$1.96 per cubic metre, effective January 1, 2023;
- (f) That daily wastewater / storm fixed charges for all properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the following rates, effective January 1, 2023:

Meter Size	Daily Wastewater / Storm Rate
15 mm	\$0.47
16 mm	\$0.47
20 mm	\$0.47
21 mm	\$0.47
25 mm	\$1.18
38 mm	\$2.35
50 mm	\$3.76
75 mm	\$7.52
100 mm	\$11.75
150 mm	\$23.50
200 mm	\$37.60
250 mm	\$54.05
300 mm	\$79.90

- (g) That the residential non-metered annual water rate be imposed at the flat rate of \$715.40 per annum, effective January 1, 2023;
- (h) That the residential non-metered annual wastewater / storm rate be imposed at the flat rate of \$715.40 per annum, effective January 1, 2023;
- (i) That the residential combined non-metered annual water and wastewater / storm rate be imposed at the flat rate of \$1,430.80 per annum, effective January 1, 2023;
- (j) That the Private Fire Line rates be imposed at the following rates, effective January 1, 2023:

Connection Size		Monthly Rate
mm	inches	
25	1	\$4.30
38	1.5	\$9.88
50	2	\$17.18
75	3	\$38.66
100	4	\$68.72
150	6	\$154.63
200	8	\$274.89
250	10	\$274.89
300	12	\$274.89

- (k) That the 2023 Water, Wastewater and Storm Proposed User Fees and Charges be imposed as per Appendix “G” to Report FCS22054, effective January 1, 2023;
- (l) That the 2023 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Supported Operating Budget in the amount of \$272,446,747 be approved as per Appendix “A” to Report FCS22054;
- (m) That the long-term financing plan for the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater programs and related rate increases required to meet sustainable financing as identified in the 2023 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Supported Operating Budget forecast 2024-2032 (Appendix “A” to Report FCS22054) be approved, in principle;
- (n) That the 2023 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Supported Capital Budget and Financing Plan in the amount of \$255,306,080 be approved as per Appendices “K”, “N”, “Q” and “S” to Report FCS22054;
- (o) That the 2024-2032 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Supported Capital Budget forecast and financing plan (Appendix “I” to Report FCS22054) be approved, in principle;
- (p) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare, for Council approval, all necessary by-laws respecting the 2023 water and wastewater / storm user fees, charges and rates set out in Recommendations (a) through (k) of Report FCS22054;
- (q) That the 2023 Rate Supported Staffing Summary be approved as per Appendix “F” to Report FCS22054;
- (r) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be authorized and directed to negotiate and confirm the terms for the placement and issuance of all debenture issue(s), and / or private placement debenture issue(s), in either a public or private market and / or bank loan agreements and debenture issue(s) and / or variable interest rate bank loan agreements and debenture issue(s), in an amount not to exceed \$82,913,428 Canadian currency as attached in Appendices “K”, “N” and “Q” to Report FCS22054, which includes \$14,892,398 in Rate Supported municipal debt and \$68,021,030 Rate Supported Development Charges municipal debt;
- (s) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be authorized to engage the services of all required professionals to secure the terms and issuance of the debenture issue(s) described in Recommendations (r) and (u) including, but not limited to, external legal counsel and fiscal agents;

- (t) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be authorized and directed, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to enter into and / or execute, all agreements and necessary ancillary documents to secure the terms and issuance of the debenture issue(s) described in Recommendations (r) and (s) and conditional upon the by-law being enacted as described in Recommendation (u) to Report FCS22054, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (u) That staff be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary By-Law(s), for Council's consideration, for the purpose of authorizing debenture issue(s) described in Recommendation (r) to Report FCS22054;
- (v) That the New Development Water Customer Attachment Billing Policy be revised to reinstate applicable Construction Water Fees effective January 1, 2023, as per Appendix "U" to Report FCS22054;
- (w) That the City of Hamilton appeal to the Province of Ontario and the Federal Government of Canada for financial assistance in addressing the infrastructure deficit in the water, wastewater and storm programs.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 15 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
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 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:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised that there were no changes the agenda.

(Hwang/Pauls)

That the agenda for the December 2, 2022 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as presented.

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
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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 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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) November 21, 2022 and November 24, 2022 (Items 3.1 and 3.2)

(Hwang/A. Wilson)

That the Minutes of the November 21, 2022 and November 24, 2022 General Issues Committee (Budget) meetings, be approved, as presented.

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
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(d) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 9)

Councillor C. Kroetsch introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Resources Required to Identify, Categorize, Value, and Evaluate the City's Natural Assets

That staff be directed to report back to the Planning Committee on the resources required in order to identify, categorize, value, and evaluate the City's natural assets.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

(Hwang/Beattie)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 15 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
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 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 Brad Clark
Chair, General Issues Committee (Budget)

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
Office of the City Clerk