



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (CAPITAL BUDGET) MINUTES 22-022(b)

9:30 a.m.

January 20, 2023

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

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

Absent: Councillor T. McMeekin - Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

**1. The Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) Projects Update
(PW21073(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 7.1)**

(Kroetsch/Spadafora)

That Report PW21073(a), respecting The Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) Projects Update, be received.

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
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

Absent - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

2. Cycling Infrastructure 2023 (PED23042 / PW23008) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List) (Item 7.2)

(Cassar/Spadafora)

That Report PED23042 / PW23008, respecting Cycling Infrastructure 2023, be received.

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
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
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

3. Ecosystem Services Study (PED23048) (City Wide) (Added Item 7.4)

(A. Wilson/Nann)

That Report PED23048, respecting the Ecosystem Services Study, be received.

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
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
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

4. 2023 Tax Supported Capital Budget (FCS22081) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

(Danko/Jackson)

- (a) That the 2023 Tax Supported Capital Levy in the amount of \$142,959,430 be approved, inclusive of the following increases to the net levy;
- (i) \$5,000,000 (0.50%) for discretionary block funded projects principally for rehabilitation and replacement investments and to transition to the expected outcomes of the Strategic Asset Management Policy and Asset Management Plan;
 - (ii) \$2,500,000 (0.25%) for dedicated annual funding towards the implementation of the Climate Change Action Strategy;
 - (iii) \$53,140 (0.01%) to fund the debt servicing costs associated with the City's share of the approved Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Transit Stream projects for 2023;
 - (iv) \$774,290 (0.08%) to fund the debt servicing costs associated with the West Harbour Waterfront strategic initiatives in 2023;
 - (v) \$869,000 (0.09%) to fund the debt servicing costs associated with the Hamilton Paramedic and Central Stores facility project approved in 2022;
- (b) That the 2023 Tax Supported Capital Budget and Financing Plan, attached as Appendix "B" to Report FCS22081, in the amount of \$251,838,300 be approved with the following funding sources:
- (i) \$2,692,000 from government grants and subsidies;
 - (ii) \$2,485,200 from other external sources;
 - (iii) \$18,771,150 from Development Charges Reserves;
 - (iv) \$454,750 from Community Benefit Charges Reserve;
 - (v) \$6,250,000 from Rate Supported Revenues;
 - (vi) \$40,702,910 from Reserves;
 - (vii) \$3,792,000 from Work-in-Progress and other internal transfers;

- (viii) \$101,598,290 from the 2023 Tax Supported Capital Levy;
- (ix) \$183,000 from the 2023 Hamilton Police Service Operating Budget;
- (x) \$5,300,000 from Hamilton Utilities Corporation (HUC) / Alectra Dividends;
- (xi) \$35,537,000 from Canada Community Building Fund Reserve (112213);
- (xii) \$6,500,000 from the Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve (108020);
- (xiii) \$7,772,000 from Tax Supported Debenture Financing;
- (xiv) \$19,800,000 from Development Charge Supported Debenture Financing;
- (c) That the Tax Supported Discretionary Net Capital Funding Forecast 2024–2032, attached as Appendix “C” to Report FCS22081, which assumes the following, be approved, in principle, and re-visited by Council each budget year:
 - (i) \$11,180,000 (1.12%) in each year from 2024 to 2032 to transition to the expected outcomes of the Strategic Asset Management Policy and Asset Management Plan;
 - (ii) \$645,000 (0.06%) in 2024, \$2,463,000 (0.25%) in 2025, \$938,000 (0.09%) in 2026, \$59,000 (0.01%) in 2027, \$2,513,000 (0.25%) in 2028, \$118,000 (0.01%) in 2029, \$9,119,000 (0.91%) in 2031 and \$8,042,000 (0.80%) in 2032 to fund additional debt servicing costs;
- (d) That the operating budget and full-time equivalent (FTE) impacts of the 2023 Tax Supported Capital Budget, estimated at \$3.2 M and 15.39 FTE positions, included in Appendix “D” to Report FCS22081 be referred to the 2023 Tax Supported Operating Budget and 2024 to 2026 Multi-Year Outlook deliberations for consideration;
- (e) 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), in either a public or private market and / or bank loan agreements and debenture issue(s), in and / or variable interest rate bank loan agreement and debenture issue(s), in an amount not to exceed \$29,072,000 Canadian currency, as attached in Appendix “B” to Report FCS22081, which includes \$7,772,000 in Tax Supported municipal debt and \$19,800,000 in Development Charges municipal debt;

- (f) 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 recommendation (e) and (g) including, but not limited to, external legal counsel and fiscal agents;
- (g) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, is 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 (e) and (g), on terms satisfactory to the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (h) 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 (e).

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

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

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.4 Ecosystem Services Study (PED23048) (City Wide)

CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF ITEMS:

That Item 7.4, Report PED23048, respecting Ecosystem Services Study be considered prior to Item 7.3, Report FCS22081, respecting the 2023 Tax Supported Capital Budget.

(A. Wilson/Francis)

That the agenda for the January 20, 2023 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, be approved, as amended.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
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(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) December 5, 2022 (Item 3.1)

(Spadafora/Tadeson)

That the minutes of the December 5, 2022 General Issues Committee Budget meeting, be approved, as presented.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

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(d) MOTIONS (Item 8)

(i) Accelerated Implementation of the Cycling Master Plan (Added Item 8.1)

(Hwang/M. Wilson)

That staff initiate an Integrated Active Transportation Delivery Team comprised of staff from Planning and Economic Development (PED) and Public Works (PW) with the goal of filling connectivity gaps and accelerated implementation of the Cycling Master Plan and report to 2023 operating budget on financial implications of such an accelerated plan.

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(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Spadafora/Tadeson)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee Budget be adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Brad Clark
Chair, General Issues Committee Budget

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk