



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (OPERATING BUDGET) MINUTES 23-001(f)

3:00 p.m.

Monday, February 6, 2023
Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

Present: Mayor A. Horwath, Councillors B. Clark (Chair)
J. Beattie, C. Cassar, J. P. Danko, 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 INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1 Correspondence respecting a vote against the proposed 6.71% increase to the Hamilton Police Services budget, and to advocate for an investment into community-led, harm reduction supports:
(f) Sarah Van Berkel

Recommendation: Be received.

- 4.3 Correspondence from Taylor DeCoste, respecting a Public Budget Delegation

Recommendation: Be received.

- 4.4 Correspondence from Melissa Dowdall, respecting the Hamilton Police Services Budget

Recommendation: Be received.

5. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 5.18 Jo Aitcheson, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.19 Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting the 2023 Just Recovery Policy Paper for consideration in the 2023 municipal budget (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.20 Dania Igdoura, respecting the proposed budget increase for HPS (Virtual) (For today's meeting)
- 5.21 Brock Bodo, Just Recovery Hamilton Coalition, respecting 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.22 Damien Ash, ACORN, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.23 Jessica Merolli, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget and the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (Virtual) (For today's meeting)
- 5.24 Sid Ryan Eilers, Aeris Korper Contemporary Dance, respecting 2023 Hamilton Police Budget (Virtual) (For today's meeting)
- 5.25 Laura Katz, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Budget (Pre-Recorded Video) (For today's meeting)
- 5.26 Montana Mellett, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Budget (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.27 Greg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.28 Marnie Schurter, ACORN, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (Pre-Recorded Video) (For today's meeting)
- 5.29 Sue Markey, respecting Increasing Staffing and Green Infrastructure (Virtual) (For today's meeting)
- 5.30 Kim Martin, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, respecting 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.31 Donald Currie, respecting Encampment Response Funding in the 2023 Budget (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.32 Gord Smyth, ACORN, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (Pre-Recorded Video) (For today's meeting)

- 5.33 Jane Jamnik, Hamilton Cycling Advisory Committee, respecting Expediting Cycling Plan and Cycling Infrastructure (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.34 Becky Shaini Katz, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.35 Mohammed Shalalfeh, respecting Affordable Housing in the City of Hamilton (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.36 Evan Ubene, Kilometres for Public Healthcare, respecting the Expansion of Public Health Services and the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.37 Elizabeth Bloomfield, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.38 Jacqueline Cantar, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.39 Nick de Koning, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.40 Kara Jongeling, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Service Budget (Virtual) (For today's meeting)
- 5.41 Lucia Iannantuono, Hamilton 350, requesting Support for Care Fare Campaign (Virtual) (For today's meeting)
- 5.42 Miranda Vander Vliet, requesting the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (Virtual) (For today's meeting)
- 5.43 Adeola Egbeyemi, Environment Hamilton, respecting Reducing Fossil Fuel Dependence in the City of Hamilton (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.44 Myles Demeter, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.45 Mike Burnet, ACORN, respecting 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.46 Adan Amer, Hamilton 350, respecting Support for Care Fare Campaign Initiative (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 5.47 Ken Stone, Community Coalition Against Racism, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (Virtual) (For today's meeting)

(Cassar/Beattie)

That the agenda for the February 6, 2023 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, be approved, as amended.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 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
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
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)

(A. Wilson/Nann)

That the following Communications Items, be approved, as presented:

- (i) Correspondence respecting a vote against the proposed 6.71% increase to the Hamilton Police Services budget, and to advocate for an investment into community-led, harm reduction supports:
 - (1) Robyn Deshaies (Item 4.1(a))
 - (2) Suzy Sebeslav (Item 4.1(b))
 - (3) Grace Cameron (Item 4.1(c))
 - (4) Thea Haines (Item 4.1(d))
 - (5) Adi Gelb (Item 4.1(e))
 - (6) Sarah Van Berkel (Added Item 4.1(f))

Recommendation: Be received.

- (ii) Correspondence from Alix MacLean respecting Please Vote No to a Police Budget Increase (Item 4.2)

Recommendation: Be received.

- (iii) Correspondence from Taylor DeCoste, respecting a Public Budget Delegation (Added Item 4.3)

Recommendation: Be received.

- (iv) Correspondence from Melissa Dowdall, respecting the Hamilton Police Services Budget (Added Item 4.4)

Recommendation: Be received.

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Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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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
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 5)

(M. Wilson/Nann)

That the delegation requests for today's meeting, be approved, as follows:

- (i) Anthony Marco, Hamilton and District Labour Council respecting Care Fare Transit (Virtual) (Item 5.1)
- (ii) Elizabeth Wong, Vice-President, and Simranjeet Singh, President, McMaster Students Union, respecting the 2023 municipal budget (In-Person) (Item 5.2)
- (iii) Miriam Sager, respecting the 2023 Budget (In-Person) (Item 5.3)
- (iv) Alex Bonenfant, respecting Hamilton's waterfalls (Virtual) (Item 5.4)

- (v) Tara McFadyen, respecting installation of security cameras on all escarpment stair needing to be put into the budget process (In-Person) (Item 5.5)
- (vi) Kojo Dampthey, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting public budget delegation on behalf of the Just Recovery HamOnt Coalition (In-Person) (Item 5.6)
- (vii) Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton, respecting the 2023 Budget (In-Person) (Item 5.7)
- (viii) Emily Scherzinger, respecting the 2023 Police Budget (In-Person) (Item 5.8)
- (ix) Nicole Tollenaar, respecting comments on the 2023 Budget (Pre-Recorded Video) (Item 5.9)
- (x) Elia Hamelin, respecting the police budget (Virtual) (Item 5.10)
- (xi) Rachel Chaplow, respecting the detrimental effects of the proposed budget cuts to specialized mental health and addiction services and the negative impact they will have on the citizens of Hamilton who rely on these services (In-Person) (Item 5.11)
- (xii) Ed Reece, Council of Canadians, Hamilton Chapter, respecting the Care Fare Campaign (Virtual) (Item 5.12)
- (xiii) Steacy Easton, respecting questions about funding the police budget (In-Person) (Item 5.13)
- (xiv) Theresa Cardey, respecting the Care Fare Campaign submission (In-Person) (Item 5.14)
- (xv) Katie King, respecting the 2023 Budget (Virtual) (Item 5.15)
- (xvi) Anna Norris, respecting the Care Fare Campaign submission (In-Person) (Item 5.16)
- (xvii) Anastasia Zavarella, respecting the proposed budget increase for HPS (In-Person) (Item 5.17)
- (xviii) Jo Aitcheson, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 5.18)
- (xix) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting the 2023 Just Recovery Policy Paper for consideration in the 2023 municipal budget (In-Person) (Added Item 5.19)

- (xx) Dania Igdoura, respecting the proposed budget increase for HPS (Virtual) (Added Item 5.20)
- (xxi) Brock Bodo, Just Recovery Hamilton Coalition, respecting 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 5.21)
- (xxii) Damien Ash, ACORN, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 5.22)
- (xxiii) Jessica Merolli, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget and the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (Virtual) (Added Item 5.23)
- (xxiv) Sid Ryan Eilers, Aeris Korper Contemporary Dance, respecting 2023 Hamilton Police Budget (Virtual) (Added Item 5.24)
- (xxv) Laura Katz, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Budget (Pre-Recorded Video) (Added Item 5.25)
- (xxvi) Montana Mellett, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 5.26)
- (xxvii) Greg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 5.27)
- (xxviii) Marnie Schurter, ACORN, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (Pre-Recorded Video) (Added Item 5.28)
- (xxix) Sue Markey, respecting Increasing Staffing and Green Infrastructure (Virtual) (Added Item 5.29)
- (xxx) Kim Martin, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, respecting 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 5.30)
- (xxxi) Donald Currie, respecting Encampment Response Funding in the 2023 Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 5.31)
- (xxxii) Gord Smyth, ACORN, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (Pre-Recorded Video) (Added Item 5.32)
- (xxxiii) Jane Jamnik, Hamilton Cycling Advisory Committee, respecting Expediting Cycling Plan and Cycling Infrastructure (In-Person) (Added Item 5.33)
- (xxxiv) Becky Shaini Katz, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 5.34)
- (xxxv) Mohammed Shalalfeh, respecting Affordable Housing in the City of Hamilton (In-Person) (Added Item 5.35)

- (xxxvi) Evan Ubene, Kilometres for Public Healthcare, respecting the Expansion of Public Health Services and the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 5.36)
- (xxxvii) Elizabeth Bloomfield, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 5.37)
- (xxxviii) Jacqueline Cantar, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 5.38)
- (xxxix) Nick de Koning, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 5.39)
- (xxxx) Kara Jongeling, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Service Budget (Virtual) (Added Item 5.40)
- (xxxxi) Lucia Iannantuono, Hamilton 350, requesting Support for Care Fare Campaign (Virtual) (Added Item 5.41)
- (xxxxii) Miranda Vander Vliet, requesting the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (Virtual) (Added Item 5.42)
- (xxxxiii) Adeola Egbeyemi, Environment Hamilton, respecting Reducing Fossil Fuel Dependence in the City of Hamilton (In-Person) (Added Item 5.43)
- (xxxxiv) Myles Demeter, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 5.44)
- (xxxxv) Mike Burnet, ACORN, respecting 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 5.45)
- (xxxxvi) Adan Amer, Hamilton 350, respecting Support for Care Fare Campaign Initiative (In-Person) (Added Item 5.46)
- (xxxxvii) Ken Stone, Community Coalition Against Racism, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (Virtual) (Added Item 5.47)

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(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

The following Delegates addressed the Committee respecting the 2023 Budget:

- (i) Anthony Marco, Hamilton and District Labour Council respecting Care Fare Transit (Virtual) (Added Item 6.1)
- (ii) Elizabeth Wong, Vice-President, and Simranjeet Singh, President, McMaster Students Union, respecting the 2023 municipal budget (In-Person) (Added Item 6.2)
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The meeting was recessed at 6:22 p.m. in order to maintain order.

As per Appendix G, Sub-section (o) of the Procedural By-law 21-012, as amended, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm, without a motion being put.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Brad Clark
Chair, General Issues Committee Budget

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk