



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

9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 21, 2023
Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

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

Absent: Councillor M. Wilson – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 2004 Budget Adjustment - Accounting and Allocation of the Goods and Services Tax Rebate (FCS23028) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List) (Item 5.1)**

(Spadafora/Beattie)

That Report FCS23028, respecting the 2004 Budget Adjustment - Accounting and Allocation of the Goods and Services Tax Rebate, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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
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

2. Area Rating Review (FCS21078(d)) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)

(A. Wilson/Spadafora)

- (a) That the area rating of the Fire Service be updated to a “Full Time / Composite / Volunteer” model in the 2023 tax year to align with the existing boundaries of the Fire Response Type as shown in Appendix “A” to Report FCS21078(d); and,
- (b) That the tax impact to the properties remaining in the Fire Service full-time level of service be phased in on a two-year period starting in the 2023 tax year.
- (c) *That the properties within the Volunteer to Composite model be implemented in their entirety in 2023 (0.7% tax increase) using the tax stabilization reserve to offset the cost up to \$200,000 limit.*

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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

3. 2022 Assessment Growth (FCS23025) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Pauls/Hwang)

That Report FCS23025, respecting 2022 Assessment Growth, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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

4. 2023 Budget Submission – Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (CM23005) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(McMeekin/Spadafora)

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) 2023 base budget submission attached as Appendix “A” to Report (CM23005) in the amount of \$6,100.00, be approved and reflected in the final budget Report FCS23007(a).

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS - WITHDRAWN

- 7.3 Encampment Pilot Evaluation (HSC20038(e) / PED21188(b)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)

(Pauls/Spadafora)

That the agenda for the February 21, 2023 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, be approved, as amended.

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

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

Councillor E. Pauls declared a non-disqualifying interest to the Item 6.2, 2023 Tax Operating Budget Deliberations, respecting the Hamilton Police Budget as her son works for the Hamilton Police Service.

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

(Cassar/Francis)

That the following minutes of the General Issues Committee (Budget), be approved, as presented:

- (i) February 6, 2023 (Item 3.1)
- (ii) February 7, 2023 (Item 3.2)

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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
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

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

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

Gloria Rojas, Senior Tax Policy Advisor, provided the Committee with a presentation respecting the Area Rating Review, and answered questions of Committee.

(Spadafora/Beattie)

That the presentation respecting the Area Rating Review, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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
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

(A. Wilson/Spadafora)

(a) That the area rating of the Fire Service be updated to a "Full Time / Composite / Volunteer" model in the 2023 tax year to align with the

existing boundaries of the Fire Response Type as shown in Appendix "A" to Report FCS21078(d); and,

- (b) That the tax impact to the properties remaining in the Fire Service full-time level of service be phased in on a two-year period starting in the 2023 tax year.

(A. Wilson/Spadafora)

That Report FCS21078(d), respecting Area Rating Review, ***be amended*** by adding an additional sub-section (c), as follows:

- (c) ***That the properties within the Volunteer to Composite model be implemented in their entirety in 2023 (0.7% tax increase) using the tax stabilization reserve to offset the cost up to \$200,000 limit.***

Result: Amendment, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 1, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
No	-	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 further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

(Kroetsch/Beattie)

That the General Issues Committee recess for 15 minutes until 11:32 am.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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

(ii) 2023 Tax Operating Budget Deliberations (Item 6.2)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services, provided the Committee with a presentation respecting the 2023 Tax Operating Budget Deliberations, and answered questions of Committee.

(Kroetsch/Cassar)

That the General Issues Committee recess for 30 minutes until 1:30 pm.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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
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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

(Beattie/Cassar)

That the presentation respecting the 2023 Tax Operating Budget Deliberations, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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

1. Other Budget Amendments (Corporate Financials)

(A. Wilson/Kroetsch)

That the amendment to the 2023 Tax Supported Budget respecting a One-time Gapping to Fund 50% of the Paramedic Business Cases 2.4 & 2.5 (Option B) (\$2,155,200) (Gross), (\$2,155,200) (Net), (Item 5), be approved and reflected in the final budget Report FCS23007(a).

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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. SLT Proposed Amendments / Other Budget Amendments

(Jackson/Tadeson)

That the amendment to the 2023 Tax Supported Budget respecting SLT Proposed Amendments, be approved and reflected in the final budget Report FCS23007(a), as follows:

- (a) Funding from Economic Development Reserve for the Canada Day Event (CM21014) Council Referred Item 1.4 (\$87,100);
- (b) Long-Term Care, Confirmation of funding from the Ministry of Long-Term Care for Q1 2023 for Business Case 2.6 (amends net levy amount of the Business Case to \$1,503,525) (\$501,175) (Item 4);
- (c) Boards and Agencies, Transfer from Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve for Hamilton Conservation Authority one-time special capital request (\$300,000) (Item 2); and,
- (d) Corporate Financials, Reduction of 10% in City-wide mileage budgets (\$63,100) (Item 3).

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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

3. Council Referred Items

(Danko/Nann)

- (a) That the following amendments to the 2023 Tax Supported Budget respecting Council Referred Items, be approved and reflected in the final budget Report FCS23007(a):
 - (i) General Manager, Planning and Economic Development, Annual Support for Bay Area Climate Change Office (CM22016 / PED22058(a) / HSC22030(a)), \$160,000 (Gross), \$160,000 (Net), (Item 1.1);

- (ii) General Manager, Planning and Economic Development, New Project Manager for Climate Change Office (CM22016 / PED22058(a) / HSC22030(a)), \$71,700 (Gross), \$71,700 (Net), 1.00 FTE, (Item 1.2);
- (iii) General Manager, Planning and Economic Development, New Senior Project Manager for Climate Change Office (CM22016 / PED22058(a) / HSC22030(a)), \$79,800 (Gross), \$79,800 (Net), 1.00 FTE, (Item 1.3);
- (iv) Tourism and Culture, Canada Day Event (CM21014), \$150,300 (Gross), \$41,200 (Net), 0.25 FTE, (Item 1.4);
- (v) Licensing & By-Law Services, Nuisance Party By-Law (PED22156), \$70,900 (Gross), \$70,900 (Net), 0.50 FTE, (Item 1.5);
- (vi) Children's and Community Services, Hamilton's Plan for an Age-Friendly Community (HSC22031), \$10,000 (Gross), \$10,000 (Net), (Item 2.1);
- (vii) Housing Services, Social Housing Providers at End of Mortgage (HSC22040), \$1,100,000 (Gross), \$1,100,000 (Net), (Item 2.2);
- (viii) Housing Services, Subsidy Request for Rapid Housing Initiative New Developments (HSC20056(a)), \$125,000 (Gross), \$125,000 (Net), (Item 2.3);
- (ix) Housing Services, Adaptation and Transformation of Housing Services Post Pandemic (HSC20020(f)), \$649,700 (Gross), \$649,700 (Net), (Item 2.4);
- (x) Housing Services, Shelters Cost of Living Enhancement (Homelessness Prevention Program (HSC20020(f)), \$546,700 (Gross), \$546,700 (Net), (Item 2.5);
- (xi) Housing Services, Affordable Housing Funding Program (HSC23003), \$4,000,000 (Gross), \$4,000,000 (Net), (Item 2.7);

- (xii) Housing Services, Cold Alert Response (Motion - ECS Dec. 1, 2022), \$125,000 (Gross), \$125,000 (Net), (Item 2.8);
- (xiii) Public Health, Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services and Community Mental Health Promotion Program (BOH22012(b) as amended), \$105,420 (Gross), \$105,420 (Net), 1.25 FTE, (Item 2.10);
- (xiv) Public Works – General Administration, Corporate Asset Management Resource Requirements (PW22048), \$1,117,900 (Gross), \$1,117,900 (Net), 10.00 FTE, (Item 3.1);
- (xv) City Clerk's Office, Records & Information Management Policy (FCS22057), \$184,000 (Gross), \$184,000 (Net), 2.00 FTE, (Item 4.2);
- (xvi) City Clerk's Office, Virtual Meeting Support (FCS21058), \$175,000 (Gross), \$175,000 (Net), 2.00 FTE, (Item 4.3);
- (xvii) Legal Services and Risk Management, Implement Bill 13 and Bill 109 (PED22112), \$259,300 (Gross), \$259,300 (Net), 3.00 FTE, (Item 4.4);
- (xviii) Government & Community Relations, Public Engagement Policy & Framework (CM21011), \$200,000 (Gross), \$200,000 (Net), 2.00 FTE, (Item 5.1);
- (xix) Administration CEF, City Enrichment Fund (Motion - AF&A June 2, 2022), \$629,390 (Gross), \$629,390 (Net), 1.00 FTE, (Item 6.1); and,
- (xx) Corporate Finance, Recruitment and Retention (HUR23002), TBD (Gross), TBD (Net), (Item 6.3);
- (b) That the following amendments to the 2023 Tax Supported Budget respecting Council Referred Items, be DEFERRED to the March 1, 2023 General Issues Committee Meeting:
 - (i) Housing Services, Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters Proposal (HSC22015(a)), \$100,000 (Gross), \$100,000 (Net), (Item 2.6); and,

- (ii) Housing Services, Funding for YWCA Hamilton
(Motion - ECS Dec. 1, 2022), \$6,550,000 (Gross),
\$2,600,000 (Net), (Item 2.9).

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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
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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

4. Council Referred Items - DEFER

(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)

That the following amendments to the 2023 Tax Supported Budget respecting Council Referred Items, be DEFERRED to the March 1, 2023 General Issues Committee Meeting:

- (a) Housing Services, Encampment Pilot Evaluation –
Coordination Response Team (HSC20038(e) /
PED21188(b)), \$1,366,646 (Gross), \$1,366,646 (Net),
10.50 FTE, (Item 2.11);
- (b) City Clerk's Office, Election Expense Reserve for
Internet Voting Consideration for 2026 Municipal
Election (FCS20081(a)), \$153,800 (Gross), \$153,800
(Net), (Item 4.1); and,
- (c) Legislative, Increase to Councillors' Office Budgets
(Motion - Council Dec. 7, 2022), \$600,000 (Gross),
\$600,000 (Net), (Item 6.2);

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 4, as follows:

No	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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
No	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
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Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
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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

5. Business Cases

(A. Wilson/Danko)

That the following amendments to the 2023 Tax Supported Budget respecting Business Cases, be approved and reflected in the final budget Report FCS23007(a):

- (a) Economic Development, Chief Real Estate Officer conversion from temporary to permanent, \$195,700 (Gross), \$- (Net), 1.00 FTE (Item 1.1);
- (b) Tourism & Culture, Film Production Facilitation, \$83,820 (Gross), \$- (Net), 1.00 FTE, (Item 1.2);
- (c) Children's and Community Services, Manager, Canada Wide Early Learning Child Care, \$178,700 (Gross), \$- (Net), 1.00 FTE, (Item 2.1);
- (d) Children's and Community Services, Indigenous Strategy, \$584,000 (Gross), \$484,000 (Net), 4.00 FTE, (Item 2.2);
- (e) Hamilton Fire Department, Hamilton Fire Department – Volunteer Staffing / Headcount Enhancement, \$- (Gross), \$- (Net), (Item 2.3);
- (f) Hamilton Paramedic Service, Hamilton Paramedic Service – Ambulance Enhancement - Call Growth, \$1,228,600 (Gross), **\$614,300** (Net), 10.00 FTE, (Item 2.4);
- (g) Hamilton Paramedic Service, Hamilton Paramedics - Ambulance Enhancement - Response Times & Current Demand, \$3,081,800 (Gross), **\$1,540,900** (Net), 25.00 FTE, (Item 2.5);

- (h) Long Term Care, 2023 Long Term Care - Covid costs, \$2,004,700 (Gross), **\$1,503,525** (Net), (Item 2.6);
- (i) Energy Fleet and Facilities, THF Post Event Increase Service Level, \$125,600 (Gross), \$125,600 (Net), 1.00 FTE, (Item 3.1);
- (j) Energy Fleet and Facilities, Green Fleet Planning, \$46,300 (Gross), \$46,300 (Net), 1.00 FTE, (Item 3.2);
- (k) Engineering Services, Roads Value for Money Audit Recommendations, \$199,500 (Gross), \$- (Net), 4.00 FTE, (Item 3.3);
- (l) Engineering Services, Request for additional staff resources for Structures, \$70,900 (Gross), \$- (Net), 1.00 FTE, (Item 3.4);
- (m) Engineering Services, Contracts Coordinator, \$55,600 (Gross), \$- (Net), 1.00 FTE, (Item 3.5);
- (n) Engineering Services, Project Manager Excess Soils, \$70,900 (Gross), \$- (Net), 1.00 FTE, (Item 3.6);
- (o) Engineering Services, Quality Management System (QMS) Staff within Engineering Services, \$80,900 (Gross), \$- (Net), 1.00 FTE, (Item 3.7);
- (p) Engineering Services, Request for additional staff resources for Municipal Class Environmental Assessments, \$70,900 (Gross), \$- (Net), 1.00 FTE, (Item 3.8);
- (q) City Clerk's Office, FOI Administration, \$50,000 (Gross), \$50,000 (Net), (Item 4.1);
- (r) Information Technology, Additional FTEs for IT, \$- (Gross), \$- (Net), 2.00 FTE, (Item 4.2);
- (s) Information Technology, Data Solution Specialist, \$159,300 (Gross), \$159,300 (Net), 2.00 FTE (Item 4.3); and,
- (t) Legal Services and Risk Management, Legal Taxation Support, \$159,000 (Gross), \$159,000 (Net), 2.00 FTE (Item 4.4).

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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

6. Other Budget Amendments (Boards & Agencies)

(A. Wilson/Hwang)

That the amendment to the 2023 Tax Supported Budget respecting Boards and Agencies to align to Board approval of external agencies budgets, \$1,414,714 (Gross), \$1,414,714 (Net), (Item 1), be approved and reflected in the final budget Report FCS23007(a).

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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

7. Other Budget Amendments (Corporate Financials)

(Hwang/Nann)

That the amendment to the 2023 Tax Supported Budget respecting Corporate Financials, Living Wage (HUR20003(b)), \$353,600 (Gross), \$353,600 (Net), (Item 6), be approved and reflected in the final budget Report FCS23007(a).

(Kroetsch/Beattie)

That the amendment to the 2023 Tax Supported Budget respecting Corporate Financials, Living Wage (HUR20003(b)), \$353,600 (Gross), \$353,600 (Net), (Item 6), be DEFERRED to the March 1, 2023 General Issues Committee Meeting.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 2, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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
No	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
No	-	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) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 11)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – February 7, 2023 (Item 11.1)

(Pauls/Cassar)

That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 7, 2023 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, be approved and remain confidential.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)

(Tadeson/Horwath)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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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

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Brad Clark
Chair, General Issues Committee Budget

Angela McRae
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Office of the City Clerk