



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

3:00 p.m.

Monday, February 27, 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) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 1)

Councillor E. Pauls declared a non-disqualifying interest to the Delegations respecting the Hamilton Police Budget as her son works for the Hamilton Police Service.

(b) DELEGATIONS (Item 3)

- (i) The following Delegates addressed the Committee respecting the 2023 Budget:
 - (1) Evan Ubene, Kilometres for Public Healthcare, respecting the Expansion of Public Health Services and the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (In-Person) (Item 3.1)
 - (2) Nick de Koning, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (Item 3.4)
 - (3) Lucia Iannantuono, Hamilton 350, requesting Support for Care Fare Campaign (Virtual) (Item 3.6)
 - (4) Miranda Vander Vliet, requesting the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (Virtual) (Item 3.7)
 - (5) Adeola Egbeyemi, Environment Hamilton, respecting Reducing Fossil Fuel Dependence in the City of Hamilton (In-Person) (Item 3.8)

- (6) Adan Amer, Hamilton 350, respecting Support for Care Fare Campaign Initiative (In-Person) (Item 3.11)
- (7) Ken Stone, Community Coalition Against Racism, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (Pre-Recorded Video) (Item 3.12)
- (8) Nicole Tollenaar, respecting comments on the 2023 Budget (Pre-Recorded Video) (Item 3.13)
- (9) Laura Katz, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Budget (Pre-Recorded Video) (Item 3.14)
- (10) Marnie Schurter, ACORN, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (Pre-Recorded Video) (Item 3.15)
- (11) Gord Smyth, ACORN, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (Pre-Recorded Video) (Item 3.16)
- (ii) The following delegates from the February 27th, 2023 meeting were not present when called upon:
 - (1) Elizabeth Bloomfield, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (In-Person) (Item 3.2)
 - (2) Jacqueline Cantar, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (Item 3.3)
 - (3) Kara Jongeling, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Service Budget (Virtual) (Item 3.5)
 - (4) Myles Demeter, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (Item 3.9)
 - (5) Mike Burnet, ACORN, respecting 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (Item 3.10)

(Tadeson/Spadafora)

That the delegations respecting the 2023 Budget, be received, as follows:

- (i) Delegates from the February 6th, 2023 meeting:
 - (1) Anthony Marco, Hamilton and District Labour Council respecting Care Fare Transit (Virtual) (Added Item 6.1)

- (2) Elizabeth Wong, Vice-President, and Simranjeet Singh, President, McMaster Students Union, respecting the 2023 municipal budget (In-Person) (Added Item 6.2)
- (3) Miriam Sager, respecting the 2023 Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 6.3)
- (4) Alex Bonenfant, respecting Hamilton's waterfalls (Virtual) (Added Item 6.4)
- (5) Tara McFadyen, respecting installation of security cameras on all escarpment stair needing to be put into the budget process (In-Person) (Added Item 6.5)
- (6) Kojo Dampitey, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting public budget delegation on behalf of the Just Recovery HamOnt Coalition (In-Person) (Added Item 6.6)
- (7) Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton, respecting the 2023 Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 6.7)
- (8) Emily Scherzinger, respecting the 2023 Police Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 6.8)
- (9) Elia Hamelin, respecting the police budget (Virtual) (Added Item 6.10)
- (10) 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) (Added Item 6.11)
- (11) Ed Reece, Council of Canadians, Hamilton Chapter, respecting the Care Fare Campaign (Virtual) (Added Item 6.12)
- (12) Steacy Easton, respecting questions about funding the police budget (In-Person) (Added Item 6.13)
- (13) Theresa Cardey, respecting the Care Fare Campaign submission (In-Person) (Added Item 6.14)
- (14) Katie King, respecting the 2023 Budget (Virtual) (Added Item 6.15)
- (15) Anna Norris, respecting the Care Fare Campaign submission (In-Person) (Added Item 6.16)

- (16) Anastasia Zavarella, respecting the proposed budget increase for HPS (In-Person) (Added Item 6.17)
- (17) Jo Aitcheson, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 6.18)
- (18) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting the 2023 Just Recovery Policy Paper for consideration in the 2023 municipal budget (In-Person) (Added Item 6.19)
- (19) Dania Igdoura, respecting the proposed budget increase for HPS (Virtual) (Added Item 6.20)
- (20) Brock Bodo, Just Recovery Hamilton Coalition, respecting 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 6.21)
- (21) Damien Ash, ACORN, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 6.22)
- (22) Jessica Merolli, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget and the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (Virtual) (Added Item 6.23)
- (23) Sid Ryan Eilers, Aeris Korper Contemporary Dance, respecting 2023 Hamilton Police Budget (Virtual) (Added Item 6.24)
- (24) Montana Mellett, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 6.26)
- (25) Greg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting the 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 6.27)
- (26) Sue Markey, respecting Increasing Staffing and Green Infrastructure (Virtual) (Added Item 6.29)
- (27) Kim Martin, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, respecting 2023 Municipal Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 6.30)
- (28) Donald Currie, respecting Encampment Response Funding in the 2023 Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 6.31)
- (29) Jane Jamnik, Hamilton Cycling Advisory Committee, respecting Expediting Cycling Plan and Cycling Infrastructure (In-Person) (Added Item 6.33)
- (30) Becky Shaini Katz, respecting the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Budget (In-Person) (Added Item 6.34)

- (31) Mohammed Shalalfeh, respecting Affordable Housing in the City of Hamilton (In-Person) (Added Item 6.35)
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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
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
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

(c) **MOTIONS (Item 4)**

(i) **Investigate Increase in the Tax Rate on the Pipeline Class**

(Nann/A. Wilson)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton approves an annual tax policy report;

WHEREAS, tax policies impact the City financially in terms of revenue streams and their sources, and have the potential to distribute the tax burden across property tax classes;

WHEREAS, in 2022 Council approved the following tax ratios:

	2021 Final Tax Ratios	Recommended 2022 Final Tax Ratios	Provincial Threshold
Residential	1.0000	1.0000	
Multi-Residential	2.4407	2.3594	2.0000
Commercial	1.9800	1.9800	1.9800
Industrial	3.2493	3.1985	2.6300
Industrial - Large	3.8102	3.7506	2.6300
Pipeline	1.7947	1.7947	
Landfills	2.9696	2.9696	3.1189
Fam	0.1767	0.1767	

WHEREAS, the City realized approximately \$4.9 million in municipal tax revenue from the pipeline class in 2022;

WHEREAS, the Education tax rate on the pipeline class is determined by the Province of Ontario;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton declared a Climate Emergency in 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the City has a weighty reliance on residential taxpayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

That staff be directed to report back on the options to increase the tax rate on the Pipeline class, thereby decreasing the burden on other property classes, including residential.

(d) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)

(Spadafora/Hwang)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

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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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Brad Clark
Chair, General Issues Committee Budget

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk