



## **GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 23-007**

9:30 a.m.

February 15, 2023

Council Chambers, City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

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

**Absent:** Councillors M. Wilson and T. Jackson – Personal

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### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:**

#### **1. Digital Strategy (CM23010) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

##### **(Hwang/Cassar)**

- (a) That the Digital Strategy as outlined in Appendix “A” to Report CM23010 be approved;
- (b) That any future staffing, or implementation cost, outside of existing complement or budgets, required to implement the Digital strategy be brought forward to council via normal budget approval process;
- (c) That staff be directed to implement the Digital strategy, and report back in one year to the General Issues Committee on the progress made.

#### **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
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

**2. Hamilton.ca Website Redevelopment - Status Update (CM20011(b)) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)**

**(Cassar/Tadeson)**

That Report CM20011(b), respecting Hamilton.ca Website Redevelopment - Status Update, be received.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:**

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**3. Residential Water and Sewer Line Warranty Protection Program Update 2023 (FCS23014) (City Wide) (Item 9.2)**

**(Beattie/Cassar)**

That Report FCS23014, respecting the Residential Water and Sewer Line Warranty Protection Program Update 2023, be received.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 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
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

**4. Application Update on Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF)  
Intake Two (FCS21090(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List) (Item 9.3)**

**(Pauls/Kroetsch)**

That Report FCS21090(a), respecting an Application Update on Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) Intake Two, be received.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
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
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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

**5. Innovation Factory and Synapse Life Sciences Consortium Request for Funding Renewal (PED23037) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.1)**

**(Hwang/Tadeson)**

- (a) That the request by Innovation Factory to exercise their renewal option of the City's 2022 Annual Community Partnership contribution of \$50K, per previous General Issues Committee (GIC) Reports PED20197 and PED21204, be approved;
- (b) That the \$50K annual contribution for the Innovation Factory be funded from the Economic Development Investment Reserve Account No. 112221;
- (c) That the request by the Synapse Life Sciences Consortium to exercise their renewal option of the City's 2022 Annual Community Partnership contribution of \$10K per previous General Issues Committee (GIC) Reports PED19057(a) and PED21204, be approved;
- (d) That the \$10K contribution for the Synapse Life Sciences Consortium be funded from the Economic Development Initiatives/Investment Reserve Account No. 112221; and,
- (e) That City staff, together with Innovation Factory, including Synapse Life Sciences Consortium, report back to General Issues Committee with an annual review of the Municipal Funding Program prior to the approval of a renewal option for 2023 and subject to satisfactory Key Performance Indicator (KPI) results of the previous year.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:**

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Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**6. Fleet Services Realignment (PW23011) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)**

**(Horwath/Cassar)**

That the General Manager of the Public Works Department be authorized and directed to transfer the Fleet Services Section of the Energy, Fleet & Facilities Management Division to the Corporate Asset Management Division within the Public Works Department, including 57 FTE's and a total 2022 Council Approved Budget in the amount of \$147,777, effective March 1, 2023:

- (i) Fleet Services Section in the amount of \$147,777 and 57 FTE's;
- (ii) Fleet Vehicle Replacement Reserve #112025 with a 2022 forecasted year-end balance of (\$4,369,128)

**CARRIED**

**7. City Auditor Reporting of Serious Matters to Council (Case #60942 Employee Corruption Allegations) (AUD23004) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)**

**(Clark/Beattie)**

That Report AUD23004, respecting the City Auditor Reporting of Serious Matters to Council (Case #60942 Employee Corruption Allegations), be received.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 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
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Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**8. Amendment to Municipality Contribution Agreement with Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation - Sportsbooks (FCS23026) (City Wide) (Item 10.4)**

**(Clark/Tadeson)**

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign and execute the Amendment to Municipality Contribution Agreement (MCA) between the City of Hamilton (the

“Municipality”) and the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) as outlined in Appendix “A” to Report FCS23026.

**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
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Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
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Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**9. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Report 23-001 - January 10, 2023 (Item 10.5)**

**(Tadeson/Cassar)**

**(a) Establishing an Annual Accessibility Event (Item 12.1)**

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities’ (ACPD) Outreach Working Group’s main objective is to explore partnership opportunities with other community agencies and organizations as well as outreach with the public;

WHEREAS, the ACPD’s Accessibility Fair 2022 “Ability First” was considered successful for an inaugural event;

WHEREAS, the event consisted of twenty-five stakeholder, local organization, and City department stations as well as six interactive events;

WHEREAS, the participants of the event have expressed interest in attending and participating in any future events organized by the ACPD; and

WHEREAS, events such as the Accessibility Fair provide opportunities for collaborations, networking, public education and direct informational

conduits from members of the public to members of City Council.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That an annual Accessibility Event organized by the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be approved;
- (b) That City staff be directed to provide support and assistance to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the annual Accessibility Event, subject to their availability;
- (c) That the 2023 Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be authorized to use up to \$8,000 from the Volunteer Committee Reserve (#112212) to fund the Accessibility Event; and
- (d) That the funding for future Accessibility Events be considered within the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' annual budget submission.

**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
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Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**10. City of Hamilton Property Tax Bill Increases Due to Ontario Legislative Changes (Item 11.2)**

**(Clark/Danko)**

That staff be directed to explore methods and resources in order to include language in City of Hamilton property tax bills that would indicate any increase in property taxes due to Ontario legislative changes and report back to the General Issues Committee.

**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
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Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
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Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**11. Financial Impacts of Waterfront Lands (Item 11.3) - REVISED**

**(Kroetsch/Francis)**

That City Staff report back in an Information Report, to a General Issues Committee in May, on the financial impacts (including property taxes, leases, and City fees) to the City of Hamilton with respect to West Harbour and industrial bayfront waterfront lands including lands owned by the Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority, the City of Hamilton, and private owners.

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

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Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin



**12. Staff Investigation (PED23051) (City Wide) (Item 14.3)**

**(Hwang/Francis)**

That Report PED23051, respecting the Staff Investigation, be received and remain confidential.

**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
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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

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

4.2 February 1, 2023 – REVISED

**6. DELEGATION REQUESTS - WITHDRAWN**

6.2 P.J. Mercanti and Louis Frapporti, Hamilton100, respecting the 2030 Commonwealth Games (In-Person) (For today's meeting)

6.3 Brian MacPherson, Commonwealth Sport Canada, respecting the 2030 Commonwealth Games Bid (In-Person) (For today's meeting)

**8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS - WITHDRAWN**

8.1 Commonwealth Games 2030 Update (PED19108(j)) (City Wide)

**11. MOTIONS - WITHDRAWN**

11.1 Appointments to the Interview Sub-committee to the General Issues Committee

**14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

14.4 Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) Round 3 (HSC20056(c)) (Referred to the February 15, 2023 GIC Meeting by Council on February 8, 2023)

**(Beattie/Cassar)**

That the agenda for the February 15, 2023 General Issues Committee 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
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

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Item 4)**

**(Francis/Hwang)**

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

- (i) January 27, 2023 – Special (Item 4.1)
- (ii) February 1, 2023 - REVISED (Item 4.2)

**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
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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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) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

- (i) David Carter, Innovation Factory, respecting commentary and background for Report PED23037 which addresses the City's funding to Innovation Factory (In-Person) (Item 6.1)**

**(Hwang/Spadafora)**

That the delegation request from David Carter, Innovation Factory, respecting commentary and background for Report PED23037 which addresses the City's funding to Innovation Factory, be approved for today's meeting.

**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
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Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

**(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) David Carter, Innovation Factory, respecting commentary and background for Report PED23037 which addresses the City's funding to Innovation Factory (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1)**

David Carter, Innovation Factory, addressed the Committee respecting commentary and background for Report PED23037 which addresses the City's funding to Innovation Factory.

**(Hwang/A. Wilson)**

That the Delegation from David Carter, Innovation Factory, respecting commentary and background for Report PED23037 which addresses the City's funding to Innovation Factory, 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
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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

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 5.

**(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)**

**(i) Media Relations Program Review (Item 8.2)**

Matthew Grant, Director of Communications & Strategic Initiatives addressed the Committee with a presentation on the Media Relations Program Review.

**(McMeekin/Pauls)**

That the staff presentation respecting the Media Relations Program Review, be received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Items (f)(ii) & (f)(iii).

**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
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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

**(ii) Media Relations Program Review – Update to Media Relations Policy (CM23007) (City Wide) (Item 8.2(a))**

**(Hwang/Tadeson)**

- (a) That the City of Hamilton's Revised Media Relations Policy, attached as Appendix "A" to Report CM23007, be approved for implementation on July 31st, 2023; and,
- (b) That Communications staff be directed to provide all needed training and support to implement updated policy provisions, prior to July 31st, 2023.

**(Horwath/Danko)**

That Report CM23007, respecting Media Relations Program Review – Update to Media Relations Policy, be REFERRED back to staff to amend the policy to reflect the following, and report back to the General Issues Committee:

- (a) That the City does not wish to require media to reveal their sources where circumstances dictate that they should be; and,
- (b) That all press conferences be recorded and made available publicly.

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

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Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
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Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**(iii) Media Relations Program Review – Media Accreditation Policy (CM23008) (City Wide) (Item 8.2(b))**

**(Clark/Hwang)**

- (a) That the City of Hamilton's Media Accreditation Policy and Procedure (attached as Appendix "A" to Report CM23008), be approved;
- (b) That Council authorize staff to enter into Media Centre User Agreements for regular users and Per Use Agreements for temporary users of the Media Centre agreements as outlined in the Major Terms and Conditions overview (attached as Appendix "B" to Report CM23008);

- (c) That Council authorize the creation of a new Media category for parking passes, which would allow a single pass to be shared between pre-determined vehicles associated with a specific media outlet.

**(Horwath/Clark)**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to open, transparent and accountable communications with the media;

WHEREAS, the media is an important part of the democratic process and the City is committed to assisting them with their work in covering municipal affairs at the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the City wants to ensure that any policy it puts in place assists the media in it's work and ensures that the City is supporting the dissemination of news and information to the community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That consideration of Report CM23008, respecting Media Relations Program Review – Media Accreditation Policy, be DEFERRED to a future General Issues Committee meeting, pending an independent third-party review of the policy that includes consultation with independent Hamilton news stakeholders, and recommendations on best practices.

**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
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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
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**(iv) Digital Strategy (CM23010) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

Cyrus Tehrani, Chief Digital Officer & Director of Innovation; Justin LoPresti, Deloitte; and Andy Potter, Deloitte addressed the Committee with a presentation on the Digital Strategy.

**(Hwang/Cassar)**

That the presentation respecting the Digital Strategy, be received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

**(Tadeson/Hwang)**

That the General Issues Committee recess for 30 minutes until 2:00 pm.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
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Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)**

Councillor Kroetsch introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(i) City of Hamilton's Investments into the 2026 and 2030 Commonwealth Games Bids (Item 12.1)**

That City staff report back on any investments, monetary, in kind, and in staff time, including any estimates if specifics are not available, that were contributed by the City of Hamilton to the 2026 and 2030 Commonwealth Games bids.



**(h) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)**

**(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List: (Item 13.1)**

**(Spadafora/Hwang)**

That the Amendments to the Outstanding Business List, be approved, as follows:

**(a) Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed: (Item 13.1(a))**

Disbanding of the Mayor's Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis and Response Advisory Committee

Added: December 7, 2022 (at Council 22-024 - Item 7.1)

Completed: January 18, 2023 (at GIC - Item 10.16)

Results of the Project Evaluations by the Government of Canada

Added: March 23, 2022 (at GIC 22-006 - Item 11(c))

Completed: February 7, 2023 (at GIC Budget - Item 7.19)

Innovation Factory Request for Funding Renewal Option and Synapse Life Sciences Consortium Funding Update

Completed: February 15, 2023 (at GIC – Item 10.1)

Review of the function and role of the Energy Office within the Energy Fleet & Facilities Management Division of Public Works, and any other potential service areas

Completed: February 15, 2023 (at GIC – Item 10.2)

**(b) Items Requiring a New Due Date: (Item 13.1(b))**

Corporate Strategic Growth Initiatives – Annual Update

OBL Item: B

Current Due Date: January 18, 2023

Proposed New Due Date: April 5, 2023

ACPD, Environmental Working Group Plan

OBL Item: I

Current Due Date: March 22, 2023

Proposed New Due Date: December 6, 2023

Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor

OBL Item: W

Current Due Date: February 15, 2023

Proposed New Due Date: May 17, 2023

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

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Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**(i) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)**

**(Cassar/Hwang)**

That the following Closed Session Minutes be approved and remain confidential:

- (i) Closed Session Minutes – January 27, 2023 – Special (Item 14.1)
- (ii) Closed Session Minutes – February 1, 2023 (Item 14.2)

**CARRIED**

**(Spadafora/Hwang)**

That Committee move into Closed Session to discuss Items 14.3 and 14.4, pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (b), (e), (h) and (i) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b), (e), (h) and (i) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; information explicitly supplied in confidence to the City or a local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them; and a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the City or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
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**(i) Staff Investigation (PED23051) (City Wide) (Item 14.3)**

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 12.

The following resolution was considered by Council at its special meeting of February 15, 2023:

**(ii) Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) Round 3 (HSC20056(c)) (Added Item 14.4)**

**(Horwath/Nann)**

- (a) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or designate, be authorized and directed to enter into the Rapid Housing Initiative Agreement with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to accept Hamilton's Rapid Housing Initiative Round 3 allocation through the Cities Stream for the creation of affordable housing units through conversion or rehabilitation of existing buildings, new builds, including modular construction, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (b) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or designate, be authorized and directed to administer the Rapid Housing Initiative Round 3 (RHI3) entering into any agreements and ancillary agreements on such terms as they consider appropriate; approving purchase orders; exempting actions from approved City policies, procedures, and business practices as needed to meet RHI timelines; and taking other actions

needed to ensure success, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

- (c) That as a condition to approving the acceptance of the Rapid Housing Initiative Round 3 funding made available for Hamilton affordable housing projects by CMHC, Council approve a preliminary financial contingency for Rapid Housing Initiative Round 3 of up to \$5M from the Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve (108020) for potential financial risks related to construction overages incurred for projects approved under the Cities Stream and that all actual draws against this commitment be brought to Council for approval;
- (d) That staff explore with CMHC and project proponents, strategies to minimize municipal exposure for construction overages for the projects selected in RHI3 and that these strategies be built into RHI3 contracts;
- (e) That staff report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee with financial recommendations in the case that actual financial obligations against the City related to construction overages incurred for projects approved under the Cities Stream, exceed Council approved funding;
- (f) That, in light of, the federal funding shortfall inherent in Rapid Housing Initiative Round 3, and the federal program not keeping pace with construction costs, staff work with Council to educate the public and advocate for increased federal and provincial contribution for affordable housing projects; and,
- (g) That Report HSC20056(c) respecting the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Rapid Housing Initiative remain confidential upon a formal public announcement.

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

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**(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

**(Hwang/Horwath)**

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy Mayor Nrinder Nann  
Chair, General Issues Committee

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Angela McRae  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk