



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 23-010

9:30 a.m.

March 22, 2023

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

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

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Hamilton Waterfront Trust - Options for Future Operations, Programs & Services (FCS23029) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Kroetsch/Hwang)

- (a) That City of Hamilton – Hamilton Waterfront Trust Future Options – Final Report by KPMG dated November 29, 2022, attached as Appendix “A” to Report FCS23029, be received;
- (b) That a detailed review of the following two business models for the Hamilton Waterfront Trust future operations be undertaken as follows:
 - (i) A joint model whereby the management and operations of programs and services are delivered by the Hamilton Waterfront Trust **and** the City of Hamilton;
 - (ii) ***Winding up the Hamilton Waterfront Trust, inclusive of a recommended process founded on the City of Hamilton assuming the responsibility for existing programming and services delivered by the Hamilton Waterfront Trust.***
- (c) That Council approve a single-source procurement, pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 – Non competitive Procurements, for a detailed review of the two business models for Hamilton Waterfront Trust operations and that the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services Department be authorized to negotiate, enter into, and execute

the extension and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with KPMG LLP, **and other external expertise**, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

- (d) That staff report back to City Council on the preferred model and the cost including the resources necessary to deliver the programs and services required.

Result: MAIN MOTION, As Amended, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 5, as follows:

No	-	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
No	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
No	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
No	-	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
No	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

2. Municipal Accommodation Tax (PED20009(d)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 9.2)

(Francis/Pauls)

That Report PED20009(d), respecting Municipal Accommodation Tax, 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
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

Absent	-	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. Revised Board of Management for the Concession Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) (PED23059) (Ward 7) (Item 9.3)

(Pauls/McMeekin)

- (a) That the following individuals be removed from the Concession Street Business Improvement Area Board of Management:
- (i) Brendan Eyre – Investment Planning Counsel;
 - (ii) David Andrews – Community Rep;
 - (iii) Kathryn Goegan – At Your Service; and,
- (b) That the following individuals be appointed to the Concession Street Business Improvement Area Board of Management:
- (i) Subbu Subramonian – Property Owner of 540 Concession;
 - (ii) Brenda Eszenyi – Penny Pinchers Costumes;
 - (iii) Terry Rhodes – Community Rep.

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
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Absent	-	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. Assessment of Illness Linked to the Chedoke Creek Sewage Spill (BOH23009) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 9.4)

(Hwang/Cassar)

That Report BOH23009, respecting an Assessment of Illness Linked to the Chedoke Creek Sewage Spill, 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
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	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

5. Chedoke Creek Order - Remediation Update (PW19008(t)) (City Wide) (Item 9.5)

(Hwang/Beattie)

That Report PW19008(t), respecting the Chedoke Creek Order - Remediation Update, be received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 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
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

6. Attracting Diversity During the Recruitment Process (HUR18017(a) / FCS23046) (City Wide) (Item 9.6)

(Horwath/Hwang)

That Report HUR18017(a) / FCS23046, respecting Attracting Diversity During the Recruitment Process, be received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 1, 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
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Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	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. Proposed Transfer of Prosecution Duties for Part III and Part IX Provincial Offences from the Province to the City (LS23003) (City Wide) (Item 9.7)

(Danko/Hwang)

That Report LS23003, respecting the Proposed Transfer of Prosecution Duties for Part III and Part IX Provincial Offences from the Province to the City, 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

**8. Comprehensive Legal Services Report 2020 and 2021 (LS23002) (City Wide)
(Item 9.8)**

(Pauls/Kroetsch)

That Report LS23002, respecting the Comprehensive Legal Services Report 2020 and 2021, be received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**9. Preparatory Activities Agreement - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT)
(PED23050) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)**

(Nann/Horwath)

That the Mayor and City Manager be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City, together with all necessary ancillary documents (including, without limitation, the Work Authorization agreements contemplated in the

Preparatory Activities Agreement), a Preparatory Activities Agreement attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED23050 between the City and Metrolinx with content acceptable to the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development and the General Manager, Public Works and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.

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
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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

**10. 2023 Battle of Stoney Creek Re-enactment (PED23070) (City Wide)
(Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.2)**

(Beattie/Francis)

- (a) That a \$20,000 increase in the budget for the 2023 Battle of Stoney Creek Re-enactment be funded from the Economic Development Initiatives Reserve (#112221); and,
- (b) That \$30,000 be added to the Tourism and Culture 2024 base Operating Budget for annual Battle of Stoney Creek Re-enactment event costs.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 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
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

11. City of Hamilton / Ministry of Transportation 2022-23 Dedicated Gas Tax Funding Agreement (FCS23043) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)

(A. Wilson/McMeekin)

- (a) That the Mayor and the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be authorized and directed to enter into an Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Province of Ontario related to the funding commitment made by the Province of Ontario to the municipality under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Hamilton's Public Transportation Program;
- (b) That the Mayor and General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be authorized and directed to execute the Letter of Agreement attached as Appendix "A" to Report FCS23043;
- (c) That the By-law attached as Appendix "C" to Report FCS23043 authorizing and directing the Mayor and General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, to sign a Letter of Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Province of Ontario with respect to funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program, be passed; and,
- (d) That, upon being passed, a certified copy of the By-law, together with two copies of the signed Letter of Agreement, be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation.

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
Absent	-	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

12. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Report 23-002 - February 14, 2023 (Item 10.4)

(Pauls/Hwang)

(a) Investigation of Light Rail Transit (LRT) Systems in Neighbouring Municipalities by Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (no copy) (Item 11.1)

WHEREAS, the Transportation Working Group believes that it would be beneficial for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to review and identify accessibility barriers of Light Rail Transit (LRT) Systems in neighbouring municipalities like Kitchener and make recommendations with regard to barrier removal and prevention in compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (i) That Members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be approved to travel to neighbouring municipalities to review and identify accessibility barriers of Light Rail Transit (LRT) Systems in neighbouring municipalities like Kitchener and make recommendations with regard to barrier removal and prevention in compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code; and
- (ii) That the transportation costs be funded from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities 2023 approved budget for conferences and related travel expenses, to an upset limit of \$1,000.

(b) Transfer of the Remaining Funds from the 2022 Advisory Committee for Persons with Disability Budget to the Reserve (Item 12.1)

That remaining funds from the 2022 Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Budget be transferred to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Reserve, to the maximum allowable amount.

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
Absent	-	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

13. Next Generation 9-1-1 Service Delivery (FCS20082(b) / HSC20045(b)) (City Wide) (Item 10.5)

(Beattie/Cassar)

- (a) That pursuant to Procurement Policy #12, Council approve the procurement of the Call Handling System component for Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) implementation for the Hamilton Fire Department and Hamilton Police Service and that the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services Department be authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, a contract, renewals, extensions, amendments and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with Comtech Solacom Technologies Inc., in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and with content acceptable to the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services; and,
- (b) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services Department be authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, all necessary funding agreements, renewals, extensions, amendments, and any ancillary documents with His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as represented by the Solicitor General (the Province of Ontario) for acceptance of funding to support the transition to NG9-1-1, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and with content acceptable to the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services.

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
Absent	-	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

14. Media Relations Program Review – Update to Media Relations Policy (CM23007(a)) (City Wide) (Item 10.6)

(Danko/Cassar)

- (a) That City of Hamilton's Revised Media Relations Policy, attached as Appendix "A" to Report CM23007(a) (as amended at the February 15, 2023 General Issues Committee Meeting), **as further Amended**, be approved; and,
- (b) That the full implementation of the policy be delayed from July 31, 2023 to August 31, 2023 to allow for necessary preparations and training to occur.

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

Absent	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

15. City of Hamilton Endorsement of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Pre-Budget 2023 Priorities (CM23013) (City Wide) (Item 10.7)

(Nann/McMeekin)

That the City of Hamilton support and endorse the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Pre-Budget 2023 Priorities titled “A better life for all Canadians” outlined in “Appendix A” to Report CM23013, ahead of the 2023 Federal Budget.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 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
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Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
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

16. City of Hamilton’s Investments into the 2026 and 2030 Commonwealth Games Bids (Item 11.1)

(Kroetsch/Danko)

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.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 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
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Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko

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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

17. 2023 Temporary Outdoor Patio Program Fees (Item 11.2)

(McMeekin/Hwang)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton first launched the temporary On-Street Patio Pilot Program in 2016, which became the permanent Temporary Outdoor Patio Program in 2022;

WHEREAS, the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program provides an opportunity for restaurants and cafes to open temporary outdoor patios in on-street parking spaces, off-street parking lots, sidewalks, alleyways and boulevards;

WHEREAS, the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program provides an important opportunity for local restaurants and cafes to increase their capacity through outdoor dining, and also helps to animate local commercial areas;

WHEREAS, during COVID, the City waived all applicable City fees for the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program in order to support economic recovery;

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery recommended as one of its priority initiatives the waiving of City fees for the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program;

WHEREAS, the waiving of City fees expired in 2022, resulting in potential costs to local businesses in 2023 (above and beyond the costs of the patio itself) as follows:

- (1) City Fee Temporary Outdoor Patio Application Fee - \$676.11
- (2) City Fee Temporary Patio Occupation of Parking Space fee (if applicable) - \$875/space
- (3) City Fee Temporary Patio Installation of Safety Devices fee (if applicable) - \$800
- (4) Provincial Fee Liquor License Extension - \$815
- (5) City Fee City Liquor Licensing fee - \$561.83

WHEREAS, in addition to the above fees, in 2022, as a result of new Restaurant Patio Guidelines within the Right of Way document that was released by the Provincial Ontario Traffic Council, additional safety measures are now required that will cost business owners an estimated \$4,500 per patio for on-street patios;

WHEREAS, local restaurants and cafes continue to be impacted by reduced business as a result of hybrid working and reduced foot traffic in some of our commercial areas; and,

WHEREAS, a number of BIAs have reached out to the City to request a phased approach to returning to full fee recovery for the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That for the 2023 season, the application fee for the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program of \$676.11 be waived and the costs recovered through the Economic Development Initiatives Reserve (112221);
- (b) That for the 2023 season, the City fee for Temporary Patio Installation of Safety Devices fee (if applicable) of \$800 be waived and the costs recovered through the Economic Development Initiatives Reserve (112221); and,
- (c) That local businesses be responsible for covering all other costs associated with the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 14 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
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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

18. Acquisition of Land in the City of Hamilton (Ward 10) (Item 14.3)

(Beattie/Cassar)

- (a) That the directions to staff in Closed Session respecting Acquisition of Land in the City of Hamilton (Ward 10), be approved; and

- (b) That the details of the motion respecting Acquisition of Land in the City of Hamilton (Ward 10), remain confidential, with the exception of the purchase price for the lands, which will be publicly released in a Communication Update, if the property purchase is successful.

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

Absent	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

19. Privileged Solicitor-Client Encampment Litigation (LS20023(f)) (Added Item 14.4)

(Francis/Cassar)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report LS20023(f), Privileged Solicitor-Client Encampment Litigation be approved and remain confidential; and
- (b) That Report LS20023(f), respecting the Privileged Solicitor-Client Encampment Litigation and its appendices remain confidential.

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

Absent	-	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
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:

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1 Correspondence from Tys Theijsmeijer, Head of Natural Areas, Royal Botanical Gardens, respecting Item 9.5 - Chedoke Creek Order – Remediation Update

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 9.5.

- 5.2 Correspondence from Greg Dunnett, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting Item 11.2 - 2023 Temporary Outdoor Patio Program Fees

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 11.2

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.3 James Kemp, respecting Item 11.2 2023 Temporary Outdoor Patio Program Fees (Virtually) (For today's meeting)
- 6.4 Adan Amer and Lucia Iannantuono, Hamilton 350, respecting Item 10.3 - Gas Tax Transfer funding agreement (In-Person) (For today's meeting)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 12.1 Stairs at Grant Boulevard, Hamilton (Ward 13)
- 12.2 Securing Canada's \$1 Billion Investment in a Strengthened Freshwater Action Plan

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

14.4 Privileged Solicitor-Client Encampment Litigation (LS20023(f)) (City Wide)

(Nann/Beattie)

That the agenda for the March 22, 2023 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

Councillor J.P. Danko declared a non-disqualifying interest to Item 14.4, respecting the Acquisition of Land in the City of Hamilton.

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

(Pauls/Horwath)

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

- (i) February 15, 2023 (Item 4.1)
- (ii) February 28, 2023 – Special (Item 4.2)
- (iii) March 1, 2023 – Budget (Item 4.3)
- (iv) March 9, 2023 – Special (Item 4.4)

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

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(M. Wilson/Hwang)

That the Communications items, be approved, as follows:

- (i) Correspondence from Tys Theijsmeyer, Head of Natural Areas, Royal Botanical Gardens, respecting Item 9.5 - Chedoke Creek Order – Remediation Update (Added Item 5.1)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 9.5.

- (ii) Correspondence from Greg Dunnett, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting Item 11.2 - 2023 Temporary Outdoor Patio Program Fees (Added Item 5.2)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 11.2.

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

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(Horwath/A. Wilson)

That the following Delegation Requests, be approved, as follows:

- (i) Daniel Freiheit, respecting vaccination requirement and how that's creating resource issues in the system (Virtual) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.1)
- (ii) Hafeez Hussain, respecting Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and My Experience with the City of Hamilton (In-Person) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.2)
- (iii) James Kemp, respecting Item 11.2 2023 Temporary Outdoor Patio Program Fees (Virtually) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.3)
- (iv) Adan Amer and Lucia Iannantuono, Hamilton 350, respecting Item 10.3 - Gas Tax Transfer funding agreement (In-Person) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.4)

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

(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

(i) James Kemp, respecting Item 11.2 2023 Temporary Outdoor Patio Program Fees (Virtually) (Added Item 7.1)

James Kemp, addressed the Committee respecting Item 11.2 - 2023 Temporary Outdoor Patio Program Fees.

(Beattie/Hwang)

That the Delegation from James Kemp, respecting Item 11.2 - 2023 Temporary Outdoor Patio Program Fees, 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

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 17.

(ii) Adan Amer and Lucia Iannantuono, Hamilton 350, respecting Item 10.3 - Gas Tax Transfer funding agreement (In-Person) (Added Item 7.2)

Adan Amer and Lucia Iannantuono, Hamilton 350, addressed the Committee respecting Item 10.3 - Gas Tax Transfer funding agreement.

(Cassar/A. Wilson)

That the Delegation from Adan Amer and Lucia Iannantuono, Hamilton 350, respecting Item 10.3 - Gas Tax Transfer funding agreement, 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

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 11.

(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Hamilton Waterfront Trust - Options for Future Operations, Programs & Services (FCS23029) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services introduced Bruce Peever, Partner, Public Sector Advisory, KPMG; and Sana Malik, Senior Manager, Public Sector Advisory, KPMG who provided the presentation respecting the Hamilton Waterfront Trust - Options for Future Operations, Programs & Services.

(Beattie/Hwang)

That the presentation respecting the Hamilton Waterfront Trust - Options for Future Operations, Programs & Services, 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
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

(Beattie/Cassar)

- (a) That City of Hamilton – Hamilton Waterfront Trust Future Options – Final Report by KPMG dated November 29, 2022, attached as Appendix “A” to Report FCS23029, be received;
- (b) That a detailed review of the following two business models for the Hamilton Waterfront Trust future operations be undertaken as follows:
 - (i) Status quo with consideration of varying the business model and governance structure; and
 - (ii) A joint model whereby the management and operations of programs and services are principally delivered by the Hamilton Waterfront Trust with the potential for some operations delivered by the City of Hamilton;
- (c) That Council approve a single-source procurement, pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 – Non competitive Procurements, for a detailed review of the two business models for Hamilton Waterfront Trust operations and that the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services Department be authorized to negotiate, enter into, and execute the extension and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with KPMG LLP, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (d) That staff report back to City Council on the preferred model and the cost including the resources necessary to deliver the programs and services required.

(Kroetsch/Hwang)

- (a) That sub-section (b) to Report FCS23029, respecting the Hamilton Waterfront Trust - Options for Future Operations, Programs & Services, **be amended** by deleting sub-section (i), renumbering the

remaining sub-sections accordingly, and adding a new sub-section (ii), as follows:

- (b) That a detailed review of the following two business models for the Hamilton Waterfront Trust future operations be undertaken as follows:

~~(i) ***Status quo with consideration of varying the business model and governance structure; and***~~

~~(ii)(i)~~ A joint model whereby the management and operations of programs and services are ***principally*** delivered by the Hamilton Waterfront Trust ~~***with the potential for some operations delivered by and***~~ the City of Hamilton;

~~(iii)(ii)~~ ***Winding up the Hamilton Waterfront Trust, inclusive of a recommended process founded on the City of Hamilton assuming the responsibility for existing programming and services delivered by the Hamilton Waterfront Trust.***

- (b) That sub-section (c) be ***amended*** by adding the words “***and other external expertise***” following it in its entirety and replacing it with the following the words KPMG LLP, as follows:

- (c) That Council approve a single-source procurement, pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 – Non competitive Procurements, for a detailed review of the two business models for Hamilton Waterfront Trust operations and that the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services Department be authorized to negotiate, enter into, and execute the extension and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with KPMG LLP, ***and other external expertise***, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

Result: Amendment MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 6, as follows:

No	-	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
No	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
No	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
No	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
No	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
No	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(h) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 9)

**(i) Business Improvement Advisory (BIA) Sub-Committee Minutes -
January 10, 2023 (Item 9.1)**

(Clark/Hwang)

That the Business Improvement Advisory (BIA) Sub-Committee Minutes of January 10, 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
Absent	-	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) Municipal Accommodation Tax (PED20009(d)) (City Wide)
(Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 9.2)**

(Clark/Cassar)

That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee on the mechanisms in place to ensure payment to the City of the Municipal Accommodation Tax.

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
Absent	-	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.

(Hwang/Kroetsch)

That the General Issues Committee recess for 35 minutes until 1:00 pm.

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
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	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

(i) **DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)**

(i) **Media Relations Program Review – Update to Media Relations Policy (CM23007(a)) (City Wide) (Item 10.6)**

(Danko/Cassar)

(a) That City of Hamilton's Revised Media Relations Policy, attached as Appendix "A" to Report CM23007(a) (as amended at the February 15, 2023 General Issues Committee Meeting), be approved;

(b) That the full implementation of the policy be delayed from July 31, 2023 to August 31, 2023 to allow for necessary preparations and training to occur.

(M. Wilson/A. Wilson)

That Appendix "A" to Report CM23007(a), respecting the Media Relations Program Review – Update to Media Relations Policy, **be amended**, by removing from Page 1, Paragraph 4, under the Scope Section:

~~***This policy is supported by the City's Media Accreditation Policy and Procedures to ensure that City resources used to aid the media in their news gathering and distribution are used effectively and efficiently and in alignment with the Communications and Strategic Initiatives mandate to assist members of the media.***~~

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

Absent	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 14.

(j) MOTIONS (Item 11)

(i) Temporary Outdoor Patio Program's Compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) (Added Item 11.3)

(Kroetsch/Tadeson)

- (a) That staff consult with the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) at their next meeting and consider recommendations from delegate James Kemp as delivered at the March 22, 2023 General Issues Committee and other best practices.
- (b) That staff report back to the General Issues Committee with recommendations.

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

(k) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

Councillor A. Wilson introduced the following Notices of Motion:

(i) Stairs at Grant Boulevard, Hamilton (Ward 13) (Added Item 12.1)

WHEREAS, historically residents living in the University Gardens Neighbourhood accessed the trail system, parking lot and active

transportation routes to McMaster University via a set of stairs on Hamilton Conservation Authority Lands at Grant Boulevard;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Conservation Authority, in their review of the stairs determined that the stairs were in poor condition and unsafe, and therefore removed the stairs and upgraded the trail to provide an alternative route in the area;

WHEREAS, residents of the neighbourhood desire the stairs to be reinstated as the shortest route to the paths connecting to McMaster University;

WHEREAS, the land on which the stairs were constructed is owned by the Hamilton Conservation Authority; and

WHEREAS, the provision of active transportation routes provides benefit to the city by encouraging residents to walk or bike to their destination, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing health and wellness.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Corporate Real Estate Office staff be authorized and directed to negotiate the requisite agreement(s) between the City and the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) to permit the City to design, construct and maintain a new set of stairs on HCA property located at the end of Grant Boulevard, and report back to General Issues Committee for approval; and,
 - (b) That Public Works staff be directed to determine the budget and work required to design, construct (capital) and maintain (operating) a new set of stairs on Hamilton Conservation Authority property located at the end of Grant Boulevard, and report back to General Issues Committee for approval.
- (ii) **Securing Canada's \$1 Billion Investment in a Strengthened Freshwater Action Plan (Added Item 12.2)**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton, as a member of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, supports: protecting source water, planning for climate change impacts and shoreline resilience, ensuring safe and affordable water services for all our residents, and building up a sustainable blue economy in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin;

WHEREAS, ensuring healthy communities and a strong economy for Canadians depend on securing Canada's source water, which includes addressing water quality issues, contaminants and pollution, supporting

biodiversity and reversing wetland and fish and wildlife habitat loss and improving community knowledge to empower citizens to safeguard this essential resource;

WHEREAS, a Freshwater Action Plan and the Great Lakes Protection Initiative it supported were first announced in the 2017 Canadian federal budget with a \$44.84 million investment over five years;

WHEREAS, the Freshwater Action Plan has combined science and action to address priorities in the Great Lakes such as preventing toxic and nuisance algae, enhancing the resilience of coastal wetlands in the Great Lakes, restoring Great Lakes Areas of Concern and supporting Canada's commitments under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, among other priorities;

WHEREAS, a commitment was made by the Liberal Party of Canada in the 2021 federal election to strengthen the Freshwater Action Plan with an historic investment of \$1 billion over ten years to restore and protect large lakes and river systems starting with the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin;

WHEREAS, the federal government only committed \$19.6 million in funding in the 2022 Budget for the Freshwater Action Plan, falling short of the aforementioned commitment.

WHEREAS, the United States has invested \$1.8 billion in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) since 2017 and will see accelerated funding with the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*;

WHEREAS, a 2018 University of Michigan study shows that for every dollar of federal spending on GLRI projects between 2010 and 2016, yielded \$3.35 in additional economic activity;

WHEREAS, nearly half of Canada's population lives in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin, a region that will continue to see accelerated growth, resulting in greater land and resource use pressures that will further contribute to water availability and quality issues;

WHEREAS, the Stockholm Resilience Centre recently identified the importance of wetlands as carbon sinks and fresh water's role in climate mitigation;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Collaborative outlined 30 recommendations to Environment and Climate Change Canada as part of a ten-year, \$2.2 billion *Action Plan 2020-2030 to protect the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence* (Action Plan 2020-2030), addressing shoreline erosion,

outdated infrastructure, invasive species, exposure to toxins and beach contamination, following an 18-month consultation with First Nations, NGOs, academics and other experts;

WHEREAS, the recommendations outlined in Action Plan 2020-2030 should serve as the basis of programming for strengthened federal action in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin through its strengthened Freshwater Action Plan;

WHEREAS, the newly established Canada Water Agency should play a role in accelerating the rollout of funding made available through a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan;

WHEREAS, Freshwater Action Plan funding should largely be directed to community groups, local governments and First Nations to ensure that investments made will have the biggest local impact and empower action at the local level, rather than being held back for federal administration and operations;

WHEREAS, it is critical to implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including accelerating a \$1 billion over five years, and to creating a Canada Water Agency to consolidate and coordinate federal water efforts and support provinces and territories in addressing systemic issues impacting the viability of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin and the communities dependent upon the region's source water;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton calls on the federal government to commit \$1 billion in funding over five years for a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan in Budget 2023;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton calls on the federal government to guide its Freshwater Action Plan funding to implement recommendations in the Action Plan 2020-2030;
- (c) That the City of Hamilton calls on the federal government to direct priority funding under the strengthened Freshwater Action Plan to projects in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin;
- (d) That the City of Hamilton calls on the federal government to make municipalities eligible for future funding in programs announced under the strengthened Freshwater Action Plan; and,
- (e) That the City of Hamilton directs its staff to submit this resolution to the federal Deputy Prime-Minister and Minister of Finance; the

Minister of Environment and Climate Change; the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change (responsible for the Canada Water Agency), and local Member of Parliament.

(II) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

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

(Kroetsch/Pauls)

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

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

Submission for the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund Intake
Two Program

OBL Item: L

Added: October 6, 2021 at GIC (Item 7)

Completed: February 15, 2023 at GIC (Item 9.3)

Property & Liability Insurance Renewal (LS22036) (City Wide)

OBL Item: OO

Added: November 30, 2022 at GIC (Item 12)

Completed: January 18, 2023 at GIC (Item 10.20)

Amendment to Appendix "A" of Item 4.1 of the August 26, 2021
Council Minutes, respecting Report HUR21008, the Mandatory
COVID-19 Vaccination Verification Policy, which was approved by
Council on August 26, 2021 - REVISED

OBL Item: PP

Added: December 7, 2022 at Council (Item 7.12)

Completed: February 1, 2023 at GIC (Item 9.2)

The 2023 Battle of Stoney Creek Event

OBL Item: Z

Added: June 8, 2022 at Council (Item 6.2)

Completed: March 22, 2023 at GIC (Item 10.2)

Methodology for Municipal Accommodation Tax Collection

OBL Item: FF

Added: August 4, 2022 at GIC (Item 4(n))

Completed: March 22, 2023 at GIC (Item 9.2)

Health-Related Incidents Associated with Exposure to
Contaminated Waterways in the Chedoke Creek & Cootes
Paradise

OBL Item: G

Added: November 20, 2019 at GIC

Completed: March 22, 2023 at GIC (Item 9.4)

Media Relations Program Review – Update to Media Relations
Policy (CM23007)

OBL Item: 2023-N

Added: February 15, 2023 at GIC

Completed: March 22, 2023 at GIC (Item 10.6)

Hamilton Waterfront Trust - April 27, 2022 Council Meeting

OBL Item: RR

Added: September 28, 2023 at Council (Item 11.3)

Completed: March 22, 2023 at GIC (Item 8.1)

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

City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Urban Precinct Group LP, with
regard the lands known as the FirstOntario Centre, the Hamilton
Convention Centre and the FirstOntario Concert Hall may be
publicly released

OBL Item: T

Current Due Date: January 18, 2022

Requested New Due Date: ~~Q3 Q2~~ 2023

Update on Request for Information – Downtown Parking Structure
(PED16105 and PED15183)

OBL Item: A

Current Due Date: March 22, 2023

Requested New Due Date: December 6, 2023

Updated Hamilton Tourism Strategy 2021 to 2025

OBL Item: H

Current Due Date: March 22, 2023

Requested New Due Date: September 6, 2023

Annual Report on the Impacts of the No Growth Option

OBL Item: P

Current Due Date: April 19, 2023 - To GIC

Requested New Due Date: April 4, 2023 - To Planning Committee

Commonwealth Games 2030 Update (PED19108(h))

OBL Item: X

Current Due Date: March 22, 2023
Requested New Due Date: June 14, 2023

Policies and Procedures to Rescue and Safely Transport Stranded
Pedestrians and their Mobility Devices
OBL Item: CC
Current Due Date: March 22, 2023
Requested New Due Date: September 20, 2023

Accessibility Award Program
OBL Item: S
Current Due Date: May 2023
Requested New Due Date: June 14, 2023
Current Due Date:
February 15, 2023
Proposed New Due Date: May 17, 2023

Result: MAIN MOTION, As Amended, 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

(m) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

(Hwang/Pauls)

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

- (i) Closed Session Minutes – February 15, 2023 (Item 14.1)
- (ii) Closed Session Minutes – March 1, 2023 - Budget (Item 14.2)

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
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

(Clark/Francis)

That the General Issues Committee meeting of March 22, 2023, be extended past the 5:30 pm curfew, up to an additional 60 minutes.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 14 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
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
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

(Hwang/Horwath)

That Committee move into Closed Session to discuss Items 14.3 and 14.4, pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (c), (e), (f) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c), (e), (f) and (k) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or

local board; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

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

(i) Acquisition of Land in the City of Hamilton (Ward 10) (Item 14.3)

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 18.

(ii) Privileged Solicitor-Client Encampment Litigation (LS20023(f)) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.4)

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 19.

(n) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Francis/Tadeson)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Tom Jackson
Chair, General Issues Committee

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk