



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 23-017

9:30 a.m.

May 17, 2023

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

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

Absent: Councillor J. P. Danko – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Proposed Encampment Protocol (HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c)) (Item 8.1)

(i) **(A. Wilson/Nann)**

That sub-section (e) of Report HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c), respecting Proposed Encampment Protocol, ***be amended***, with the inclusion of a **new** sub-section (f), as follows:

- (e) That staff be directed to work with stakeholders to:
- i. Address washrooms, showers, and access to drinking water;
 - ii. Integrate of peer and Indigenous supports into encampment response;
 - iii. ***Develop a task force or committee, comprised of City staff, community stakeholders, and people with lived experience to advise on the development and policy of encampment response and appeals process;***
 - iv. Report back to the General Issues Committee with recommendations and required resourcing; and,
- (f) ***That prior to May 24, 2023 Council meeting staff incorporate - a process to inform residents of nearby compliant sites in the case of any enforcement measures (voluntary compliance notices, etc.), ensuring no residents are facing enforcement measures without being made aware of sanctioned and permitted sites where they can go - into the Proposed***

Encampment Protocol attached as Appendix “A” to Report HSC20038(f) / PED21188(c).

Result: Vote on Sub-Section (e) and (f) of Report HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c), respecting Proposed Encampment Protocol, as *Amended* CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 2, 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
No	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
No	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(ii) (Kroetsch/A. Wilson)

That sub-section (c) to Report HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c), respecting Proposed Encampment Protocol, ***be amended***, as follows:

- (c) That, ~~***following Council ratification***~~, staff be directed to make the Proposed Encampment Protocol attached as Appendix “A” to Report HSC20038(f) / PED21188(c) available for public comment ***(including written comments) until June 30, 2023, and that staff monitor the implementation of the protocol,*** and that staff report back with a final recommended protocol at the General Issues Committee on August 2023.

Result: Vote on Sub-Section (c) of Report HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c), respecting Proposed Encampment Protocol, as *Amended* 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
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
No	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

(iii) (A. Wilson/M. Wilson)

- (d) That staff be directed to conduct a scan of jurisdictions that currently operate sanctioned encampments and further research/consultation as required and bring back options regarding operating models, parameters and criteria for site identification and potential sites with the goal of incorporating sanctioned sites into a new encampment protocol once site(s) and operating model are approved by Council;

Result: Vote on Sub-Section (d) of Report HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c), respecting Proposed Encampment Protocol, CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 5, 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
No	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
No	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
No	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
No	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
No	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

2. Dundas Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of Management (PED23109) (Ward 13) (Item 9.1)

(A. Wilson/Hwang)

That the following individuals be appointed to the Dundas Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management for the 2022-2026 term:

- (a) Jennifer Hayes, Jax Sweet Shoppe;
- (b) Lily Zoghaib, Urban Vine;
- (c) Dave Maciulis, Red Door Cucina;
- (d) Melanie Barlow, Dundas Community Services;
- (e) Donna Cole, The Kitchen Witch.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

3. Dundas Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed Budget and Schedule of Payments (PED23110) (Ward 13) (Item 10.1)

(A. Wilson/M. Wilson)

- (a) That the 2023 Operating Budget for the Dundas Business Improvement Area, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED23110, in the amount of \$268,214.00 be approved;
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the Dundas Business Improvement Area (BIA) in the amount of \$178,880.00 be approved;
- (c) That the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services be hereby authorized and directed to prepare the requisite By-law pursuant to

Section 208, The *Municipal Act, 2001*, to levy the 2023 Budget as referenced in Recommendation of Report PED23110; and,

- (d) That the following schedule of payments for 2023 Operating Budget for the Dundas Business Improvement Area (BIA) be approved:
- (i) February \$89,440.00
 - (ii) June \$89,440.00

Note: Assessment appeals may be deducted from the levy payments.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

4. Airport Sub-Committee Report 23-001 - April 27, 2023 (Item 10.2)

(Hwang/Tadeson)

(a) Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair (Item 1)

That Councillor M. Tadeson be appointed as Co-Chair of the Airport Sub Committee on a rotating basis for the term of 2022-2026.

(b) 2023-2024 John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport – City of Hamilton Joint Marketing Incentives (PED23121) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

That the City of Hamilton approve and allocate \$100K, from the Airport Joint Marketing Reserve Fund No. 112217 as the City's contribution to the 2023-2024 John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport – City of Hamilton Joint Marketing Initiatives outlined in Report PED23121.

(c) Airport Lease – Status Update (PED19084(g)) (City Wide) (Item 14.1)

That Report PED19084(g) and Appendix ‘A’ to Report PED19084(g), respecting Airport Lease – Status Update, be received and remain confidential.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

5. 2023 Tax Policies and Area Rating (FCS23049) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)

(Nann/Jackson)

(a) That the following optional property classes be continued for the 2023 taxation year:

- (i) Parking Lot and Vacant Land;
- (ii) Large Industrial;

(b) That, the following final tax ratios be established for the 2023 taxation year:

(i)	Residential	1.0000
(ii)	Multi-Residential	2.2174
(iii)	New Multi-Residential	1.0000
(iv)	Commercial	1.9800
(v)	Parking Lot and Vacant Land	1.9800
(vi)	Industrial	3.1025
(vii)	Large Industrial	3.6381
(viii)	Pipeline	1.7947

(ix)	Farm	0.1767
(x)	Managed Forest	0.2500
(xi)	Landfills	2.9696

(c) That the following tax reductions be established for the 2023 taxation year:

(i)	Farmland awaiting development (1st Subclass)	25%
(ii)	Farmland awaiting development (2nd Subclass)	0%
(iii)	Excess land Subclass (Residual Commercial)	0%
(iv)	Excess land Subclass (Residual Industrial)	0%
(v)	Vacant land Subclass (Residual Industrial)	0%
(vi)	Excess land Subclass (Large Industrial)	0%

(d) That the Deferral of Tax Increases for Seniors and Low Income Persons with Disabilities Program (Deferral of Tax Increases Program) be continued for the 2023 taxation year;

(e) That the Full Tax Deferral Program for Seniors and Low Income Persons with Disabilities Program (Full Tax Deferral Program) be continued for the 2023 taxation year;

(f) That the Seniors' (65+) Tax Rebate Program be continued for the 2023 taxation year;

(g) That the 40% Tax Rebate for eligible charities and similar organizations be continued for the 2023 taxation year;

(h) That, for the 2023 taxation year, the Area Rated Levies be approved as identified in Appendix "A" to Report FCS23049, "2023 Tax Policies and Area Rating", attached hereto; and,

(i) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, for the purposes of establishing the tax policies and tax rates for the 2023 taxation year.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko

Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

6. Pier 8 Animation Q4 2023 (PED23116) (City Wide) (Item 10.4)

(Kroetsch/Hwang)

- (a) That up to \$125,000, to be funded from the Economic Development Initiatives Capital Project 3621708900, be approved, to support special public programming and animation of Pier 8 during the month of November 2023; and,
- (b) That the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development be authorized to enter into the necessary agreements to execute the special programming and animation, including securing a temporary art installation.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 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
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Conflict	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

7. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Report 23-005 - May 9, 2023 (Item 10.5)

(Tadeson/A. Wilson)

- (a) **Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' "Ability First" Accessibility Fair, September 28, 2023 (Item 12.2)**

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities has received permission to begin organizing the “Ability First” Accessibility Fair annually;

WHEREAS, the date of the 2023 “Ability First” Accessibility Fair is scheduled for September 28th;

WHEREAS, the proposed budget for “Ability First” is an upset limit of \$5811.67 to be funded from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities’ reserve; and,

WHEREAS, in order to organize and promote the event, Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities’ members and volunteers will be required to contact City of Hamilton staff, outside agencies and media to arrange attendance, but will exclude official media releases which will still need to be approved by Committee and Council.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities “Ability First” Accessibility Fair, to be held on Thursday September the 28th, 2023 on the Forecourt of City Hall, be approved;
- (ii) That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities “Ability First” Accessibility Fair budget with an upset limit of \$5811.67, attached as Appendix “A” to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 23-005, to be funded from the ACPD Reserve Fund (#112212), be approved; and
- (iii) That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities’ members and volunteers be permitted to contact City of Hamilton staff (when appropriate and available), outside agencies and media in order to organize, promote and arrange attendance to the event.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko

Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

8. Facility Naming Sub-Committee Report 23-001 - May 11, 2023 (Added Item 10.6)

(M. Wilson/A. Wilson)

(a) Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair (Item 1)

- (i) That Councillor C. Cassar be appointed as Chair of the Facility Naming Sub-Committee for the 2022-2026 term.
- (ii) That Councillor M. Francis be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Facility Naming Sub-Committee for the 2022-2026 term.

(b) Renaming of Ryerson Recreation Centre (HSC23031) (Ward 1) (Added Item 10.2)

- (i) That the Ryerson Recreation Centre at 251 Duke Street be renamed “Kanétskare” (pronounced Ga-nét-sga-re, a Mohawk term meaning Bay or Inlet) Recreation Centre as it meets the guidelines as set out in Section 4(b)(i) of the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy;
- (ii) That a budget of \$20K funded from the City’s Tax Stabilization Reserve, (110046) be established for costs associated with the removal, repair, preparation and installation of new facility signage at the 251 Duke Street site;
- (iii) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (iv) That the renaming of Ryerson Recreation Centre to Kanétskare Recreation Centre be considered complete and removed from the Facility Naming Sub Committee Outstanding Business List.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
Absent	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

9. Advocate Registry for Homelessness (Added Item 11.1)

(Francis/Hwang)

WHEREAS, the compassionate nature of advocates and Council members compels us to seek innovative solutions to address the challenges faced by individuals experiencing homelessness;

WHEREAS, recognizing Council members play a vital role in leading by example and demonstrating compassion for individuals experiencing homelessness, this too will be extended to members of Council to participate if desired

WHEREAS, the voluntary nature of the registry allows participants the flexibility to opt out of the program at any time, ensuring that it respects the preferences and needs of both hosts and houseless individuals;

WHEREAS, the creation of a registry aligns with our city's commitment to foster a compassionate and inclusive community that values the dignity and well-being of all its residents;

WHEREAS, the registry program offers a practical and cost-effective approach to expanding available housing options for individuals experiencing homelessness;

WHEREAS, other municipalities like Oshawa have championed community led programs like Spirit in Service Sponsorship Program that is modelled after Refugee Sponsorship Programs and providing an opportunity for residents to contribute to solution building;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to determine the feasibility, financial impacts to the municipality, and potential liability of a registry for advocates, members of Council, and residents to voluntarily add their name to host a person experiencing homelessness as identified by housing support staff, and report back to the General Issues Committee.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 3, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
No	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
No	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
No	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

10. Encampment Litigation Update (LS20023(g)) (City Wide) – REVISED (Item 14.1)

(Kroetsch/Spadafora)

That Report LS20023(g), respecting Encampment Litigation Report, be received and remain confidential.

CARRIED

11. Safety and Security at City Hall (No Copy) (Added Item 14.2)

(Hwang/Clark)

That the verbal update respecting Safety and Security at City Hall, be received and remain confidential.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Correspondence respecting Item 8.1, Proposed Encampment Protocol (HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c)) (Item 8.1), from the following individual:

(b) Keeping Six and HAMSMaRT

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.1.

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

6.2 Delegation Requests respecting Item 8.1, Proposed Encampment Protocol (HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c)), from the from the following individuals (For today's meeting):

(a) Gessie Stearns (In Person)

(b) Lisa Nussey (In Person)

(c) Jammy Lo, Keeping Six (In Person)

(d) Leon Blaze (In Person)

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.6 Facility Naming Sub-Committee Report 23-001 - May 11, 2023

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

14.1 Encampment Litigation Update (LS20023(g)) (City Wide) – REVISED

14.2 Safety and Security at City Hall (No Copy)

(Francis/Hwang)

That the agenda for the May 17, 2023 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	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
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
Absent	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

Councillor T. McMeekin declared a non-disqualifying interest, however, opted to vote with a conflict to Report PED23116, respecting Pier 8 Animation Q4 2023 as his daughter is employed by the City of Hamilton as an animator.

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

(Francis/Spadafora)

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

- (i) May 3, 2023 (Item 4.1)
- (ii) May 5, 2023 – Special GIC (Item 4.2)

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

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

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(M. Wilson/Horwath)

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

- (i) Correspondence respecting Item 8.1, Report HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c), Proposed Encampment Protocol, from the following individuals (Item 5.1):

- (1) Brooke Beney (Item 5.1(a))
- (2) Keeping Six and HAMSMaRT (Added Item 5.1(b))

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 8.1.

- (ii) Correspondence from Grant Bivol, Clerk, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) respecting the Financial Statements of the NPCA for the year ended December 31, 2022 (Item 5.2).

Recommendation: Be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	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
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
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

- (i) Hafeez Hussain, respecting more about my experience on Unconscious Bias and EDI and how as a resident it is hard to navigate the city of Hamilton to address these matters to management (Virtually) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.1)**

(Nann/Clark)

That the delegation request from Hafeez Hussain, respecting more about my experience on Unconscious Bias and EDI and how as a resident it is hard to navigate the city of Hamilton to address these matters to management, be approved for a future meeting.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(Kroetsch/Francis)

- (ii)** That the following Delegation requests respecting Item 8.1, Proposed Encampment Protocol (HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c)) (For today's meeting), be approved, as follows:

- (1) Gessie Stearns (In Person) (Added Item 6.2(a))
- (2) Lisa Nussey, HAMSMaRT (In Person) (Added Item 6.2(b))
- (3) Jammy Lo, Keeping Six (In Person) (Added Item 6.2(c))
- (4) Leon Blaze (In Person) (Added Item 6.2(d))

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Delegations respecting Item 8.1, Proposed Encampment Protocol (HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c)) (Added Item 7.1):

The following Delegates addressed the Committee respecting Item 8.1, Proposed Encampment Protocol (HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c)):

- (1) Gessie Stearns (In Person) (Added Item 7.1(a))
- (2) Lisa Nussey, HAMSMaRT (Added Item 7.1(b))
- (3) Jammy Lo, Keeping Six (In Person) (Added Item 7.1(c))
- (4) Leon Blaze (In Person) (Added Item 7.1(d))

(Hwang/Francis)

That the following Delegations, respecting Item 8.1, Proposed Encampment Protocol (HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c)), be received:

- (1) Gessie Stearns (In Person) (Added Item 7.1(a))
- (2) Lisa Nussey, HAMSMaRT (Added Item 7.1(b))
- (3) Jammy Lo, Keeping Six (In Person) (Added Item 7.1(c))
- (4) Leon Blaze (In Person) (Added Item 7.1(d))

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
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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Proposed Encampment Protocol (HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c)) (Item 8.1)

Angela Burden, General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities introduced Michelle Baird, Director, Housing Services Division; and Monica Ciriello, Director, Licensing and By-law Services who addressed the Committee with a presentation respecting Report HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c), Proposed Encampment Protocol.

(M. Wilson/Kroetsch)

That the General Issues Committee recess for 40 minutes until 1:30 pm.

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
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
No	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie

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

(Cassar/Clark)

That the staff presentation respecting Report HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c), Proposed Encampment Protocol, 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
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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(Horwath/Hwang)

- (a) That Council adopt the Proposed Encampment Protocol attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC20038(f) / PED21188(c) and that staff be directed to implement the Proposed Encampment Protocol upon Council ratification on May 24, 2023.
- (b) That the staff and budget resources for the Coordination Response Team previously approved through Report HSC20038(e) / PED21188(b) be allocated to the implementation of the Proposed Encampment Protocol attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC20038(f) / PED21188(c).
- (c) That, following Council ratification, staff be directed to make the Proposed Encampment Protocol attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC20038(f) / PED21188(c) available for public comment, and that staff monitor the implementation of the protocol, and that

staff report back with a final recommended protocol at the General Issues Committee on August 2023.

- (d) That staff be directed to conduct a scan of jurisdictions that currently operate sanctioned encampments and further research/consultation as required and bring back options regarding operating models, parameters and criteria for site identification and potential sites with the goal of incorporating sanctioned sites into the new encampment protocol once site(s) and operating model are approved by Council; and,
- (e) That staff be directed to work with stakeholders to address washrooms, showers, and access to drinking water, as well as integration of peer and Indigenous supports into encampment response, and report back to the General Issues Committee with recommendations and required resourcing.

Upon request, Committee considered the sub-sections of Report HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c), Proposed Encampment Protocol separately, as follows:

(M. Wilson/Horwath)

- (a) That Council adopt the Proposed Encampment Protocol attached as Appendix “A” to Report HSC20038(f) / PED21188(c) and that staff be directed to implement the Proposed Encampment Protocol upon Council ratification on May 24, 2023.

Result: Vote on Sub-Section (a) of Report HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c), respecting Proposed Encampment Protocol, DEFEATED by a vote of 3 to 10, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
No	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
No	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
No	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
No	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
No	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
No	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
No	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
No	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
No	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

No - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

- (b) That the staff and budget resources for the Coordination Response Team previously approved through Report HSC20038(e) / PED21188(b) be allocated to the implementation of the Proposed Encampment Protocol attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC20038(f) / PED21188(c).

Result: Vote on Sub-Section (b) of Report HSC20036(f) / PED21188(c), respecting Proposed Encampment Protocol, DEFEATED by a vote of 2 to 11, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
No	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
No	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
No	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
No	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
No	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
No	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
No	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
No	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
No	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
No	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
No	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)

That the General Issues Committee meeting of May 17, 2023, be extended past the 5:30 pm curfew, up to an additional 60 minutes.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
Absent	-	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

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

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

(A. Wilson/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)):

Encampment Pilot Evaluation (HSC20038(e) / PED21188(b)) (City Wide)

OBL Item: 2023-E

Added: February 1, 2023 at GIC (Item 10.4)

Completed: May 17, 2023 at GIC (Item 8.1)

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
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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

(i) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

(A. Wilson/Hwang)

Pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (a), (b), (e), (f) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (a), (b), (e), (f) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to the security of the property of the City or a local board; personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City or local board employees; 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 12 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
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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

(i) Encampment Litigation Update (LS20023(g)) (City Wide) – REVISED (Item 14.1)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 10.

(ii) Safety and Security at City Hall (No Copy) (Added Item 14.2)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 11.

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Spadafora/Jackson)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Esther Pauls
Chair, General Issues Committee

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk