



## GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 23-025

9:30 a.m.

September 20, 2023

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

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

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

#### 1. 2022 - 2026 Council Priorities (CM23020) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

##### (Spadafora/Tadeson)

- (a) That the 2022 – 2026 Council Priorities, including Outcomes and Measures of Success, attached as Appendix “A” to Report CM23020, be approved;
- (b) That staff be directed to provide progress updates on the 2022 – 2026 Council Priorities on a biannual (2x/year) basis through Communications Updates and the Our Priorities section of the City Dashboard; and,
- (c) That the 2022 – 2026 Council Priorities be incorporated by staff into 2024 budget submissions as directed by the Mayor, so that financial and staffing requirements for action items can be considered as part of the upcoming budget process and implemented as soon as possible. Additional actions will be addressed through Committee, Council and budget processes, as required.

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

**2. 2024 Budget Outlook (FCS23074) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

**(Pauls/Nann)**

That Report FCS23074, 2024 Budget Outlook, 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
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
Absent	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

**3. Revised Board of Management for the Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) (PED23189) (Wards 3 and 4) (Item 9.1)**

**(Hwang/Nann)**

(a) That the following individual be removed from the Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area Board of Management:

Wes Fletcher – Wick'd Wax;

- (b) That the following individual be appointed to the Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area Board of Management:

Ariane Clark – Empire Makes Space.

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

**4. Chedoke Creek Order - Remediation Update (PW19008(u)) (City Wide) (Item 9.2)**

**(Cassar/Spadafora)**

That Report PW19008(u), Chedoke Creek Order - Remediation Update, be received.

**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
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	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  
Absent - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**5. Airport Sub-Committee Report 23-003 - September 11, 2023 (Item 9.3)**

**(Tadeson/Cassar)**

**(a) Airport Master Plan and Strategic Plan (PED19084(h)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2 and 14.2)**

- (1) That Report PED19084(h), respecting Airport Master Plan and Strategic Plan, be received; and
- (2) That Confidential Appendix "D" to Report PED19084(h), respecting Airport Master Plan and Strategic Plan, be received and remain confidential.

**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  
Absent - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko  
Absent - 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  
Absent - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**6. Encampment Response Update - August 2023 (HSC23066) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 9.4)**

**(Kroetsch/Hwang)**

That Report HSC23066, Encampment Response Update - August 2023, be received.

**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
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

**7. 2022 Municipal Tax Competitiveness Study (FCS23060) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)**

**(Tadeson/Spadafora)**

That Report FCS23060, 2022 Municipal Tax Competitiveness Study, be received.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 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
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	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. Outstanding Business Item List Review (CM23021) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)**

**(Spadafora/Pauls)**

- (a) That the changes to the Outstanding Business List outlined in Appendix “A” and Appendix “B” to Report CM23021, be approved;
- (b) That going forward, items on the Outstanding Business List are reviewed at the start of each new term of Council; and,
- (c) That Outstanding Business List Items that are outstanding for more than five years, do not relate to the new Council’s priorities, and are not required for legislative reasons, be removed.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 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
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	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

**9. Major Hosted Tourism Event Opportunities (PED23129) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)**

**(A. Wilson/Spadafora)**

- (a) That staff be authorized and directed to formally notify the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences of the City of Hamilton’s desire to host the JUNO Awards in either 2026 or 2027 and request the formal RFP required to pursue this bid opportunity;
- (b) That staff be authorized and directed to formally engage with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport to notify the Province of Ontario of the City of Hamilton’s desire to host the JUNO Awards and to seek the Provincial funding required to secure the JUNO Awards in Hamilton;

- (c) That staff be authorized and directed to formally engage with the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences and any other stakeholders required to successfully secure Hamilton as the host city of JUNO Awards;
- (d) That staff be authorized and directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with recommendations for how the City of Hamilton would fund any event bid fees or in-kind municipal services required to successfully secure Hamilton as the host city for the JUNO Awards, using Municipal Accommodation Tax funds, private sector contributions, existing tourism reserves and Provincial funding as applicable, for Council's consideration;
- (e) That staff be authorized and directed to formally notify Golf Canada of the City of Hamilton's desire to host future RBC Canadian Open(s) and enter formal negotiations with Golf Canada to secure the rights to host the RBC Canadian Open in Hamilton on a rotating basis;
- (f) That staff be authorized and directed to formally engage with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport to notify the Province of Ontario of the City of Hamilton's desire to host future RBC Canadian Open(s) and to seek the Provincial funding required to bring future the RBC Canadian Open(s) to Hamilton;
- (g) That staff be authorized and directed to formally engage with Golf Canada, the Hamilton Golf and Country Club and any other stakeholders required to successfully secure Hamilton as the host city for future RBC Canadian Open(s);
- (h) That staff be authorized and directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with recommendations for how the City would fund any event bid fees or in-kind municipal services required to successfully secure Hamilton as the host city for the RBC Canadian Open(s), using Municipal Accommodation Tax funds, private sector contributions, existing tourism reserves and Provincial funding as applicable, for Council's consideration;
- (i) That upon being approved by Council, confidential Appendix "A" to Report PED23129 be made public.

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

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

**10. Art Gallery of Hamilton (Added Item 11.3)**

**(Danko/Kroetsch)**

WHEREAS, the Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH) has been a significant economic and social anchor in the arts and culture community of Hamilton since its founding by City Council in 1914;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton appoints two members of the AGH's Board of Directors from Members of City Council;

WHEREAS, the AGH is a provincially chartered non-profit organization and a Registered Charitable Organization, with the mandate to collect (in trust), preserve, exhibit, and interpret works of art for the community of Hamilton and beyond;

WHEREAS, the AGH collection of 10,500+ works is owned in part by the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the AGH operates downtown (municipally identified as 123 King Street West) on lands owned by the City of Hamilton; pursuant to the terms of a Lease Agreement dated the 1st day of November, 1975, as amended (2005) and expiring the 31st day of October, 2069;

WHEREAS, the agreement executed May 28, 1997 between the City and the Gallery establishes the gallery as a "Municipal Capital Facility";

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton Final Budget Report of April 20, 2007 established that the City's funding of the Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH) be based on an annual total grant to the AGH of \$1 million

THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED:

- (a) That City Staff be directed to work with the Art Gallery of Hamilton to review the AGH's partnership and funding model, based on the unique relationship to the City, in regards to the collection, the land, and the



building, and report back to the General Issues Committee with recommendations; and,

- (b) That City Staff be directed to join in the advocacy to other levels of government to support the Gallery's future vision.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 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
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	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

**11. Disposition of City Owned Mixed Use Land (PED23181) (Ward 1) (Item 14.2)**

**(M. Wilson/A. Wilson)**

- (a) That the City's property identified in Confidential Appendix "A" to Report PED23181, be declared surplus for sale in accordance with the City's Real Estate Portfolio Management Strategy Plan and the Sale of Land Policy By-law 14-204;
- (b) That an Offer to Purchase for the sale of the City's property identified in Confidential Appendix "A" to Report PED23181, based substantially on the Major Terms and Conditions outlined in Confidential Appendix "B" to Report PED23181, and such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development Department, be approved and completed;
- (c) That the proceeds of the Disposition of City Owned Mixed Use Land be credited to Project ID Account No. 47702-3561850200;
- (d) That real estate and legal fees of \$30 K be funded from Project ID Account No. 59806-3561850200 and credited to Dept. ID Account No. 59806-812036 (Real Estate – Admin Recovery);

- (e) That the City Solicitor be authorized to complete the transaction for the Disposition of City Owned Mixed Use Land on behalf of the City, including paying any necessary expenses including but not limited to, disbursements, Land Transfer Tax, property taxes, amending the closing, due diligence and other dates, and amending and waiving terms and conditions on such terms deemed appropriate;
- (f) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any and all necessary documents related to the Disposition of City Owned Mixed Use Land, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (g) That Report PED23181 remain confidential until final completion of the property transaction.

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

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

**12. Disposition of City Owned Residential Land (PED23182) (Ward 10) (Item 14.3)**

**(Cassar/Tadeson)**

- (a) That the City's property identified in Confidential Appendix "A" to Report PED23182, be declared surplus for the purpose of sale in accordance with the City's Real Estate Portfolio Management Strategy Plan and the Sale of Land Policy By-law 14-204;
- (b) That an Offer to Purchase for the sale of the City's property identified in Confidential Appendix "A" to Report PED23182, based substantially on the Major Terms and Conditions outlined in Confidential Appendix "B" to

Report PED23182, and such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development Department, be approved and completed;

- (c) That the proceeds of the Disposition of City Owned Residential Property be received in Project ID Account 47702-3562350003 RE2302;
- (d) That the real estate and legal fees of \$53,505 be funded from Project ID Account No. 59806-3562350003 and credited to Dept. ID Account No. 59806-812036 (Real Estate – Admin Recovery);
- (e) That the City Solicitor be authorized to complete the transaction for the Disposition of City Owned Residential Property, on behalf of the City, including paying any necessary expenses, including, but not limited to, disbursements, Land Transfer Tax and property taxes, amending the closing, due diligence and other dates, and amending and waiving terms and conditions on such terms deemed appropriate;
- (f) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any and all necessary documents related to the Disposition of City Owned Residential Property, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (g) That Report PED23182, respecting the Disposition of City Owned Residential Property, remain confidential until final completion of the property transaction.

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

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

**13. Fulfilment of Estate Bequest (LS23026) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.5) - REVISED**

**(Tadeson/Spadafora)**

- (a) That the directions to staff in closed session respecting Report LS23026, Fulfilment of Estate Bequest, be approved and remain confidential until staff have completed the closed section directions, at which time the recommendations can be made public; and,
- (b) That the balance of Report LS2302, Fulfilment of Estate Bequest, remain confidential.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	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 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 10.3 - Major Hosted Tourism Event Opportunities (PED23129) (City Wide), from the following individuals:

- (a) Tim Potocic, Supercrawl Productions
- (b) Tim Potocic, Sonic Unyon Records

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 10.3.

**6. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

- 6.1 Paul Vermaat, White Star Group, respecting an agreement involving 205-215 Cannon Street East as set out in resolution Report 05-012 and issues relating to non-collectible Taxes, Environmental Concerns and Commercial Development Enterprise (In-Person) (For a future meeting)

**8. PRESENTATIONS**

- 8.2 2022 - 2026 Council Priorities (CM23020) (City Wide) – REVISED Appendix “A”

**14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

- 14.5 Fulfilment of Estate Bequest (LS23026) (City Wide) - REVISED

**(Danko/Spadafora)**

That the agenda for the September 20, 2023 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

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

Absent	-	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

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**(i) September 6, 2023 (Item 4.1)**

**(Pauls/Tadeson)**

That the minutes of the September 6, 2023, General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

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

Absent	-	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

**(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)**

**(i) (Spadafora/Cassar)**

Correspondence respecting Item 10.3 - Major Hosted Tourism Event Opportunities (PED23129) (City Wide), from the following individuals:

(a) Tim Potocic, Supercrawl Productions (Added Item 5.1(a))

(b) Tim Potocic, Sonic Unyon Records (Added Item 5.1(b))

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 10.3.

**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
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Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

**(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

- (i) Paul Vermaat, White Star Group, respecting an agreement involving 205-215 Cannon Street East as set out in resolution Report 05-012 and issues relating to non-collectible Taxes, Environmental Concerns and Commercial Development Enterprise (In-Person) (For a future meeting) (Added Item 6.1)**

**(Cassar/Hwang)**

That the Delegation Request from Paul Vermaat, White Star Group, respecting an agreement involving 205-215 Cannon Street East as set out in resolution Report 05-012 and issues relating to non-collectible Taxes, Environmental Concerns and Commercial Development Enterprise be approved for a future meeting.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 1, 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
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

**(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)**

- (i) PJ Mercanti, Hamilton Urban Precinct Entertainment Group, respecting an update on the activities and positive progress of our downtown entertainment district redevelopment initiative (In-Person) (Approved July 10, 2023) (Item 7.1)**

PJ Mercanti, Hamilton Urban Precinct Entertainment Group (HUPEG), Tom Pistore, Oak View Group (OVC), and Lou Frapporti, HUPEG/Alinea Group Holdings, addressed the Committee respecting an update on the activities and positive progress of our downtown entertainment district redevelopment initiative.

**(Horwath/Danko)**

That the delegate be provided with an additional 10 minutes to complete their delegation.

**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

**(Pauls/McMeekin)**

That the delegate be provided with an additional 10 minutes to complete their delegation.

**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

**(McMeekin/Horwath)**

That the delegation from PJ Mercanti, Hamilton Urban Precinct Entertainment Group (HUPEG), Tom Pistore, Oak View Group (OVG), and Lou Frapporti, HUPEG/Alinea Group Holdings, respecting an update on the activities and positive progress of our downtown entertainment district redevelopment initiative, 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

**(ii) Gail Rappolt, United Nations Association Canada Hamilton Branch, respecting City Hall Peace Garden and the International Day of Peace Event on September 21 (In-Person) (Approved August 14, 2023) (Item 7.2)**

Gail Rappolt, and Anne Pearson, United Nations Association Canada Hamilton Branch addressed the Committee respecting City Hall Peace Garden and the International Day of Peace Event on September 21.

**(Clark/Kroetsch)**

That the delegate be provided with an additional 5 minutes to complete their delegation.

**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

**(A. Wilson/Tadeson)**

That the delegation from Gail Rappolt, and Anne Pearson, United Nations Association Canada Hamilton Branch, respecting City Hall Peace Garden and the International Day of Peace Event on September 21, 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
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

- (iii) **Shelley Falconer, Art Gallery of Hamilton, respecting a presentation and update on the Art Gallery of Hamilton and its role in the revitalization of Hamilton's downtown core (In-Person) (Approved September 6, 2023) (Item 7.3)**

Shelley Falconer, Eleanor McMahon, Tom Wilson, Scott Galbraith, and Gary Graham, Art Gallery of Hamilton, addressed the Committee respecting an update on the Art Gallery of Hamilton and its role in the revitalization of Hamilton's downtown core.

**(Kroetsch/Danko)**

That the delegate be provided with an additional 10 minutes to complete their delegation.

**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

**(Kroetsch/Cassar)**

That the delegation from Shelley Falconer, Eleanor McMahon, Tom Wilson, Scott Galbraith, and Gary Graham, Art Gallery of Hamilton respecting an update on the Art Gallery of Hamilton and its role in the revitalization of Hamilton's downtown core, 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

**(iv) Shannon Kyles, Doors Open Hamilton, respecting the Doors Open Hamilton Committee and a request to increased funding for Doors Open Hamilton 2024 (In-Person) (Approved September 6, 2023) (Item 7.4)**

Shannon Kyles, Doors Open Hamilton, addressed the Committee respecting the Doors Open Hamilton committee and a request to increased funding for Doors Open Hamilton.

**(A. Wilson/Pauls)**

That the Delegation from Shannon Kyles, Doors Open Hamilton, respecting the Doors Open Hamilton Committee and a request to increased funding for Doors Open Hamilton 2024, 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
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
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(g) **STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)**

(i) **Principles Integrity, respecting Appendix K to Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 23-005 – Feedback from the Advisory Committees on the Code of Conduct for Local Boards (FCS23032) (Item 8.1)**

Jeffrey Abrams, Principles Integrity, provided Committee with a presentation respecting Appendix K to Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 23-005 – Feedback from the Advisory Committees on the Code of Conduct for Local Boards.

**(Hwang/Francis)**

That the presentation from Jeffrey Abrams, Principles Integrity, respecting Appendix K to Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 23-005 – Feedback from the Advisory Committees on the Code of Conduct for Local Boards, be received.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(ii) **Recess**

**(Francis/Tadeson)**

That the General Issues Committee recess for 35 minutes until 1:30 pm.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
Absent	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

**(iii) 2022 - 2026 Council Priorities (CM23020) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

Janette Smith, City Manager, provided Committee with a presentation respecting Report CM23020, 2022 - 2026 Council Priorities.

**(Nann/Spadafora)**

That the staff presentation respecting Report CM23020, 2022 – 2026 Council Priorities, 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
Absent	-	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 1.

**(iv) 2024 Budget Outlook (FCS23074) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services, provided Committee with a presentation respecting Report FCS23074, 2024 Budget Outlook.

**(Horwath/Hwang)**

That the staff presentation respecting Report FCS23075, 2024 Budget Outlook, 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
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
Absent	-	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 disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

**(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)**

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

That the General Issues Committee meeting of September 20, 2023, be extended past the 5:30 pm curfew, up to an additional 4 hours.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 1, as follows:**

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

Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
No	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	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

**(ii) Major Hosted Tourism Event Opportunities (PED23129) (City Wide)  
(Item 10.3)**

**(A. Wilson/Spadafora)**

- (a) That staff be authorized and directed to formally notify the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences of the City of Hamilton's desire to host the JUNO Awards in either 2026 or 2027 and request the formal RFP required to pursue this bid opportunity;
- (b) That staff be authorized and directed to formally engage with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport to notify the Province of Ontario of the City of Hamilton's desire to host the JUNO Awards and to seek the Provincial funding required to secure the JUNO Awards in Hamilton;
- (c) That staff be authorized and directed to formally engage with the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences and any other stakeholders required to successfully secure Hamilton as the host city of JUNO Awards;
- (d) That staff be authorized and directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with recommendations for how the City of Hamilton would fund any event bid fees or in-kind municipal services required to successfully secure Hamilton as the host city for the JUNO Awards, using Municipal Accommodation Tax funds, private sector contributions, existing tourism reserves and Provincial funding as applicable, for Council's consideration;
- (e) That staff be authorized and directed to formally notify Golf Canada of the City of Hamilton's desire to host future RBC Canadian Open(s) and enter formal negotiations with Golf Canada to secure the rights to host the RBC Canadian Open in Hamilton on a rotating basis;
- (f) That staff be authorized and directed to formally engage with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport to notify the Province of



Ontario of the City of Hamilton's desire to host future RBC Canadian Open(s) and to seek the Provincial funding required to bring future the RBC Canadian Open(s) to Hamilton;

- (g) That staff be authorized and directed to formally engage with Golf Canada, the Hamilton Golf and Country Club and any other stakeholders required to successfully secure Hamilton as the host city for future RBC Canadian Open(s);
- (h) That staff be authorized and directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with recommendations for how the City would fund any event bid fees or in-kind municipal services required to successfully secure Hamilton as the host city for the RBC Canadian Open(s), using Municipal Accommodation Tax funds, private sector contributions, existing tourism reserves and Provincial funding as applicable, for Council's consideration;
- (i) That upon being approved by Council, confidential Appendix "A" to Report PED23129 be made public.

**(Tadeson/M. Wilson)**

That consideration of Report PED23129, Major Hosted Tourism Event Opportunities, be DEFERRED until after Closed Session.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 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
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	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 disposition of this matter, refer to Item 9.

(i) **MOTIONS (Item 11)**

(i) **City of Hamilton Meta Advertising (Item 11.1)**

**(Danko/Spadafora)**

WHEREAS, Meta announced in June 2023 that it has already started blocking Canadian news content and links on its social media sites, including Instagram and Facebook platforms;

WHEREAS, Meta has refused to comply with federal legislation, the Online News Act, and instead has deliberately chosen to disadvantage 40 million Canadians, including nearly 600,000 Hamilton residents, by removing the ability to share local and national news on their platforms, limiting the ability for Canadians to view content from local and national news publications in Canada;

WHEREAS, in the past several years, Hamilton has faced severe weather conditions, including extreme cold and blizzards, heat waves, and funnel clouds; as well as other emergencies, including but not limited to homelessness, crime and an epidemic related to substance use and addictions; and particularly the recent COVID-19 pandemic; in all of these situations, the ability to share timely, reliable, local news with residents was critically essential;

WHEREAS, Meta's decision would severely impact and limit the ability of both the City of Hamilton, and individual Members of Council, to share information with residents; and to share critical and timely updates from local media;

WHEREAS, recognizing that utilizing all available media, may at times be required for disseminating critical and public safety information, as well, that existing communication plans may contain budgetary and contractual legal obligations;

WHEREAS, Hamilton residents have a fundamental right to a strong, free, and independent Press, one that is not censored or dictated by American social media giants; and,

WHEREAS, access to reliable, quality news information, prepared by independent journalists and media, is essential to any healthy, functioning democracy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That any new, non-critical advertising campaigns by Public Information and Media Relations be immediately suspended on all Meta-owned platforms;

- (b) That the suspension last until Meta resumes discussions with the government of Canada, or until it reverses its ban on placing Canadian media news stories on its platforms up to a maximum of 6 months; and,
- (c) That this motion be shared with the Ontario Premier's Office, local Members of Parliament, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

Councillor Danko requested that the motion respecting City of Hamilton Meta Advertising be placed on the October 4, 2023 General Issues Committee agenda in order to provide members of the Committee an opportunity to have dialogue with staff in advance of the consideration of this matter.

**(ii) Naming of Parkette, "Jim Howlett Parkette", 505 Beach Blvd, Hamilton (Ward 5) (Item 11.2)**

Councillor Francis was not present to present the motion respecting the Naming of Parkette, "Jim Howlett Parkette", 505 Beach Blvd, Hamilton (Ward 5) and therefore, the motion will be placed on the October 4, 2023 General Issues Committee meeting agenda.

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

**(i) September 6, 2023 - Closed Session Minutes (Item 14.1)**

**(A. Wilson/Nann)**

That the General Issues Committee Closed Session Minutes of September 6, 2023, be approved and remain confidential.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 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
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	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

**(Spadafora/Pauls)**

That Committee move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (b), (c) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b), (c) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees; a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; 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 11 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  
Absent - 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  
Absent - 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

**(ii) Disposition of City Owned Mixed Use Land (PED23181) (Ward 1) (Item 14.2)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 11.

**(iii) Disposition of City Owned Residential Land (PED23182) (Ward 10) (Item 14.3)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 12.

**(iv) Confidential Appendix "A" to Item 10.3 - Major Hosted Tourism Event Opportunities (PED23129) (City Wide) (Item 14.4)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 9.

(v) **Fulfilment of Estate Bequest (LS23026) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.5)  
- REVISED**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 13.

(k) **ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

**(Spadafora/Tadeson)**

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy Mayor Jeff Beattie  
Chair, General Issues Committee

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