



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 23-028

9:30 a.m.

November 1, 2023

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

Present: Mayor A. Horwath
Deputy Mayor C. Cassar (Chair)
Councillors J. Beattie, 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

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **2023 Economic Development Workforce Strategy (PED23194) (City Wide)
(Item 8.1)**

(Hwang/Spadafora)

- (a) That Council receive the Workforce Strategy attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED23194;
- (b) That the strategy and the actions contained therein be used to guide the work and to inform future workplans of the Economic Development Division; and,
- (c) ***That the City Manager ensures that all divisions throughout the City are informed of the Workforce Strategy and how it relates to their activities.***

Result: MAIN MOTION, As Amended, 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

**2. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Report 23-010 -
October 10, 2023 (Item 9.1)**

(Tadeson/McMeekin)

(a) Donation in Memory of Mary Sinclair (Item 12.1)

That a donation in memory of Mary Sinclair to Participation House in the amount of \$200 from account #300303, to be facilitated by the Diversity and Inclusion Office, be approved.

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

**3. Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement Redevelopment Grant
Application, 13-25 King Street East, Stoney Creek (PED23228) (Ward 5)
(Item 10.1)**

(Francis/Beattie)

(a) That Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement Redevelopment Grant Application ERG-23-01, submitted by KSE Holdings Inc. (KSE Investment Holdings Inc./Stoney Creek Holdings Inc./Beaver Creek Capital Inc.) owner of the properties 13-25 King Street East, Stoney Creek

for an Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement Redevelopment Grant not to exceed \$3,912,000, for estimated eligible remediation costs provided over a maximum of ten years, be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement Redevelopment Agreement;

- (b) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to execute the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement Redevelopment Agreement together with any ancillary documentation required, to give effect to the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement Redevelopment Grant for KSE Holdings Inc. (KSE Investment Holdings Inc./Stoney Creek Holdings Inc./Beaver Creek Capital Inc.) owner of the properties 13-25 King Street East, Stoney Creek in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (c) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to administer the Grant and Grant Agreement including but not limited to: deciding on actions to take in respect of events of default and executing any Grant Amending Agreements, together with any ancillary amending documentation, if required, provided that the terms and conditions of the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement Redevelopment Grant, as approved by City Council, are maintained and that any applicable Grant Amending Agreements are undertaken in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

**4. Entertainment Venues Municipal Capital Facility By-Law (PED18168(k))
(Ward 2) (Item 10.2)**

(Spadafora/Hwang)

- (a) That the eligible portions of the lands known as the FirstOntario Centre, located at 101 York Boulevard, Hamilton, be declared a municipal capital facility, operating as a sport and live entertainment complex for public use, with such parts to be exempted from taxation for municipal and school purposes;
- (b) That the eligible portions of the lands known as the FirstOntario Concert Hall, located at 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton, be declared a municipal capital facility, operating as a concert hall and entertainment complex for public use, to be exempted from taxation for municipal and school purposes;
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute Municipal Capital Facilities Agreements, and any ancillary documents, substantially in the form attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED18168(k), with such amendments deemed reasonable and necessary to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, effective on or prior to the lease commencement dates of the FirstOntario Centre and FirstOntario Concert Hall;
- (d) That the By-law, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED18168(k), to establish Municipal Capital Facility Designation for the FirstOntario Centre and repealing the previous applicable Municipal Capital Facility Designation By-law, be passed;
- (e) That the By-law, attached as Appendix "C" to Report PED18168(k), to establish Municipal Capital Facility Designation for the FirstOntario Concert Hall and repealing the previous applicable Municipal Capital Facility Designation By-law, be passed;
- (f) That, upon approval by Council, staff be directed to give written notice of the following By-laws to the secretary of the school boards having jurisdiction, and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation:
 - (i) Municipal Capital Facility By-law – Arena;
 - (ii) Municipal Capital Facility By-law – Concert Hall;
- (g) That the Clerk be directed to give written notice of the By-law approving this staff Report in respect of recommendation (c) to the Minister of Finance.

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

5. ATU Local 107 Labour Disruption Contingency Planning Update – No Copy (Revised Title) (Added Item 14.2)

(McMeekin/Spadafora)

That ATU Local 107 Labour Disruption Contingency Planning Update, be received and remain confidential.

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
Absent	-	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. Encampment Litigation Update (LS20023(h)) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.3)

(Spadafora/Horwath)

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

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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Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Absent	-	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:

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

14.2 ATU Local 107 Labour Disruption Contingency Planning Update –
No Copy (Revised Title)

14.3 Encampment Litigation Update (LS20023(h)) (City Wide)

(Kroetsch/Hwang)

That the agenda for the November 1, 2023 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

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
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Absent	-	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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) October 18, 2023 (Item 4.1)

(McMeekin/Hwang)

That the minutes of the October 18, 2023, General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

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
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Absent	-	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

(d) **STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)**

(i) **2023 Economic Development Workforce Strategy (PED23194) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

Jennifer Patterson, Manager of Business Investment & Sector Development, provided opening remarks and introduced Trudy Parsons, Deloitte, who addressed Committee with a presentation respecting Report PED23194, the 2023 Economic Development Workforce Strategy.

(i) **(Hwang/Francis)**

That the presentation respecting Report PED23194, the 2023 Economic Development Workforce Strategy, 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
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Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(ii) **(Hwang/Spadafora)**

(a) That Council receive the Workforce Strategy attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED23194; and,

(b) That the strategy and the actions contained therein be used to guide the work and to inform future workplans of the Economic Development Division.

(iii) **(Horwath/M. Wilson)**

That Report PED23194, respecting the 2023 Economic Development Workforce Strategy **be amended** by adding sub-section (c), as follows:

- (c) ***That the City Manager ensures that all divisions throughout the City are informed of the Workforce Strategy and how it relates to their activities.***

Result: Amendment, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
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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.

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

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

(Nann/McMeekin)

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)):

Parkland Acquisition Strategy

Added: June 4, 2018 - PW Report 18-008 (Item 9)

Completed: October 4, 2023 - GIC Report 23-026 (Item 2)

2023 Priority Focus Areas for the Office of Climate Change Initiatives (PED23064)

Added: April 5, 2023 - GIC Report 23-012 (Item 2)

Completed: October 18, 2023 - GIC Report 23-027 (Item 1)

Downtown Hamilton Office Report (PED23081) (Ward 2)

Added: June 14, 2023 - GIC Report 23-019 (Item 10.1)
Completed: October 18, 2023 - GIC Report 23-027 (Item 9)

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
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Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
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Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(f) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – October 18, 2023 (Item 14.1)

(Spadafora/Beattie)

That the General Issues Committee Closed Session Minutes of October 18, 2023, be approved and remain confidential.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
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Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(Beattie/Tadeson)

That Committee move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (d), (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (d), (e) and (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City or a local board; and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

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Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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(ii) ATU Local 107 Labour Disruption Contingency Planning Update – No Copy (Revised Title) (Added Item 14.2)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 5.

(iii) Encampment Litigation Update (LS20023(h)) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.3)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 6.

(g) **ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

(Spadafora/Hwang)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Craig Cassar
Chair, General Issues Committee

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk