



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 23-026

9:30 a.m.

October 4, 2023

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

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

Absent: Councillor B. Clark - Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **Biindigen Well-Being Centre (Item 7.1)**

(M. Wilson/A. Wilson)

That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee on the feasibility of the inclusion of Biindigen Well-Being Centre in the Community Share Program.

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. Parks Master Plan (PW23064) (City Wide) (Parkland Acquisition Strategy PW Report 18-008, Item 9) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.1)

(i) (Beattie/Cassar)

- (a) That Appendix "A" attached to Report PW23064 respecting Parks Master Plan (prepared by O2 Planning + Design Inc.) be approved as the basis for the planning of parkland;
- (b) That staff be directed to update the City's Parkland Dedication policies and By-law in accordance with the approved Parks Master Plan;
- (c) That staff be directed to develop parkland acquisition strategies (including funding) for priority focus areas identified as being 'High', 'Very High' or 'Medium' in the Parks Master Plan, and to submit capital and/or operating budget requirements to support the Parks Master Plan to the appropriate budget process(es) for consideration, as required;
- (d) That staff be directed to develop a strategy to communicate priority parkland acquisition focus areas at the neighbourhood level (including parks, planning, funding, and financing), as identified in the Parks Master Plan; and
- (e) That the matter respecting OBL Item E, regarding the Parkland Acquisition Strategy (PW Report 18-008, Item 9) be identified as complete and removed from the Public Works Committee Outstanding Business List.

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
Absent	-	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

(ii) (Jackson/Pauls)

That staff be directed to explore the feasibility of increasing the current Parkland Acquisition Fund amount (of \$9,000,000) by an additional \$6,000,000/year beginning in 2025 and report back during the 2024 Budget Process.

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

3. Interview Sub-Committee to the General Issues Committee Report 23-001 - September 25, 2023 (Item 9.1)

(Pauls/Cassar)

(a) APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR (Item 1)

- (i) That Councillor N. Nann be appointed as Chair of the Interview Sub-Committee to the General Issues Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term.
- (ii) That Councillor T. Hwang be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Interview Sub-Committee to the General Issues Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term.

(b) Screening Tools to be Used During Deliberations of the Applications to the City of Hamilton's Advisory Committees (Item 5.1)

(i) That the following screening tools be approved and remain confidential, for use during the Interviews for the Climate Change Advisory Committee:

- (1) Confidential IDEA Interview Scoring Rubric; and,
- (2) Confidential Screening Tool, as amended; and,

(ii) That the following screening tools be received and remain confidential, for use during the Interviews for the Climate Change Advisory Committee:

- (1) Confidential Selection Committee Guiding Principles; and,
- (2) Confidential Interview Guide

(c) Deliberation of Applications to the Climate Change Advisory Committee (Item 5.2)

That the direction provided to staff in closed session, be approved 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
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

4. **Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Report 23-009 -
September 12, 2023 (Item 9.2)**

(McMeekin/Cassar)

**(a) Amendment to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities’
Terms of Reference to Include the Annual “Ability First” Accessibility
Fair (Item 12.2)**

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities’
Outreach Working Group organizes an Annual “Ability First” Accessibility
Fair; and,

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for the success of the event if all
members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities were to
participate in the organization and planning of the Annual “Ability First”
Accessibility Fair, including on the day of the event.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee for Persons with
Disabilities be amended by adding thereto a section after “Working
Groups” entitled “Annual Events” and listing the “Ability First” Accessibility
Fair” as follows:

Annual Events

“Ability First” Accessibility Fair

Members of ACPD shall be strongly encouraged to participate in
the organization and planning of the Annual “Ability First”
Accessibility Fair, which would include their attendance and
participation on the day of the event.

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

**5. Business Improvement Area (BIA) Sub-Committee Report 23-008 -
September 12, 2023 (Item 10.1)**

(Hwang/Nann)

**(a) Expenditure Requests - International Village Business Improvement
Area (Item 11.1)**

- (i) That the expenditure request from the International Village Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$7,308.03 be spent on graffiti removal, banners, beautification and office equipment to be funded from the Contribution to Operating Budget Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-56905), be approved; and,
- (ii) That the expenditure request from the International Village Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$12,362.71 be spent on events, programming and activations to be funded from the Parking Revenue Sharing Program for the Business Improvement Areas and payments in Lieu of the Parking Revenue Sharing Program (Parking Revenue Account 815010-52505), be approved.

**(b) Expenditure Request - Waterdown Business Improvement Area (Item
11.2)**

That the expenditure request from the Waterdown Business Improvement Area, expenditure request in the amount of \$5,276.46, for the purchase of 49 hanging baskets to be funded from the Contribution to Operating Budget Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-56905), be approved.

**(c) Expenditure Requests - Locke Street Business Improvement Area
(Item 11.3)**

- (i) That the expenditure request from the Locke Street Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$2,664.31 be spent on streetscape items like planters, watering service for planters, plants, and lighting, to be funded from the Contribution to Operating Budget Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-56905), be approved; and,

- (ii) That the expenditure request from the Locke Street Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$11,774.03 be spent on streetscape items like planters, watering service for planters, plants, and lighting, to be funded from the Parking Revenue Sharing Program for the Business Improvement Areas and payments in Lieu of the Parking Revenue Sharing Program (Parking Revenue Account 815010-52505), be approved.

(d) Expenditure Request – Stoney Creek Business Improvement Area (Item 11.4)

That the expenditure request from the Stoney Creek Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$10,959.81 be spent on streetscape items like planters, watering service for planters, and lighting, to be funded from the Contribution to Operating Budget Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-56905), be approved.

(e) Expenditure Requests - Westdale Village Business Improvement Area (Item 11.5)

- (i) That the expenditure request from the Westdale Village Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$10,439.73 be spent on streetscape items like planters, watering service for planters, and lighting, to be funded from the Contribution to Operating Budget Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-56905), be approved; and,
- (ii) That the expenditure request from the Westdale Village Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$16,067.66 be spent on streetscape items like planters, watering service for planters, and lighting, to be funded from the Parking Revenue Sharing Program for the Business Improvement Areas and payments in Lieu of the Parking Revenue Sharing Program (Parking Revenue Account 815010-52505), be approved.

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

6. City of Hamilton Meta Advertising (Item 11.1)

(Danko/Francis)

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.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 4, 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
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
No	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
No	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

7. Human Rights Litigation Information Update (HUR23015 / LS23036) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.2)

(Hwang/Beattie)

That Report HUR23015 / LS23036, respecting Human Rights Litigation Information 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
Absent	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Correspondence from Joel Hughes, Hamilton Beach Community Council, respecting Item 11.2 - Naming of Parkette, "Jim Howlett Parkette", 505 Beach Blvd, Hamilton (Ward 5)

Recommendation: Be received.

8. PRESENTATIONS

8.2 2023 Economic Development Workforce Strategy (PED23194) (City Wide) - WITHDRAWN and placed on the October 18, 2023 General Issues Committee agenda

11. MOTIONS

11.2 Naming of Parkette, "Jim Howlett Parkette", 505 Beach Blvd, Hamilton (Ward 5) - WITHDRAWN

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

14.2 Human Rights Litigation Information Update (HUR23015 / LS23036) (City Wide)

(Cassar/Hwang)

That the agenda for the October 4, 2023 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 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
Absent	-	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
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 20, 2023 (Item 4.1)

(Nann/Hwang)

That the minutes of the September 20, 2023, General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 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
Absent	-	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
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from Joel Hughes, Hamilton Beach Community Council, respecting Item 11.2 - Naming of Parkette, "Jim Howlett Parkette", 505 Beach Blvd, Hamilton (Ward 5) (Added Item 5.1)

(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)

That the correspondence from Joel Hughes, Hamilton Beach Community Council, respecting Item 11.2 - Naming of Parkette, "Jim Howlett Parkette", 505 Beach Blvd, Hamilton (Ward 5), be received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 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
Absent - 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
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(i) Rob Maclsaac, Hamilton Health Sciences, respecting Hamilton Hospital Redevelopment (In-Person) (For the November 15, 2023 meeting) (Item 6.1)

(Beattie/Cassar)

That the Delegation Request from Rob Maclsaac, Hamilton Health Sciences, respecting Hamilton Hospital Redevelopment, 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
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
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Jo-Ann Mattina, Biindigen Well-Being Centre, respecting an update on the Biindigen Well-Being Centre development and next steps (Approved July 10, 2023) (Item 7.1)

Jo-Ann Mattina, Biindigen Well-Being Centre, Pat Mandy, Biindigen Steering Committee Chair, Cathy Connor, Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, and Monique Lavallee, Niwasa Kendaaswin Teg, addressed the Committee respecting an update on the Biindigen Well-Being Centre development and next steps.

(a) (Hwang/Nann)

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

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

(b) (Hwang/Horwath)

That the delegation from Jo-Ann Mattina, Biindigen Well-Being Centre, Pat Mandy, Biindigen Steering Committee Chair, Cathy Connor, Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, and Monique Lavallee, Niwasa Kendaaswin Teg, respecting an update on the Biindigen Well-Being Centre development and next steps, 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 further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(ii) 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) (Approved September 20, 2023) (Item 7.2)

Paul Vermaat, White Star Group, addressed the Committee 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.

(Pauls/Beattie)

That the delegation 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 received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 4, as follows:

No	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
No	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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No	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
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Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
No	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Parks Master Plan (PW23064) (City Wide) (Parkland Acquisition Strategy PW Report 18-008, Item 9) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.1)

Carlyle Khan, General Manager of Public Works, and Cynthia Graham, Director, Environmental Services, provided opening remarks and introduced Johnathan Vandriel, Senior Project Manager, Environmental Services who provided Committee with a presentation respecting Report PW23064, Parks Master Plan.

(Hwang/M/ Wilson)

That the staff presentation respecting Report PW23064, Parks Master Plan, 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 2.

(h) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

(i) September 20, 2023 - Closed Session Minutes (Item 14.1)

(Beattie/Cassar)

That the General Issues Committee Closed Session Minutes of September 20, 2023, be approved 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
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

(ii) **Recess**

(McMeekin/Nann)

That the General Issues Committee recess for 40 minutes until 1:10 pm.

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

(Beattie/Cassar)

That Committee move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (b), (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b), (e) and (f) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees; 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 13 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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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

**(iii) Human Rights Litigation Information Update (HUR23015 / LS23036)
(City Wide) (Added Item 14.2)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Spadafora/Cassar)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

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

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent - 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
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Yes - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
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Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
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Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Mark Tadeson
Chair, General Issues Committee

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk