



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 24-010

9:30 a.m.

June 5, 2024

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

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

Absent: Councillor M. Francis – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program (FCS22043(c)) (City Wide)
(Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.1)**

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

- (a) That the effective date of the Stormwater Rate Structure outlined in Appendix “A” to Report FCS22043(b) be revised from September 1, 2025 to April 1, 2026;

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 2, 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
No	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
No	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Conflict	-	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

(i) (A. Wilson/Cassar)

- (b) That the Residential Stormwater Subsidy Program, as outlined in Appendix "A" to Report FCS22043(c) be approved effective January 1, 2025, with a funding source referred to the 2025 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Supported Budget;
- (c) That the Stormwater Credit Program as outlined in Appendix "B" to Report FCS22043(c) be approved effective April 1, 2026, with a funding source referred to the 2026 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Supported Budget;
- (d) That staff develop the 2026-2035 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Supported Budget incorporating the Stormwater Rate Structure and the Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program;
- (e) That the Hamilton Water Divisional staff complement be increased by one (1) Full Time Equivalent (FTE) for a Project Manager position at an annualized cost of \$124K up to an upset limit of \$250K, be funded by the Storm Sewer Reserve (108010) up to December 31, 2025, and thereafter, that funding be incorporated into the 2026 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Supported Budget;
- (f) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, in order to implement Recommendations (a) through (c) of Report FCS22043(c);
- (g) That the single source procurement of Green Venture as the program administrator for the Residential Stormwater Subsidy Program, pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 – Non-competitive Procurements be approved;
- (h) That the General Manager, Public Works, be authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute a contract and any ancillary documents required to procure Green Venture as the administrator of the Residential Stormwater Subsidy Program in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (i) That the development and implementation of a Communications strategy with an upset limit of \$100K be funded from the Storm Sewer Reserve (108010);
- (j) That temporary Corporate Services staffing with an upset limit of \$25K be funded from the Storm Sewer Reserve (108010)

- (k) That the single source procurement of AECOM Canada Ltd as external consultants for the Stormwater Funding implementation be extended through to December 31, 2026, with an upset limit of \$50K be funded from the Storm Sewer Reserve (108010);
- (l) That the subject matter regarding the implementation of a Stormwater Incentive Program be identified as complete and removed from the General Issues Committee Outstanding Business List.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 4, 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
No	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
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No	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
No	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**2. Affordable Housing Development Project Stream Evaluation Process
(HSC23028(d) / FCS23055(b) / PED23099(d)) (City Wide) (Added Item 8.2)**

(Cassar/A. Wilson)

- (a) That the General Issues Committee approves the Affordable Housing Development Project Stream Program (Project Stream) as Appendix "A" to Report HSC23028(d)/FCS23055(b)/PED23099(d) which outlines the process for receiving, evaluating, and prioritizing applications to create additional units of affordable and supportive housing projects for any available City funding allocation
- (b) That the Director of the Housing Secretariat Division, be authorized to execute, and administer the Affordable Housing Development Project Stream (Project Stream) Program, including entering into any and all agreements and ancillary documents as required to deliver the Project Stream in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and content satisfactory to the Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap (HSIR) Executive Committee (comprised of the City Manager, the General Managers of

Healthy and Safe Communities, Planning and Economic Development, and Corporate Services Departments);

- (c) That the Director of the Housing Secretariat Division under the oversight of the General Manager of the Finance and Corporate Services Department through the HSIR Executive Committee, receive delegated authority to enter into financial commitments of up to \$2.5 million per project, provided the municipal contributions are being funded solely from funds managed by the City allocated to the Affordable Housing Funding Program Reserve account number 112257, the Affordable Housing Property Reserve account number 112256, the Supportive Housing Funding Account, and any other funds managed by the City that is deemed necessary or to be used for affordable housing;
- (d) That the Director of the Housing Secretariat Division, under the oversight of the General Manager of the Finance and Corporate Services Department through the HSIR Executive Committee, be authorized to revise the Project Stream program, policy, and application process attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC23028(d)/FCS23055(b)/PED23099(d) as necessary to ensure efficient delivery of the Project Stream;
- (e) That the General Manager of the Healthy & Safe Communities Department revise the Affordable Housing Fund Program Guidelines attached as Appendix "B" to Report HSC23028(d)/FCS23055(b)/PED23099(d) as approved at the Emergency and Community Services Committee to report HSC23003 and subsequently approved by Council on January 25, 2023.

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
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
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Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**3. Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee Report 24-004 - May 14, 2024
(Item 9.1)**

(M. Wilson/Cassar)

That the Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee Report 24-004 - May 14, 2024, be received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 9 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
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
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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

**4. Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability Report 24-004
– May 15, 2024 (Item 9.2)**

(Kroetsch/Danko)

That the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability Report 24-004 – May 15, 2024, be received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 9 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
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
Absent	-	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

5. 2023 Assessment Growth (FCS24014) (City Wide) (Item 9.3)

(A. Wilson/Cassar)

That Report FCS24012, respecting 2023 Assessment Growth, 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
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

6. Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Report 24-004 - May 14, 2024 (Item 10.1)

(McMeekin/A. Wilson)

(1) Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Accessibility Award Logo Package (Item 12.3)

WHEREAS, the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Accessibility Award requires an appropriate logo to represent it on various media;

WHEREAS, the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Outreach Working Group has developed several versions of the logo attached hereto as Appendix "A";

WHEREAS, the secondary version is simplified and may be required sometime in the future for as yet unforeseen reasons; and

WHEREAS, having a variety of logo shapes and colour/grey tones would be beneficial as the Award develops.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the logos included in the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Accessibility Award logo package attached as Appendix "A" to Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities Report 24-004, be approved, as follows:
 - (i) The Complex Image logo set be approved as the primary logo; and
 - (ii) The Simplified Image logo set be approved as the secondary logo.

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

7. 2023 Annual Report for Economic Development Division Financial Incentive and Assistance Programs (PED24082) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

(Beattie/Pauls)

That Report PED24082, respecting 2023 Annual Report for Economic Development Division Financial Incentive and Assistance Programs, be received.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
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Yes	-	Ward 1	Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2	Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
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Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

8. Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee Report 24-002 - May 23, 2024 (Item 10.3)

(M. Wilson/A. Wilson)

(1) Applying a Climate Justice Lens to Light Rail Transit (PED24087) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

- (i) (a) That the City continue to apply a climate justice lens to the Hamilton Light Rail Transit Project and associated works to ensure that any relevant mitigation and adaptation actions as set out in Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy are implemented in a manner that considers climate justice; and
- (b) That the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee recruit additional non-voting community advisors to the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee table to ensure that the Sub-Committee's composition reflects the community from a climate justice point of view.
- (ii) That staff report back the process to enable recruitment of additional non-voting community advisors to the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee table to ensure that the Sub-Committee's composition reflects the community from a climate justice point of view.

(2) Hamilton Light Rail Transit Partial Property Acquisition Update (PED24083) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)

That Report PED24083, respecting Hamilton Light Rail Transit Partial Property Acquisition Update, be received.

**(3) Hamilton Light Rail Transit Early Works Update (PED24084) (City Wide)
(Item 9.2)**

That Report PED24084, respecting Hamilton Light Rail Transit Early Works Update, be received.

**(4) Small Business Supports During Light Rail Transit Major Construction
(Item 12.1)**

WHEREAS, enabling works have begun for the multi-year major construction for the Light Rail Transit (LRT) project and the City of Hamilton is planning ahead for the major construction works funded by both the Provincial and the Federal Governments;

WHEREAS, small businesses in Hamilton make up the majority of employment and contribute to the economic development and vitality of the city;

WHEREAS, of the 16,348 businesses with employees in Hamilton, approximately 56% employ fewer than four people and 75% employ nine or fewer people, meaning that small and micro businesses make up the majority of the city's businesses which contribute to the economic development and vitality of the city (source: InvestInHamilton, 2024, and Canadian Business Counts, June 2021);

WHEREAS, small businesses that are situated along and adjacent to the LRT corridor will be impacted by construction of the project;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton seeks to reduce disruption to small businesses along the 14-kilometre LRT corridor;

WHEREAS, other municipalities in Canada that undertook major transit corridor construction like Toronto, Montreal, and Kitchener-Waterloo implemented small business supports including grants and incentives for the impacted businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Toronto in partnership with the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FEDDEV Ontario) implemented the Transit Expansion Construction Mitigation Grant Program to support businesses and business associations impacted by major transit construction works.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to research and explore potential small business grant and support programs available to the City of Hamilton, small

businesses, or Business Improvement Areas during the Light Rail Transit (LRT) major construction to support impacted businesses along and adjacent to the LRT;

- (b) That staff be directed to complete a jurisdictional scan of grants and best practices to support small businesses once every year until the substantial completion of the Hamilton LRT project and that the results of this scan be presented to Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee; and
- (c) That staff be directed to collaborate with Metrolinx, FEDDEV Ontario, and other funding agencies to enable the implementation and marketing of these small business supports ahead of LRT major construction.

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
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

9. Hamilton Police Services and Hamilton Public Library Surpluses and Deficits (FCS24023) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.5)

(Kroetsch/Danko)

- (a) That City of Hamilton staff work with the Hamilton Police Service and Hamilton Public Library on a process to enhance the information provided on budgetary performance and disposition of year-end surplus amounts in the year-end budget variance report;
- (b) That the Hamilton Public Library be requested to develop a policy with respect to the treatment of surplus and deficit in consultation with City staff; and,

- (c) That Confidential Appendix "B" to Report FCS24023, Hamilton Police Services and Hamilton Public Library Surpluses and Deficits, be received 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
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
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Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

10. Funding for Outfitting of the Farmer's Market York Boulevard Four Season Space (Ward 2) (Item 11.1)

(Kroetsch/Hwang)

WHEREAS, the Four Season Space in the Hamilton Farmer's Market at 35 York Boulevard, in Ward 2, is presently untenanted; and the Hamilton Farmer's Market Board desires to maximize the interim use of the space until a new long-term tenant is secured;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Farmer's Market Board aspires to create a more flexible and usable all-season space, enabling revenue opportunities and responding to the Market's evolving needs;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Farmer's Market Board has engaged the Placemaking, Public Art and Projects team to review feasibility in consideration of these goals; and the Placemaking, Public Art and Projects team has presented a proposal to outfit the space with a combination of salvaged and new furniture and other elements in service of flexible, multi-use space that supports the local community;

WHEREAS, the new furniture to be installed in the Four Season Space will be the property of the Economic Development Division of the City of Hamilton, on

indefinite loan to the Hamilton Farmer’s Market Board until such a time that it is no longer needed.

WHEREAS, upon obsolescence, the City of Hamilton will reclaim the furniture and deploy it to other locations in need of public seating.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That salvaged furniture from Placemaking, Public Art and Projects’ Pier 8 Pop-Ups at the Waterfront including counter and dining height tables and benches; be refinished and repainted, including anti-graffiti coating, and relocated to the Hamilton Farmer’s Market York Blvd Four Season Space at 35 York Blvd, Hamilton, to be funded from the Economic Development Initiatives Capital Project (#3621708900) with an upset limit of \$5,000 (exclusive of taxes), be approved;
- (b) That new furniture including picnic table-style accessible benches, counter height stools and moveable planters be purchased for the Hamilton Farmer’s Market York Blvd Four Season Space at 35 York Blvd, Hamilton, to be funded from the Economic Development Initiatives Capital Project (# 3621708900) with an upset limit, of \$40,000 (exclusive of taxes), be approved;
- (c) That staff be directed to set aside \$10,000 for potential upgrades and enhancements at the Hamilton Farmer’s Market York Blvd Four Season Space, located at 35 York Blvd, Hamilton. This fund will cover projects such as outfitting existing artboards with castors to create movable dividers, upgrading the existing message board, and installing vinyl wraps on walls and pillars to enhance the market’s identity. The funding will come from the Economic Development Initiatives Capital Project (#3621708900), with an upper limit of \$10,000 (excluding taxes); and,
- (d) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to approve and execute all required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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Absent	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
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Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
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Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

11. City of Hamilton’s Commitment to the Climate Change Emergency Respecting New Industrial Facilities (Item 11.2)

(Nann/Cassar)

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton declared a climate change emergency on March 27, 2019, and subsequently committed to develop community-wide climate mitigation and climate adaptation plans that are now known as Hamilton’s Climate Action Strategy;

WHEREAS annual greenhouse gas emission inventories continue to confirm that existing industries are the largest contributor, by far, to greenhouse gas emissions in Hamilton;

WHEREAS Hamilton’s Climate Action Strategy recognizes the essential need for action to ensure existing local industries reduce their greenhouse gas emissions in order for Hamilton to reach net zero emissions by or before 2050;

WHEREAS Priority 1 of City Council’s 2023-2026 priorities is Sustainable Economic & Ecological Development which includes a commitment to protect our unique natural landscape and waterways and accelerate efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change;

WHEREAS Hamilton’s Climate Action Strategy also recognizes the essential need for industrial operations to be low/no carbon in order to increase global competitiveness as climate pricing frameworks continue to impose greater costs over time;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton’s Economic Development Action Plan includes a commitment to explore and implement decarbonization initiatives with local industry in order to position Hamilton for a sustainable economic future that achieves the City’s climate goals and contributes to climate resiliency;

WHEREAS Hamilton’s Climate Action Strategy requires the development of a Carbon Accounting Framework, an effort that is currently underway and includes the establishment of a municipal carbon budget and associated green procurement strategy that, combined, will enable the municipality to operate within a carbon

budget that represents the City's fair share of global carbon emissions designed to limit global average temperature increases to 1.5 degrees Celsius;

WHEREAS, despite all of the above, new industrial operations continue to be proposed/established within the City of Hamilton that are choosing to run their operations using fossil fuels even where low/no carbon fuel alternatives are a readily available and viable choice;

WHEREAS one such industry, GFL Environmental Inc., is currently seeking the necessary provincial approvals to establish a new operation at 227 Brant Street, and choosing to power this operation solely with natural/fossil gas when the proponent has confirmed that electricity is also a viable source of power to run the operation;

WHEREAS GFL Environmental Inc., by opting to power its facility with natural gas, has determined that its operation will emit 11.3KtCO_{2e} annually, an amount that is greater than agriculture and waste-related greenhouse gas emissions in Hamilton combined;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton urge GFL Environmental Inc. to recognize the City's declaration of the climate change emergency and to seek their support in working towards the utilization of low/no carbon fuels to operate its proposed new facility;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton continue to urge any other new industrial facilities choosing to locate within the municipality to be climate leaders by committing to utilize low/no carbon fuels for their new operations; and
- (c) That the City of Hamilton call on the Province of Ontario to mandate accelerated requirements for the decarbonization of all industrial operations in the City of Hamilton and across the Province of Ontario.

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

12. Verbal Update on a Personnel Matter (Added Item 14.3)

(Spadafora/Pauls)

That the Verbal Update on a Personnel Matter, be received and remain confidential.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Absent - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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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 the Hamilton Police Services Board, respecting Protocol for Information Sharing Between the Hamilton Police Services Board and the City of Hamilton

Recommendation: Be received and referred to ***staff for appropriate action.***

- 5.3 Correspondence from the Hamilton Police Services respecting Correspondence from the City of Hamilton respecting Hamilton Police Services and Hamilton Public Library Surpluses and Deficits (Added Item 5.3)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 10.5.

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.1 Delegation Requests respecting Encampments, for a future meeting, from the following individuals:
- (d) Denise Hancock (In-Person)
- 6.3 NaWalka Geeshy Meegwun (Lyndon George) and Audrey Davis, Circle of Beads - City of Hamilton Urban Indigenous Community Consultation Circle, respecting Elected Indigenous Council Seat Request - conversation (In-Person) (For a future meeting)
- 6.4 Delegation Requests respecting Item 8.1 - Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program (FCS22043(c)) (City Wide), for today's meeting, from the following individuals:
- (a) Drew Spoelstra, Ontario Federation of Agriculture (In-Person)
 - (b) Gavin Smuk, Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture (In-Person)
 - (c) Daniel Vander Hout, Beverly Greenhouses Ltd. (In-Person)
 - (d) Larry Freeman (In-Person)
- 6.5 Rachel Moore, Love to Live, respecting a Request for Audience to Address Systemic Injustice and Lack of Support for Individuals with Disabilities in Hamilton (In-Person) (For a future meeting)
- 6.6 Graham Cubitt and Sarah Borde, Hamilton is Home, respecting Item 8.2 - Affordable Housing Development Project Stream Evaluation Process (HSC23028(d) / FCS23055(b) / PED23099(d)) (In-Person) (For today's meeting)

8. PRESENTATIONS

- 8.2 Affordable Housing Development Project Stream Evaluation Process (HSC23028(d) / FCS23055(b) / PED23099(d)) (City Wide)

This item was originally listed on the agenda as Item 10.4 but has been moved to Item 8.2, as a presentation was added.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.2 2023 Annual Report for Economic Development Division Financial Incentive and Assistance Programs (PED24082) (City Wide) – REVISED

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- 14.3 Verbal Update on a Personnel Matter

CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF ITEMS

Item 11.2 respecting the City of Hamilton's Commitment to the Climate Change Emergency Respecting New Industrial Facilities will be moved up the agenda to be considered immediately following Delegations, as the mover has to leave for other City business.

Item 14.3 respecting a Verbal Update on a Personnel Matter will be moved up the agenda to be considered immediately following Approval of the Previous Minutes.

(Horwath/Beattie)

That the agenda for the June 5, 2024 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
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
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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

Councillor J. Beattie declared a disqualifying interest to Items 6.4(a) to (d) - Delegation Requests respecting Item 8.1 - Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program (FCS22043(c)) (City Wide), Items 7.1(a) to (d) - Delegations respecting Item 8.1 - Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program (FCS22043(c)) (City Wide), and Item 8.1 - Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program (FCS22043(c)) (City Wide), as he is the owner of an agricultural business.

Councillor M. Wilson declared a non-disqualifying interest to Item 6.6 - Graham Cubitt and Sarah Borde, Hamilton is Home, respecting Item 8.2 - Affordable Housing Development Project Stream Evaluation Process (HSC23028(d) / FCS23055(b) / PED23099(d)) (In-Person) (For today's meeting), Item 7.2 -Graham Cubitt and Sarah Borde, Hamilton is Home, respecting Item 8.2 - Affordable Housing Development Project Stream Evaluation Process (HSC23028(d) / FCS23055(b) / PED23099(d)) (In-Person), and Item 8.2 - Affordable Housing Development Project Stream Evaluation Process (HSC23028(d) / FCS23055(b) / PED23099(d)), as her husband is the President and CEO of the Hamilton Community Foundation, which is mentioned in the report.

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

(i) May 15, 2024 (Item 4.1)

(Spadafora/Cassar)

That the minutes of the May 15, 2024 General Issues Committee, 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
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
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

(d) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

(i) (Horwath/Pauls)

That Committee move into Closes Session for Item 14.3 pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-section (b) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2) sub-section (b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City or local board employees.

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
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

(ii) Verbal Update on a Personnel Matter (Added Item 14.3)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 12.

(e) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(Pauls/Beattie)

That Communication Items 5.1 to 5.3, be approved, as presented, as follows:

(i) Correspondence from the Hamilton Police Services Board, respecting Protocol for Information Sharing Between the Hamilton Police Services Board and the City of Hamilton (Item 5.1)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to staff for appropriate action.

(ii) Correspondence from the Hamilton Public Library respecting the Hamilton Public Library Surpluses and Deficits (Item 5.2)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 10.5.

- (iii) **Correspondence from the Hamilton Police Services respecting Correspondence from the City of Hamilton respecting Hamilton Police Services and Hamilton Public Library Surpluses and Deficits (Added Item 5.3)**

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 10.5.

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
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

(f) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

- (i) **Delegation Requests respecting Encampments (Item 6.1):**

(Spadafora/Pauls)

That the following delegation requests respecting Encampments, be approved, for a future meeting:

- (1) Barbara Weigelt (In-Person) (Item 6.1(a))
- (2) Mike Rinaldi, Short Straw Productions (In-Person) (Item 6.1(b))
- (3) Stephen Felker (In-Person) (Item 6.1(c))
- (4) Denise Hancock (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(d))

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
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

(ii) Hafeez Hussain, respecting Putting Taxpayers First - Navigating City Hall (Virtually) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.2)

(Spadafora/Pauls)

That the delegation request from Hafeez Hussain, respecting Putting Taxpayers First - Navigating City Hall, be approved for a future meeting.

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
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) NaWalka Geeshy Meegwun (Lyndon George) and Audrey Davis, Circle of Beads - City of Hamilton Urban Indigenous Community Consultation Circle, respecting Elected Indigenous Council Seat Request - conversation (In-Person) (For a future meeting) (Added Item 6.3)

(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)

That the delegation request from NaWalka Geeshy Meegwun (Lyndon George) and Audrey Davis, Circle of Beads - City of Hamilton Urban

Indigenous Community Consultation Circle, respecting Elected Indigenous Council Seat Request - conversation, be approved for a future meeting.

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
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

(iv) Delegation requests respecting Item 8.1 – Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program (FCS22043(c)) (Added Item 6.4):

(A. Wilson/McMeekin)

That the following delegation requests respecting Item 8.1 – Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program (FCS22043(c)), be approved, for today's meeting:

- (1) Drew Spoelstra, Ontario Federation of Agriculture (In-Person) (Added Item 6.4(a))
- (2) Gavin Smuk, Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture (In-Person) (Added Item 6.4(b))
- (3) Daniel Vander Hout, Beverly Greenhouses Ltd. (In-Person) (Added Item 6.4(c))
- (4) Larry Freeman (In-Person) (Added Item 6.4(d))

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
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
Conflict	-	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

- (v) **Rachel Moore, Love to Live, respecting a Request for Audience to Address Systemic Injustice and Lack of Support for Individuals with Disabilities in Hamilton (In-Person) (For a future meeting) (Added Item 6.5)**

(Pauls/Spadafora)

That the delegation request from Rachel Moore, Love to Live, respecting a Request for Audience to Address Systemic Injustice and Lack of Support for Individuals with Disabilities in Hamilton, be approved for a future meeting.

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
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

- (vi) **Graham Cubitt and Sarah Borde, Hamilton is Home, respecting Item 8.2 - Affordable Housing Development Project Stream Evaluation Process (HSC23028(d) / FCS23055(b) / PED23099(d)) (In-Person) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.6)**

(McMeekin/Beattie)

That the delegation request from Graham Cubitt and Sarah Borde, Hamilton is Home, respecting Item 8.2 - Affordable Housing Development Project

Stream Evaluation Process (HSC23028(d) / FCS23055(b) / PED23099(d)),
be approved for today's meeting.

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
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

(g) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Delegation respecting Item 8.1 – Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program (FCS22043(c)) (Added Item 7.1)

(1) The following delegates addressed the Committee respecting Item 8.1 - Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program (FCS22043(c)):

- (a) Drew Spoelstra, Ontario Federation of Agriculture (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(a))
- (b) Gavin Smuk, Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(b))
- (c) Daniel Vander Hout, Beverly Greenhouses Ltd. (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(c))
- (d) Larry Freeman (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(d))

(2) (Cassar/Spadafora)

That the following delegations, respecting Item 8.1 - Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program (FCS22043(c)), be received:

- (a) Drew Spoelstra, Ontario Federation of Agriculture (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(a))
- (b) Gavin Smuk, Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(b))

- (c) Daniel Vander Hout, Beverly Greenhouses Ltd. (In-Person)
(Added Item 7.1(c))
- (d) Larry Freeman (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(d))

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

- (ii) **Graham Cubitt and Sarah Borde, Hamilton is Home, respecting Item 8.2 - Affordable Housing Development Project Stream Evaluation Process (HSC23028(d) / FCS23055(b) / PED23099(d)) (In-Person) (Added Item 7.2)**

Graham Cubitt and Sarah Borde, Hamilton is Home, addressed the Committee respecting Item 8.2 - Affordable Housing Development Project Stream Evaluation Process (HSC23028(d) / FCS23055(b) / PED23099(d)).

(McMeekin/Spadafora)

That the delegation from Graham Cubitt and Sarah Borde, Hamilton is Home, addressed the Committee respecting Item 8.2 - Affordable Housing Development Project Stream Evaluation Process (HSC23028(d) / FCS23055(b) / PED23099(d)), 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
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
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

(h) MOTIONS (Item 11)

(i) Recess

(Cassar/Beattie)

That the General Issues Committee recess for 30 minutes until 12:45 p.m.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 1, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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
No	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(i) PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

**(i) Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program (FCS22043(c)) (City Wide)
(Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.1)**

(1) Brian McMullen, Director, Financial Planning Administration and Policy provided an overview and introduced external presenters Liz Enriquez, Green Venture and Giuliana Casimirri, Green Venture; and Nancy Hill, AECOM.

- (a) Liz Enriquez, Green Venture and Giuliana Casimirri, Green Venture addressed the Committee with a presentation respecting Report FCS22043(c), Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program.

(A. Wilson/Cassar)

That the presentation from Green Venture respecting Report FCS22043(c), Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program, 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
Absent	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Conflict	-	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

- (b) Nancy Hill, AECOM addressed the Committee with a presentation respecting Report FCS22043(c), Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program.

(Cassar/McMeekin)

That the presentation from AECOM respecting Report FCS22043(c), Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program, 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
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

(2) (A. Wilson/Cassar)

- (a) That the effective date of the Stormwater Rate Structure outlined in Appendix “A” to Report FCS22043(b) be revised from September 1, 2025 to April 1, 2026;
- (b) That the Residential Stormwater Subsidy Program, as outlined in Appendix “A” to Report FCS22043(c) be approved effective January 1, 2025, with a funding source referred to the 2025 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Supported Budget;
- (c) That the Stormwater Credit Program as outlined in Appendix “B” to Report FCS22043(c) be approved effective April 1, 2026, with a funding source referred to the 2026 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Supported Budget;
- (d) That staff develop the 2026-2035 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Supported Budget incorporating the Stormwater Rate Structure and the Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program;
- (e) That the Hamilton Water Divisional staff complement be increased by one (1) Full Time Equivalent (FTE) for a Project Manager position at an annualized cost of \$124K up to an upset limit of \$250K, be funded by the Storm Sewer Reserve (108010) up to December 31, 2025, and thereafter, that funding be incorporated into the 2026 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Supported Budget;
- (f) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, in order to implement Recommendations (a) through (c) of Report FCS22043(c);
- (g) That the single source procurement of Green Venture as the program administrator for the Residential Stormwater Subsidy

Program, pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 – Non-competitive Procurements be approved;

- (h) That the General Manager, Public Works, be authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute a contract and any ancillary documents required to procure Green Venture as the administrator of the Residential Stormwater Subsidy Program in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (i) That the development and implementation of a Communications strategy with an upset limit of \$100K be funded from the Storm Sewer Reserve (108010);
- (j) That temporary Corporate Services staffing with an upset limit of \$25K be funded from the Storm Sewer Reserve (108010)
- (k) That the single source procurement of AECOM Canada Ltd as external consultants for the Stormwater Funding implementation be extended through to December 31, 2026, with an upset limit of \$50K be funded from the Storm Sewer Reserve (108010);
- (l) That the subject matter regarding the implementation of a Stormwater Incentive Program be identified as complete and removed from the General Issues Committee Outstanding Business List.

Upon Committee's request Sub-Section (a) was voted on separately.

For disposition of Sub-Section (a), refer to Item 1(i).

(3) (McMeekin/Tadeson)

- (a) That the balance of Report FCS22043(c), Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program, be DEFERRED to the July 8, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting; and,
- (b) That no further delegation requests will be accepted at the July 8, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting, respecting Report FCS22043(c), Stormwater Fee Financial Incentives Program.

Result: MOTION, DEFEATED by a vote of 5 to 8, as follows:

No	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
No	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
No	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
No	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

No	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Conflict	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
No	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
No	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

For disposition of the balance of Report FCS22043(c), refer to Item 1(ii).

(ii) Affordable Housing Development Project Stream Evaluation Process (HSC23028(d) / FCS23055(b) / PED23099(d)) (City Wide) (Added Item 8.2)

(1) (M. Wilson/Hwang)

That the staff presentation respecting Report HSC23028(d) / FCS23055(b) / PED23099(d), Affordable Housing Development Project Stream Evaluation Process, be waived.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 2, 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
No	-	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
No	-	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

(2) (Kroetsch/Pauls)

That the presentation prepared by staff respecting Report HSC23028(d) / FCS23055(b) / PED23099(d), Affordable Housing Development Project Stream Evaluation Process, be received.

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

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

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

(j) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Hamilton Police Services and Hamilton Public Library Surpluses and Deficits (FCS24023) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.5) (Item 10.3)

(1) (Cassar/Danko)

That consideration of Report FCS24023, respecting Hamilton Police Services and Hamilton Public Library Surpluses and Deficits, 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
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 9.

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

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

(Cassar/McMeekin)

That the amendment to the Outstanding Business List, be approved, as follows:

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

41 South Street West, Dundas, Disposition Strategy
(PED23151) (Ward 13)
Added: July 10, 2023 at GIC (Item 10.1)
Completed: May 15, 2024 at GIC (Item 14.2)

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

(ii) **Impact of Development Charges Freeze on City of Hamilton Finances (Added Item 13.2)**

Councillor Danko asked questions of finance and planning staff respecting the impact of a Development Charges freeze on the City of Hamilton's finances.

(I) **PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14) (Continued)**

Committee determined that discussion of Item 14.1 was not required in Closed Session; therefore, the matter was addressed in Open Session, as follows:

(i) **Closed Session Minutes – May 15, 2024 (Item 14.1)**

(McMeekin/Pauls)

That the Closed Session minutes of the May 15, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting, 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
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(ii) **(Danko/Pauls)**

That Committee move into Closes Session for Item 14.2 pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-section (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2) sub-section (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

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
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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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

(iii) Confidential Appendix "B" to Item 10.5 - Hamilton Police Services and Hamilton Public Library Surpluses and Deficits (FCS24023) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 14.2)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 9.

(m) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Pauls/Beattie)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

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
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Tammy Hwang
Chair, General Issues Committee

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