



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 24-012

9:30 a.m.

July 8, 2024

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

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

Absent: Mayor A. Horwath – City Business
Councillors B. Clark, and M. Wilson – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. City Parks with Active Construction Projects as it Relates to the Encampment Protocol

(Nann/Jackson)

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Federal government has enshrined housing as a human right in legislation under the National Housing Strategy Act, and in 2023, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice ruled that municipalities need to have places for people experiencing homelessness to go – such as shelters or other housing solutions – before asking individuals to leave encampments.

WHEREAS, Hamilton's active homeless population has consistently remained over 1,500 since December 2021 and currently sits at 1,615 as of April 2023.

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton remains committed to the long-term goal of permanent housing for all, and protecting the dignity of unsheltered individuals, ensuring homeless and unhoused individuals receive the supports they need in the short-term, acknowledging that the long-term solution – safe and supportive housing – is one which Hamilton, and cities across Canada, cannot respond to quickly enough given the growing, immediate needs of the unhoused in our community.

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton developed and enacted an Encampment Protocol to help manage and provide a framework of where unhoused people could stay in the event that they have no other shelter option.

WHEREAS, several City of Hamilton parks and otherwise compliant encampment locations are scheduled for construction or reconstruction projects as municipal capital investments that benefit the whole city.

WHEREAS, several projects have been or are near tender with detailed project scope.

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED:

That staff be directed report back to the August 12, 2024 General Issues Committee on City Parks that have bonafide and active construction projects with a list of recommendations including but not limited to distancing, safety, and/or exemptions due to nature of the construction scope and tendered schedules to be considered for further amendments to the Encampment Protocol.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
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. Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force - Clerk's Report 24-003 - June 13, 2024 (Item 9.1)

(Kroetsch/Pauls)

That the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force - Clerk's Report 24-003 of June 13, 2024, be received.

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

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

Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
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. 2023 Municipal Tax Competitiveness Study (FCS24012) (City Wide) (Item 9.2)

(Hwang/Cassar)

That Report FCS24012, respecting the 2023 Municipal Tax Competitiveness Study, be received.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath	
Absent	-	Ward 1	Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2	Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
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. Changes to Board of Management for Business Improvement Areas: (Item 9.3)

(Beattie/Hwang)

(a) Stoney Creek Village Business Improvement Area Changes to Board of Management (PED24111) (Ward 5) (Item 9.3(a))

- (a) That the following individual be removed from the Stoney Creek Village Business Improvement Area Board of Management:

(1) Natasha Guidi (Trinity Natural Health);

(2) Suzanne Glinka (The Lucky Gem);

(b) That the following individuals be appointed to the Stoney Creek Village Street Business Improvement Area Board of Management:

(1) Anita Sharma (Building New Paths);

(2) Kyle O'Connor (Stoney Creek Physiotherapy);

(3) Paulina Yousef (Village Creek Property Management);

(4) Roman Marcone (Halo Music);

(5) Nick Goomber (Capital Gate Development);

(6) Lana Flinn (StoHo).

(b) Westdale Village Business Improvement Area Changes to Board of Management (PED24119) (Ward 1) (Item 9.3(b))

(a) That the following individuals be removed from the Westdale Village Business Improvement Area Board of Management:

(1) Isha Soni (Pizzaiolo Westdale);

(2) Biyao Hu (Second Cup Westdale);

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

(1) Mohammad Emami (Nannaa Persian Eatery).

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
Absent	-	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

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

**5. Attaining Efficiencies Through the Review of the Use of Consultants (FCS24033)
(City Wide) (Item 9.4)**

(Tadeson/Spadafora)

That Report FCS24033, respecting Attaining Efficiencies Through the Review of the Use of Consultants, be received.

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

Absent - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
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Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**6. O. Reg 25/23 Conservation and Demand Management Plan 2024 (PW24034)
(City Wide) (Item 9.5)**

(Hwang/Pauls)

That Report PW24034, respecting O. Reg 25/23 Conservation and Demand Management Plan 2024, be received.

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

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

Absent	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
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Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

7. Major Hosted Tourism Event Opportunities (PED23129(b)) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

(McMeekin/Hwang)

- (a) That a contribution to an upset limit of \$500 K from the Conventions/Sports/Events Reserve No. 112231 be authorized and allocated towards funding any hosting fees and City of Hamilton and/or or third-party in-kind goods and/or services associated with hosting the JUNO Awards in either 2026 or 2027;
- (b) That a contribution to an upset limit of \$500 K from the Conventions/Sports/Events Reserve No. 112231 be allocated towards funding any hosting fees and City of Hamilton and/or or third-party in-kind goods and/or services associated with hosting the 2026 Brier Canadian Men's Curling Championship;
- (c) That upon allocating the remaining balance of funds in the Conventions/Sports/Events Reserve No. 112231 towards hosting fees and City of Hamilton and/or or third-party in-kind goods and/or services associated with hosting the 2026 or 2027 JUNO Awards and the 2026 Brier Canadian Men's Curling Championship, Reserve No. 112231 be closed;
- (d) That upon closing the Conventions/Sports/Events Reserve No. 112231, staff be authorized and directed to allocate, on an annual basis, any unspent funds from the Tourism Operations DeptID 362238/Grant Account 58201 to the City of Hamilton's Municipal Accommodation Tax Reserve No. 108072;
- (e) That the Mayor and City Clerk, or their designates, be authorized and directed to execute all required agreements and associated documents, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, with the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences to host the 2026 or 2027 JUNO Awards in Hamilton, contingent on Hamilton being selected as the host city, with content

acceptable to the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development, and all in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

- (f) That the Mayor and City Clerk, or their designates, be authorized and directed to execute all required agreements and associated documents, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, with Curling Canada to host the 2026 Brier Canadian Men's Curling Championship in Hamilton, contingent on Hamilton being selected as the host city, with content acceptable to the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development, and all in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (g) That the Mayor and City Clerk, or their designates, be authorized and directed to execute all required agreements and associated documents, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, with Youth Science Canada to host the 2027 and 2029 Canada Wide Science Fairs in Hamilton, with content acceptable to the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development, and all in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

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8. Pier 8 Development: Waterfront Shores Development Agreement, Greenway Strata Title, and Delegated Authority (PED23039(a)) (Ward 2) (Item 10.2)

(Kroetsch/Cassar)

- (a) That staff be authorized to negotiate, complete and finalize any disposition, easements, conveyances, interface and other requisite agreements with Waterfront Shores Corporation, in whole or part of Blocks 12, 13 and 14 identified as the Greenway, as shown on Appendix "A" to Report PED23039(a), consistent with the key terms and conditions as outlined in

this Report PED23039(a) in order to dispose the sub-strata portion of the Greenway and to preserve the City's ownership of the above grade portion of Blocks 12, 13 and 14 that includes both the surface portion to a defined depth and the air portion, to be more specifically defined and more particularly described in reference plans, and on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department or designate, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

- (b) That staff be directed to credit Account No. 4411806107 with the net disposition proceeds from any sub-strata sale to Waterfront Shores Corporation;
- (c) That staff be directed and authorized to fund all costs associated with the agreements outlined in Recommendation (a) of Report PED23039(a) including any real estate and legal costs for each transaction from Account No. 4411806107, with real estate and legal costs credited to Account No. 55778- 812036 (Real Estate – Admin Recovery);
- (d) That staff be authorized and directed to complete and finalize any required amending agreements or agreements comprehended within the Development Agreement dated November 1, 2021, between the City of Hamilton and Waterfront Shores Corporation, on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department or designate;
- (e) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department or designate be authorized to administer the Development Agreement dated November 1, 2021 between the City of Hamilton and Waterfront Shores Corporation and those other such agreements outlined in Recommendation (a) and Recommendation (d) of Report PED23039(a), provide any requisite consents, approvals, and notices in respect of any Agreements, including reviewing and responding to notices issued by Waterfront Shores Corporation and completing, providing and executing any requisite notices, consents, approvals, confirmations, extensions, or other administrative matters contained within the Development Agreement as may be amended as outlined in Recommendation (d) of Report PED23039(a), with such deemed reasonable and necessary to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor;
- (f) That the City Solicitor be authorized to amend and waive terms and conditions on such terms as considered reasonable to complete such agreements with Waterfront Shores Corporation as outlined in Recommendation (a) and Recommendation (d) of Report PED23039(a);

- (g) That the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any agreements with Waterfront Shores Corporation required to give effect to the Recommendations contained in this Report PED23039(a), with all such documents and agreements to be in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
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Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**9. New Paramedic Facility: Central Reporting Station (HSC24028 / PW24037)
(City Wide) (Item 10.3)**

(Hwang/Tadeson)

- (a) That the creation of a Capital Project (7642441111), to be funded to a maximum of \$82.5 M, be approved for a new paramedic facility – Central reporting station;
- (b) That Capital Project # 7642441111 be funded first from the transfer of \$13.5 M previously approved for Capital Project #7642250001 – RE2202, through Council Report (PED22035/HSC22011), and that Capital Project #7642250001 be closed;
- (c) That the remaining \$69.0 M be funded from the following sources:
- (i) \$48.9 M from development charge supported debt;
 - (ii) \$20.1 M from tax supported debt;
- (d) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be authorized and directed to negotiate and confirm the terms for the placement and issuance of all debenture issue(s), in either a public or private market and / or bank loan agreements and debenture issue(s), in and / or variable interest

rate bank loan agreement and debenture issue(s), in an amount not to exceed \$69.0 M Canadian currency, which includes \$20.1 M in Tax Supported municipal debt and \$48.9 M in Development Charges municipal debt;

- (e) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be authorized to engage the services of all required professionals to secure the terms and issuance of the debenture issue(s) described in recommendation (c) including, but not limited to, external legal counsel and fiscal agents;
- (f) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be authorized and directed, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to enter into and / or execute, all agreements and necessary ancillary documents to secure the terms and issuance of the debenture issue(s) described in recommendation (c), on terms satisfactory to the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (g) That staff be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary By-Law(s) for Council's consideration, for the purpose of authorizing debenture issue(s) described in recommendation (c);
- (h) That an increase to the Hamilton Paramedic Service operating budget to a maximum of \$210 K be referred to the 2025 Tax Budget process, related to the annual operating costs of maintaining the ambulance storage facilities (pre-engineered steel structure and Burlington St);
- (i) That the annual debt servicing charges estimated at maximum \$2.4 M be referred to the 2025 Tax Budget process;
- (j) That an increase to the Hamilton Paramedic Service operating budget to a maximum of \$713 K including 1 permanent FTE in Corporate Facilities and Energy Management for a Facilities Maintenance Technician be approved in principle and included for consideration in the 2029 Tax Budget, related to the annual operating costs of maintaining the central reporting station;
- (k) That the General Manager, Public Works Department be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (l) That the additional 1.0 temporary full-time equivalent (FTE) Project Manager, that is included in the total Capital cost of the project be approved for the duration of the project (2024-2029, 5-year term), in Corporate Facilities and Energy Management, required to deliver the overall increase in large capital project delivery volume, be approved.

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

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

10. Building Faster Fund (FCS24039) (City Wide) (Item 10.4)

(Cassar/Kroetsch)

- (a) That the Investment Plan, attached as Appendix "A" to Report FCS24039, be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for ministry approval as required to receive the \$17,587,390 in total funding for the 2024 Building Faster Fund program year;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documentation, including Funding Agreements to receive funding under the Building Faster Fund with content satisfactory to the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (c) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare any necessary by laws for Council approval, for the purpose of giving effect to the City's acceptance of funding from the Building Faster Fund; and
- (d) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be delegated authority to submit all future reporting requirements to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing under the Building Faster Fund including Investment Plans for subsequent years of the program and reallocation of funds as required.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Yes	-	Ward 2	Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
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Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

11. Declaration of Affordability Crisis (Item 11.1)

(Spadafora/Jackson)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton acknowledges that the challenges of affordability can be precursors to poor physical and mental health outcomes, barriers to higher learning, facilitating addictions, participating in crime, homelessness, and often resulting in an inability to escape cycles of poverty;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton acknowledges that the challenges of affordability arise from the increased cost of living, inflation, and various taxes from the federal, provincial, and municipal levels of government;

WHEREAS, Mayor Andrea Horwath, in her Mayoral Directive to Staff on August 31, 2023, recognized the high cost of living in an inflationary time;

WHEREAS, Tax Freedom Day 2024 was even later this year, on Monday, June 19;

WHEREAS, according to the Bank of Canada, Ontario CPI (Total) recently peaked at 8.1% in June 2022 – representing a 39-year high dating back to 1983 – and is currently now at 2.7%;

WHEREAS, according to the Economic Research Institute, the cost of living in Hamilton is 9% higher than the provincial average, and 14% higher than the national average;

WHEREAS, according to the Hamilton Family Health Team, nearly 12% of Hamilton households report food insecurities with nearly 20,000 Hamiltonians accessing a food bank every month, including 6,000 children;

WHEREAS, according to Hamilton Food Share, the number of Hamilton households accessing food banks and hunger relief programs increased by approximately 40% from 2022 to 2023;

WHEREAS, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has passed a motion urging the federal government to provide emergency funding to food banks and food rescue agencies as well as recognize the systemic issues involved in food bank usage, including affordability;

WHEREAS, Food Banks Canada recently released a report on June 19, 2024 noting that using the newly developed Material Deprivation Index (which uses an updated list of material deprivation indicators that are more reflective of social and economic realities as well as the lived experience of historically marginalized groups), 6 million more people – 25% of Canadians – are living at a poverty level living standard and cannot afford two or more household essentials;

WHEREAS, an analysis of Hamilton real estate prices over the past 10 years on Listing.ca shows an increase of 95.4% – essentially a doubling in just one decade – resulting in fewer Hamiltonians being able to afford either a mortgage downpayment and/or ongoing mortgage payments;

WHEREAS, according to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), the median household income after taxes in Hamilton is \$66,103;

WHEREAS, a recent Zoocasa study on housing affordability has found the Hamilton-Burlington area to be the third least affordable region in Canada and the tenth least affordable region in North America;

WHEREAS, the REALTORS Association of Hamilton-Burlington reported recently that the median sale price for single detached homes has risen to \$880,000 in the first quarter of 2024;

WHEREAS, fewer and fewer Hamiltonians can afford to purchase a home using various housing affordability metrics to determine affordability including the Housing Affordability Index, Gross Debt Service (GDS) ratio, and Total Debt Service (TDS) ratio;

WHEREAS, Equifax Canada indicates that, in Ontario, mortgage delinquency rates soared by 135.2% above pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels, that in the first quarter of 2024 the total mortgage balance reaching severe delinquency – which is 90 days or more without payment – has surpassed \$1 billion for the first time ever, that mortgage borrowers filing for bankruptcy have ballooned by 76.4%, and that those who renewed their mortgage in the fourth quarter of 2023 saw their monthly mortgage payment increase on average by \$680;

WHEREAS, according to a recent CBC News analysis on June 11, 2024, involving over 1,000 neighbourhoods across Canada's largest cities, Hamilton is among metropolitan

areas with the lowest percentage of potentially vacant and affordable two-bedroom apartments at 1.2% or 420 units;

WHEREAS, according to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Rental Market Report from January 2024, the rent growth for a two-bedroom unit in Hamilton hit a record of 13.7% – the second highest percentage growth in Canada behind only Calgary at 14.3%;

WHEREAS, The Hamilton Spectator reported on February 10, 2024, that the average rental listing price in Hamilton has grown from \$1,681 in 2019 to \$2,212 in 2023;

WHEREAS, the federal government recently passed a motion in the House of Commons on June 11, 2024, that raised the capital gains inclusion tax rate from 50% to 67% for not only corporations and trusts, but for individuals who have annual capital gains in excess of \$250,000, an amount that is much more easily attainable given the high cost of homes compared to the time period of 1988 to 1989, the last time the capital gains inclusion tax rate was at 67% and when the average cost of a home in Hamilton was under \$150,000 according to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC);

WHEREAS, the CBC has reported that since the federal government's fuel levy was introduced in 2019, in addition to recently added taxes, the cost of a litre of gasoline has risen by 17.6 cents;

WHEREAS, the Canadian Real Estate Association reports that as of May 2024, the unemployment rate in Hamilton grew to 7%, higher than the provincial unemployment rate of 6.7% and higher than the national unemployment rate of 6.0%;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Community Foundation reports that, using the Statistics Canada Low Income Cut-off, the 16.7% poverty rate in Hamilton remains above the provincial average of 13.7% and above the national average of 12.8%

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Council formally declare an affordability crisis in the City of Hamilton;
- (b) That the Mayor send correspondence to the Premier of Ontario requesting that the provincial government commit to fully funding gaps, including but not limited to, the areas of social services, affordable housing, transportation, and other infrastructure within the City of Hamilton as identified with the assistance of the Government and Community Relations department;
- (c) That the Mayor send correspondence to the Prime Minister of Canada requesting that the federal government commit to fully funding gaps, including but not limited to, the areas of affordable housing, transportation, and other infrastructure within the City of Hamilton as identified with the assistance of the Government and Community Relations department.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 1, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
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Yes	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

12. Request for Update on City of Hamilton Motion Respecting a Municipal Resolution in Support of Basic Income for the City of Hamilton Guaranteed Livable Basic Income (Added Item 11.6)

(McMeekin/Jackson)

That staff be directed to follow up with both senior levels of government respecting City of Hamilton's motion "Municipal Resolution in Support of Basic Income for the City of Hamilton" that was passed with unanimous endorsement on June 7, 2023 at Council, requesting the implementation of a universal basic income program and report back to the General Issues Committee.

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

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

13. General Litigation Update (LS23027(b)) (City Wide) (Item 14.2)

(Hwang/Spadafora)

That Report LS23027(b), respecting General Litigation Update, be received and remain confidential.

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

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

14. Verbal Update on the Delsey Pond Litigation (No Copy) (Item 14.3)

(Tadeson/Cassar)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session respecting the Verbal Update on the Delsey Pond Litigation matter, be approved and remain confidential; and,
- (b) That the Confidential Verbal Update on the Delsey Pond Litigation 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
No - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
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

5.2 Correspondence respecting Motions on Exclusion of Parks Within the Encampment Protocol, from the following individuals:

(b) Chad Chabot

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Items 11.3 - 11.5.

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

6.1 Delegation Requests respecting Exclusion of Parks Within the Encampment Protocol, for today's meeting, from the following individuals:

- (b) Ruth Sibma (In-Person)
- (c) Sarah Brohman (In-Person)
- (d) Robert Dixon (In-Person)
- (e) Gessie Stearns (In-Person)

6.2 Tim Potocic, Sonic Unyon Records, respecting support of the City of Hamilton Tourism Dept Juno Awards Bid for 2026 (In-Person) (For today's meeting)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 City Parks with Active Construction Projects as it Relates to the Encampment Protocol

CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF ITEMS

That Item 12.1 - City Parks with Active Construction Projects as it Relates to the Encampment Protocol be moved up the agenda to be considered immediately following Item 7 – Delegations.

(Pauls/Beattie)

That the agenda for the July 8, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) June 19, 2024 (Item 4.1)

(Hwang/McMeekin)

That the minutes of the June 19, 2024 General Issues Committee, be approved, as presented.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
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

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(Hwang/Cassar)

That Communication Items 5.1 to 5.2, be approved, as presented, as follows:

(i) Correspondence respecting Item 10.1 - Major Hosted Tourism Event Opportunities (PED23129(b)), from the following individuals:

(a) The Arkells (Item 5.1(a))

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 10.1.

(ii) Correspondence respecting Motions on Exclusion of Parks Within the Encampment Protocol, from the following individuals:

(a) Kelly Oucharek (Item 5.2(a))

(b) Chad Chabot (Added Item 5.2(b))

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Items 11.3 - 11.5.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
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

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(i) (Spadafora/Pauls)

That the following Delegation Requests be approved, as follows:

(1) Delegation Requests respecting Exclusion of Parks Within the Encampment Protocol, for today's meeting, from the following individuals:

- (a) Nicole Barron (In-Person) (Item 6.1(a))
- (b) Ruth Sibma (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(b))
- (c) Sarah Brohman (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(c))
- (d) Robert Dixon (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(d))
- (e) Gessie Stearns (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(e))

(2) Tim Potocic, Sonic Unyon Records, respecting support of the City of Hamilton Tourism Dept Juno Awards Bid for 2026 (Item 10.1) (In-Person) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.2)

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
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

(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Hafeez Hussain, respecting Putting Taxpayers First - Navigating City Hall (Virtually) (Approved June 5, 2024) (Item 7.1)

Hafeez Hussain, addressed the Committee respecting Putting Taxpayers First - Navigating City Hall.

(Spadafora/Hwang)

That the delegation from Hafeez Hussain respecting Putting Taxpayers First - Navigating City Hall, be received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
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) Jelena Vermilion, Sex Workers' Action Program (SWAP), respecting the City of Hamilton Integrity Commissioner's Report Regarding Private Complaint re: Councillor Danko Tweet (Re) - DGB-HamiltonICI-2024-01 (June 12, 2024 Council Agenda Item 6.2) (Approved June 19, 2024) (Item 7.2)

(Hwang/Jackson)

That the delegate be provided with an addition 3 minutes to complete their delegation.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
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

Jelena Vermilion, Sex Workers' Action Program (SWAP), addressed the Committee respecting the City of Hamilton Integrity Commissioner's Report Regarding Private Complaint re: Councillor Danko Tweet (Re) - DGB-HamiltonICI-2024-01 (June 12, 2024 Council Agenda Item 6.2).

(Kroetsch/Hwang)

That the delegation from Jelena Vermilion, Sex Workers' Action Program (SWAP), respecting the City of Hamilton Integrity Commissioner's Report Regarding Private Complaint re: Councillor Danko Tweet (Re) - DGB-HamiltonICI-2024-01 (June 12, 2024 Council Agenda Item 6.2), be received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
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

(iii) **Delegations respecting Exclusion of Parks Within the Encampment Protocol (Added Item 7.3)**

(1) The following delegates addressed the Committee respecting Exclusion of Parks Within the Encampment Protocol:

- (a) Nicole Barron (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(a))
- (b) Ruth Sibma (In-Person) (Item 7.3(b))
- (c) Sarah Brohman (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(c))
- (d) Robert Dixon (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(d))
- (e) Gessie Stearns (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(e))

(2) **(Kroetsch/Cassar)**

That the following delegations respecting Exclusion of Parks Within the Encampment Protocol, be received:

- (a) Nicole Barron (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(a))
- (b) Ruth Sibma (In-Person) (Item 7.3(b))
- (c) Sarah Brohman (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(c))
- (d) Robert Dixon (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(d))
- (e) Gessie Stearns (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3(e))

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
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

(iv) **Tim Potocic, Sonic Unyon Records, respecting support of the City of Hamilton Tourism Dept Juno Awards Bid for 2026 (Item 10.1) (In-Person) (Added Item 7.4)**

Tim Potocic, Sonic Unyon Records, addressed the Committee respecting support of the City of Hamilton Tourism Dept Juno Awards Bid for 2026 (Item 10.1).

(Hwang/Cassar)

That the delegation from Tim Potocic, Sonic Unyon Records, respecting support of the City of Hamilton Tourism Dept Juno Awards Bid for 2026 (Item 10.1), be received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
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

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

(i) City Parks with Active Construction Projects as it Relates to the Encampment Protocol (Added Item 12.1)

(Nann/Jackson)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting City Parks with Active Construction Projects as it Relates to the Encampment Protocol.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a 2/3 majority vote of 13 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
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Recess

(Tadeson/Jackson)

That the General Issues Committee recess for 35 minutes until 1:15 p.m.

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

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

(i) MOTIONS (Item 11)

**(i) Representation by the Urban Indigenous Community at City Council
(Item 11.2)**

(Kroetsch/Hwang)

WHEREAS City Council is currently made up of 15 Councillors and 1 Mayor, a total of 16 members;

WHEREAS members of the urban Indigenous community, represented by the Circle of Beads, have asked the City of Hamilton to support their request for the City to ask the Province of Ontario to have changes made to the Municipal Act to permit a member of Hamilton's urban Indigenous community to be a voting member of City Council;

WHEREAS the Circle of Beads has asked, while Council awaits word from the Province about that request, that it establish an interim advisory seat (non voting) on Council for a member of Hamilton's urban Indigenous community;

WHEREAS there are governance, legal, and other implications to honouring these requests that the municipality must fully explore before Council formally considers them;

WHEREAS First Nations in Canada have specific and distinct relationships with the Federal and Provincial levels of governments through the Indian Act;

WHEREAS according to the National Association of Friendship Centres, as of 2021, approximately 88% of Indigenous people in Ontario live in urban settings, which means that a majority of Indigenous peoples live their lives with no direct local representation with respect to the services they access most;

WHEREAS City Council approved the Urban Indigenous Strategy (UIS) presented to, endorsed, and fully supported by the General Issues Committee on July 8, 2019 and committed to "having a trusting relationship with Indigenous communities where we communicate and work together appropriately to address the unique needs and issues of Indigenous people";

WHEREAS, within the UIS, there was direct acknowledgement of ongoing and historical oppression including many unique barriers related to health, poverty, justice, employment, and intergenerational trauma;

WHEREAS City Council has made a commitment to supporting Indigenous rights and history;

WHEREAS Land Theme Action 8 in the UIS, a short term goal meant to be achieved by the City in 1-2 years, reads, "Understand how concepts such as the Doctrine of Discovery affect municipal decision making and develop tools to reform those processes";

WHEREAS the City of Halifax, Nova Scotia, after approving a motion to its Regional Council on October 23, 2023, is currently investigating and considering the development of an Indigenous council seat, specifically a Mi'kmaw seat; and

WHEREAS the Province of Nova Scotia has set a precedent by the addition of a Provincial seat in their legislature for a Mi'kmaw representative since 1992.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That City staff in the Indigenous Relations and Legal Services Divisions report back to a future General Issues Committee on recommendations and information related to the following:
 - (i) The City's statutory responsibilities to Indigenous communities, the responsibilities of the Provincial and Federal governments, and an identification of any limitations in the Municipal Act and other legislation including an analysis that addresses the requests made by the Circle of Beads to Council on February 14 and June 19, 2024;
 - (ii) The outstanding actions in the Urban Indigenous Strategy (UIS) that include an identification of any ongoing work towards closer collaboration and involvement throughout the municipal decision making process as it relates to the urban Indigenous community and other Indigenous leaders and representative organizations; and
 - (iii) The ongoing work the City is doing with respect to Truth and Reconciliation best practices including a scan of the work being done by other municipalities across Canada and ongoing work through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities with respect to urban Indigenous communities and other Indigenous leaders and representative organizations.

Result: MOTION, DEFEATED by a vote of 6 to 6, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
No	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
No	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
No	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

No	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
No	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

(ii) (Jackson/Tadeson)

That the following motions be DEFERRED to the August 12, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting:

- (i) Exclusion of Southam Park and Sam Lawrence Park Within the Encampment Protocol (Ward 8) (Item 11.3)**
- (ii) Exclusion of Confederation Beach Park Within the Encampment Protocol (Ward 5) (Item 11.4)**
- (iii) Exclusion of Mountain Drive Park (MDP) Within the Encampment Protocol (Ward 6) (Item 11.5)**

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

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

(j) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12) (Continued)

- (i) Request for Update on City of Hamilton Motion Respecting a Municipal Resolution in Support of Basic Income for the City of Hamilton Guaranteed Livable Basic Income (Added Item 12.2)**

(McMeekin/Hwang)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting a Request for Update on City of Hamilton Motion Respecting a Municipal Resolution in Support of Basic Income for the City of Hamilton Guaranteed Livable Basic Income (Added Item 11.6).

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a 2/3 majority vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
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 12.

(k) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

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 – June 19, 2024 (Item 14.1)

(Kroetsch/Cassar)

That the Closed Session minutes of the June 19, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved and remain confidential.

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

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

Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
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/Kroetsch)

That Committee move into Closes Session for Items 14.2 and 14.3 pursuant to Section 9.3, sub-sections (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2) sub-sections (e) and (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to 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 12 to 0, as follows:

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

(iii) General Litigation Update (LS23027(b)) (City Wide) (Item 14.2)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 13.

(iv) Verbal Update on the Delsey Pond Litigation (No Copy) (Item 14.3)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 14.

(I) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Tadeson/Hwang)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Matt Francis
Chair, General Issues Committee

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