



## GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 24-018

9:30 a.m.

November 6, 2024

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

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

**Absent:** Councillors M. Francis, and M. Spadafora - Personal

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

#### 1. City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan (PW24069) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

##### (Hwang/Pauls)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PW24069 be approved as the guiding document for actions under the care and control of the City of Hamilton to improve the health of Hamilton Harbour and surrounding tributaries, and foster sustainable watershed management practices;
- (b) That the Engagement Summary Report, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PW24069, be received; and,
- (c) That the Implementation Strategy for the First Phase of Pending Actions, attached as Appendix "C" to Report PW24069, be received, and that implementation of actions requiring financial resources be referred to the 2025 and future Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Rate Budget requests, as necessary.

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

## 2. Review of the City of Hamilton's Debt Policy (Generated from Item 8.2)

### (Clark/Danko)

WHEREAS, Ontario's 444 municipalities own and manage the majority of public infrastructure in the province, more than both the federal and provincial governments combined;

WHEREAS, in January 2018, the province enacted *O.Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure*, which prescribes the timelines and requirements municipalities are to complete for the Strategic Asset Management Policy (SAMP), and Asset Management Plans (AM Plans);

WHEREAS, annual increases to infrastructure funding to meet the required asset reinvestment needs amounts to approximately \$282 M annually according to the City's Corporate Asset Management Plans;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the City's Asset Management Plan will require the City of Hamilton to explore all capital asset financing options;

WHEREAS, provincial legislation, such as the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, has reduced municipal options for using Development Charges to fund growth-enabling infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the federal government has allocated \$6 billion through the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund, with \$5 billion available to provinces and territories, in order to support the construction of new housing and necessary infrastructure; WHEREAS, in order to meet eligibility requirement to access this municipalities must freeze development charges at April 2, 2024 rates for a three-year period;

WHEREAS, instituting a Development Charge rate freeze has the potential to pose significant fiscal challenges for the City of Hamilton, with staff projecting a shortfall between \$132M and \$270M over a three-year freeze period;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton 2025 Budget Outlook includes required and necessary increases relating to infrastructure contributing to the forecast tax and water rate increases;

WHEREAS, municipal debt remains a vital tool for financing capital projects, like the rehabilitation of transportation networks or the expansion and rehabilitation of water treatment facilities;

WHEREAS, the annual S&P Global ratings affirmed the City of Hamilton's AAA rating, reflecting in part the City's strong rating under the rating factor of debt burden;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to review Hamilton's Debt Policies and the 2025 capital financing plans and bring a report with any recommended changes to Budget General Issues Committee.

**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
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

**3. 2025 Budget and Financing Plan Outlook (FCS24041) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

**(Pauls/Cassar)**

That Report FCS24041, respecting the 2025 Budget and Financing Plan Outlook, 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
Absent	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

**4. 2024 S&P Global Ratings Credit Rating Review (FCS24060) (City Wide)  
(Item 9.1)**

**(Hwang/Pauls)**

That Report FCS24060, respecting the 2024 S&P Global Ratings Credit Rating Review, be received.

**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
Absent	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
Absent	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

**5. Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 24-009 - October 8, 2024 (Item 9.2)**

**(Tadeson/Kroetsch)**

That the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 24-009 - October 8, 2024, be received.

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

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

**6. Barton Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program and the Downtown and Barton/Kenilworth Housing Opportunities Program – 252-266 Catharine Street North, Hamilton (PED24194) (Ward 2) (Item 10.1)**

**(Kroetsch/Beattie)**

- (a) That a Barton Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program Application submitted by 2844238 Ontario Inc. (Ramin Jalalpour, Moehsen Jalalpour, Rouh Ramezani, Joseph Tavana and Payam Khazanbaik), for the property at 252-266 Catharine Street North, Hamilton, estimated at \$169,811.53 over a maximum of a nine year period, and based upon the incremental tax increase attributable to the renovations of 252-266 Catharine Street North, Hamilton, be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Barton Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program;
- (b) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to execute a Grant Agreement together with any ancillary documentation required, to give effect to the Barton Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program for 2844238 Ontario Inc. (Ramin Jalalpour, Moehsen Jalalpour, Rouh Ramezani, Joseph Tavana and Payam Khazanbaik) for the property known as 252-266 Catharine Street North, Hamilton, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (c) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to administer the Grant and Grant Agreement including, but not limited to, deciding on actions to take in respect of events of default and executing any Grant Amending Agreements,

together with any ancillary amending documentation, if required, provided that the terms and conditions of the Barton Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program, as approved by City Council, are maintained and that any applicable Grant Amending Agreements are undertaken in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

- (d) That a Downtown and Barton/Kenilworth Housing Opportunities Program Application submitted by 2844238 Ontario Inc. (Ramin Jalalpour, Moehsen Jalalpour, Rouh Ramezani, Joseph Tavana and Payam Khazanbaik), the registered owner of the property at 252-266 Catharine Street North, Hamilton, estimated at \$357,000, be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Downtown and Barton/Kenilworth Housing Opportunities Program;
- (e) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute a Loan Agreement together with any ancillary documentation required, to effect recommendation (d) of Report PED24194, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (f) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized to approve and execute any Loan Amending Agreements, together with any ancillary amending documentation, if required, provided that the terms and conditions of the Downtown and Barton/Kenilworth Housing Opportunities Program, as approved by City Council, are maintained.

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

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

**7. Open For Business Sub-Committee Report 24-004 - October 21, 2024 (Item 10.2)**

**(Hwang/A. Wilson)**

**(1) Common House Café (PED24210) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

- (a) That Report PED24210, respecting Common House Café, be received;
- (b) That staff be directed to report back to the Open for Business Sub-Committee by Q2 2025 with an evaluative framework that will be used to measure the success of the Common House Café program after one year of operations; and
- (c) That staff be directed to distribute the presentation and staff report to the Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee for their information and attend the respective Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee meeting to answer any questions the Sub-Committee may have.

**(2) Overview of Business Permitting and Licensing Process (Added Item 11.1)**

That staff be directed to report back to the Open for Business Sub-Committee with an overview of the permitting and licensing process and timelines for new businesses.

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

**8. Green Municipal Fund (FCS24040) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)**

**(A. Wilson/Kroetsch)**

- (a) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be delegated authority to submit applications under the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund that align with the City of Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy;
- (b) That any successful applications under the Green Municipal Fund be referred to the appropriate budget process for consideration of the municipal financing strategy;
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documentation, including Funding Agreements to receive funding under the Green Municipal Fund, with content satisfactory to the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (d) 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 Green Municipal Fund.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
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
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**9. Hamilton Utilities Corporation and Hamilton Enterprises Holding Corporation - Financial Matters (LS20030(a) / FCS20092(a)) (City Wide) (Item 10.4)**

**(Hwang/Jackson)**

- (a) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, or their designate, be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City, all



documentation and agreements necessary to convert the remaining Hamilton Enterprises Holding Corporation (“HEHCo”) debt into equity, with content acceptable to the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor, including but not limited to:

- (i) HEHCo Share Subscription Agreement; and,
- (ii) any other required documents and/or agreements.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
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
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**10. Acquisition of Land and Building in Ward 10 (PED24149) (Ward 10) (Item 14.2)**

**(Beattie/Hwang)**

- (a) That the directions provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report PED24149, Acquisition of Land and Building in Ward 10, be approved;
- (b) That Report PED24149, respecting Acquisition of Land and Building in Ward 10 and Appendix “A” to Report PED24149 remain confidential until completion of the transaction; and,
- (c) That Appendix “B”, “C”, and “D” to Report PED24149, respecting Acquisition of Land and Building in Ward 10, remain confidential.

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

**11. Hamilton Waterfront Trust Governance Update (FCS23029(b)) (City Wide)  
(Item 14.3)**

**(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)**

- (a) That the directions provided to staff in closed session respecting Report FCS23029(b), Hamilton Waterfront Trust Governance Update, be approved and remain confidential until such time as Council directs for the recommendations to be made public; and,
- (b) That Report FCS23029(b), Hamilton Waterfront Trust Governance Update, remain confidential.

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

**12. Legal Update on Cybersecurity Incident and Unrecoverable Systems (LS24013(a)) (City Wide) (Item 14.4)**

**(Hwang/A. Wilson)**

That Report LS24013, respecting Legal Update on Cybersecurity Incident and Unrecoverable Systems, be received and remain confidential.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
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
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)**

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

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

5.3 Correspondence from Rebecca Devine, respecting the Encampment at Peace Memorial Park Impact Statement.

Recommendation: Be received.

5.4 Correspondence from Stacy Casini respecting Peace Memorial Impact Statement.

Recommendation: Be received.

5.5 Correspondence respecting Item 11.1 - Amendment to Item 2 of the General Issues Committee Report 23-023, respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and

Sanctioned Sites, (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED, from the following individuals:

- (a) Dan Zaitzow
- (b) Robyn Deshanies
- (c) Cameron Gee
- (d) Anthony Marco
- (e) Arianne Di Nardo
- (f) Francesca Morreale
- (g) Ian Borsuk on behalf of Environment Hamilton's Board of Directors and Staff
- (h) Eshan Merali

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 11.1.

- 5.6 Correspondence from Tys Theijsmeyer, Royal Botanical Gardens, respecting RBG Letter of Support – Watershed Action Plan.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 8.1.

## 6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.3 Delegation requests respecting Item 11.1 - Amendment to Item 2 of the General Issues Committee Report 23-023, respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites, (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED, for today's meeting, from the following individuals:

- (a) James Kemp (Virtually)
- (b) Elizabeth Bloomfield (In-Person)
- (c) Emily Michetti-Wilson (In-Person)
- (d) Anthony Marco (In-Person) - WITHDRAWN
- (e) Caitlin Craven, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (Virtually)
- (f) Gessie Stearns (In-Person)
- (g) Rana Guler (Virtually)
- (h) Craig Burley (In-Person)
- (i) Nick de Koning (In-Person)
- (j) Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario (In-Person)
- (k) Sarah Dawson (Virtually)
- (l) Evan Ubene (In-Person)
- (m) Miranda (Rand) Clayton (In-Person)
- (n) Sahra Soudi (In-Person)

- 6.4 Delegation requests respecting Item 12.1, Notwithstanding Clause, for a future meeting, from the following individuals:

- (a) Craig Burley (In-Person)
- (b) Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario (In-Person)

## 11. MOTIONS

- 11.1 Amendment to Item 2 of the General Issues Committee Report 23-023, respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED, which was approved by Council on August 18, 2023 – REVISED

## 12. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 12.1 Notwithstanding Clause
- 12.2 Audit of the City of Hamilton's Spending on Homelessness

### (Pauls/Kroetsch)

That the agenda for the November 6, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

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

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**(i) October 16, 2024 (Item 4.1)**

**(Kroetsch/Beattie)**

That the minutes of the October 16, 2024 General Issues Committee, be approved, as presented.

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

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

**(A. Wilson/Beattie)**

That Communication Items 5.1 to 5.6, be approved, as presented, as follows:

**(i) Correspondence from Gabriela Gonzalez, respecting Concerns Regarding Proposed Temporary Shelter and Community Engagement (Item 5.1)**

Recommendation: Be received.

**(ii) Correspondence from Kelly Oucharek, respecting the Outdoor Shelter Meeting (Item 5.2)**

Recommendation: Be received.

**(iii) Correspondence from Rebecca Devine, respecting the Encampment at Peace Memorial Park Impact Statement (Added Item 5.3)**

Recommendation: Be received.

- (iv) **Correspondence from Stacy Casini respecting Peace Memorial Impact Statement (Added Item 5.4)**

Recommendation: Be received.

- (v) **Correspondence respecting Item 11.1 - Amendment to Item 2 of the General Issues Committee Report 23-023, respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites, (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED, from the following individuals (Added Item 5.5):**

- (1) Dan Zaitzow (Added Item 5.5(a))
- (2) Robyn Deshanies (Added Item 5.5(b))
- (3) Cameron Gee (Added Item 5.5(c))
- (4) Anthony Marco (Added Item 5.5(d))
- (5) Arianne Di Nardo (Added Item 5.5(e))
- (6) Francesca Morreale (Added Item 5.5(f))
- (7) Ian Borsuk on behalf of Environment Hamilton's Board of Directors and Staff (Added Item 5.5(g))
- (8) Eshan Merali (Added Item 5.5(h))

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 11.1.

- (vi) **Correspondence from Tys Theijsmeyer, Royal Botanical Gardens, respecting RBG Letter of Support – Watershed Action Plan (Added Item 5.6)**

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 8.1.

**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
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson

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

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

**(i) (Kroetsch/Pauls)**

That the following Delegation Requests, be approved:

- (1)** Andrew Selman, respecting on-going encampment issues at Gage Park, the Delta Parkette, and the rail trail (In-Person) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.1)
- (2)** Andrea Nemptin, Social Innovation Canada, respecting the Hamilton Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing initiative and pilot fund (In-Person) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.2)
- (3)** Delegation requests respecting Item 11.1 - Amendment to GIC Report 23-023, respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED, (For today's meeting), from the following individuals:
  - (a) James Kemp (Virtually) (Added Item 6.3(a))
  - (b) Elizabeth Bloomfield (In-Person) (Added Item 6.3(b))
  - (c) Emily Michetti-Wilson (In-Person) (Added Item 6.3(c))
  - (d) Caitlin Craven, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (Virtually) (Added Item 6.3(e))
  - (e) Gessie Stearns (In-Person) (Added Item 6.3(f))
  - (f) Rana Guler (Virtually) (Added Item 6.3(g))
  - (g) Craig Burley (In-Person) (Added Item 6.3(h))
  - (h) Nick de Koning (In-Person) (Added Item 6.3(i))
  - (i) Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario (In-Person) (Added Item 6.3(j))
  - (j) Sarah Dawson (Virtually) (Added Item 6.3(k))
  - (k) Evan Ubene (In-Person) (Added Item 6.3(l))
  - (l) Miranda (Rand) Clayton (In-Person) (Added Item 6.3(m))
  - (m) Sahra Soudi (In-Person) (Added Item 6.3(n))
- (4)** Delegation requests respecting Item 12.1, Notwithstanding Clause, (For a future meeting), from the following individuals:
  - (a) Craig Burley (In-Person) (Added Item 6.4(a))
  - (b) Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario (In-Person) (Added Item 6.4(b))



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

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

**(i) Delegations respecting Item 11.1 - Amendment to Item 2 of the General Issues Committee Report 23-023, respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites, (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED (Added Item 7.1)**

**(1)** The following delegates addressed the Committee respecting Item 11.1 - Amendment to GIC Report 23-023, respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED:

- (a) James Kemp (Virtually) (Added Item 7.1(a))
- (b) Emily Michetti-Wilson (Virtually) (Added Item 7.1(c))
- (c) Caitlin Craven, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (Virtually) (Added Item 7.1(d))
- (d) Gessie Stearns (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(e))
- (e) Craig Burley (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(g))
- (f) Nick de Koning (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(h))
- (g) Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(i))
- (h) Evan Ubene (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(k))
- (i) Miranda (Rand) Clayton (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(l))
- (j) Sahra Soudi (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(m))

(2) The following delegates were not present when called upon:

- (a) Elizabeth Bloomfield (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(b))
- (b) Rana Guler (Virtually) (Added Item 7.1(f))
- (c) Sarah Dawson (Virtually) (Added Item 7.1(j))

(3) **(Kroetsch/Horwath)**

That the following delegations respecting Item 11.1 - Amendment to Item 2 of the General Issues Committee Report 23-023, respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites, (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED, be received:

- (a) James Kemp (Virtually) (Added Item 7.1(a))
- (b) Emily Michetti-Wilson (Virtually) (Added Item 7.1(c))
- (c) Caitlin Craven, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (Virtually) (Added Item 7.1(d))
- (d) Gessie Stearns (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(e))
- (e) Craig Burley (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(g))
- (f) Nick de Koning (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(h))
- (g) Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(i))
- (h) Evan Ubene (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(k))
- (i) Miranda (Rand) Clayton (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(l))
- (j) Sahra Soudi (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(m))

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

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

**(i) City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan (PW24069) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

Maureen Cosyn Heath, Director, Transit, introduced Cari Vanderperk, Director - Watershed Management who provided a brief overview to the presentation, and introduced Tim Crowley, Senior Project Manager - Watershed Management; and, Justin Wilson, Project Manager - Watershed Management; who provided the presentation on Report PW24069, respecting the City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan.

**(Cassar/Hwang)**

That the staff presentation respecting Report PW24069, respecting the City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan, 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
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

For disposition of this mater, refer to Item 1.

**(ii) Recess**

**(Kroetsch/M. Wilson)**

That the General Issues Committee recess for 30 minutes until 12:20 p.m.

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

The General Issues Committee Meeting reconvened at 12:29 p.m.

**(iii) 2025 Budget and Financing Plan Outlook (FCS24041) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

Marnie Cluckie, City Manager introduced Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services who provided the presentation to Committee respecting Report FCS24041, the 2025 Budget and Financing Plan Outlook.

**(Cassar/A. Wilson)**

That the staff presentation respecting Report FCS24041, the 2025 Budget and Financing Plan Outlook, 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
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

Deputy Mayor Clark relinquished the Chair to Councillor Danko to introduce a motion respecting Review of the City of Hamilton's Debt Policy.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

Deputy Mayor Clark assumed the Chair following the result of the vote.

For the disposition of Item 8.2, 2025 Budget and Financing Plan Outlook (FCS24041) (City Wide), refer to Item 3.

**(h) MOTIONS (Item 11)**

**(i) Amendment to Item 2 of the General Issues Committee Report 23-023, respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED, which was approved by Council on August 18, 2023 – REVISED (Item 11.1)**

**(1) (Pauls/Danko)**

WHEREAS, *Safety in Parks*: Raises concerns about the safety of families and children in parks due to discarded needles, drug paraphernalia, proximity to playgrounds, proximity to property fences and potential encounters with individuals experiencing homelessness, including those who may have mental health or substance use issues;

WHEREAS, *Encampments and Public Use of Parks*: Frames parks as public spaces intended for safe and enjoyable use by all residents, but encampments are seen as creating a barrier to this;

WHEREAS, *Managing Homelessness*: Report HSC24027(c), Reducing Homelessness and Managing Encampments highlights that a 1 km radius is recommended to manage the placement of temporary outdoor shelters near Tiffany Park, where 80 outdoor shelters and 192 additional indoor beds will be established;

WHEREAS, *Parks Impacted*: The proposal acknowledges that 10 parks in Wards 2 and 3 will be affected by becoming non-compliant with current regulations, as these Wards are locations for temporary shelters;

WHEREAS, *Municipal Comparison*: The City of Hamilton is noted as being unique in Ontario for allowing encampments in parks, suggesting that this is a departure from typical municipal practices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is providing temporary indoor and outdoor shelters for 272 unsheltered and currently there are less than 300 unsheltered;

WHEREAS, the number of unsheltered is a fluid number and is never quantified.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Item 2 of the of the General Issues Committee Report 23-023, respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED, be ***amended to prohibit overnight camping (tent encampments) in all City of Hamilton parks once a total of 192 additional shelter spaces are available through the previously approved expanded shelter capacity and outdoor shelter site.***

Deputy Mayor Clark relinquished the Chair to Councillor Danko to introduce the following motion:

**(2) (Clark/M. Wilson)**

That consideration of Item 11.1, respecting Amendment to Item 2 of the General Issues Committee Report 23-023, respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED, which was approved by Council on August 18, 2023 – REVISED, be DEFERRED until after Closed Session to allow Committee to receive legal advice.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
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
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
No	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

Deputy Mayor Clark assumed the Chair following the result of the vote.

**(i) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)**

Councillor Francis was not present to introduce his Notice of Motion, respecting the Notwithstanding Clause (Added Item 12.1).

Councillor Spadafora was not present to introduce his Notice of Motion, respecting the Audit of the City of Hamilton's Spending on Homelessness (Added Item 12.2).

**(j) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)**

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

**(Pauls/Hwang)**

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

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

Encampment Observation Report (HSC24020 / PED24080 / PW24030) (City Wide)

Added: May 15, 2024 at GIC - Item 8.2

Completed: June 19, 2024 at GIC - Item 10.7 (HSC24027)

OBL Item: GIC-05/15/24-8.2

Reducing Homelessness and Managing Encampments (HSC24027) (City Wide)

Added: June 19, 2024 at GIC - Item 10.7

Completed: August 12, 2024 at GIC - Item 10.7 (HSC24027(a))

OBL Item: GIC-06/19/24-10.7(a) & GIC-06/19/24-10.7(2)

Sanctioned Encampment Site(s)

Added: July 12, 2024 at Council - Item 7.1

Completed: August 12, 2024 at GIC - Item 9.4 (HSC24031)

OBL Item: GIC-07/12/24-7.1(Council)

**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
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

**(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 – October 16, 2024 (Item 14.1)**

**(Cassar/Danko)**

That the Closed Session minutes of the October 16, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved and remain confidential.

**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
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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

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

That Committee move into Closed Session for Items 11.1, 14.2, 14.3, and 14.4 pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-Sections (c), (f), (i) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c), (f), (i) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the



subject matter pertains to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for city or a local board purpose; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial, or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization; and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

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

The General Issues Committee meeting reconvened in Open Session at 4:26 p.m.

- (iii) Legal Advice on Amendment to Item 2 of the General Issues Committee Report 23-023, respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED, which was approved by Council on August 18, 2023 – REVISED (Item 11.1)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item (I)(i).

- (iv) Acquisition of Land and Building in Ward 10 (PED24149) (Ward 10) (Item 14.2)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 10.

- (v) **Hamilton Waterfront Trust Governance Update (FCS23029(b)) (City Wide) (Item 14.3)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 11.

- (vi) **Legal Update on Cybersecurity Incident and Unrecoverable Systems (LS24013(a)) (City Wide) (Item 14.4)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 12.

(l) **MOTIONS (Item 11 Continued)**

- (i) **Amendment to Item 2 of the General Issues Committee Report 23-023, respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED, which was approved by Council on August 18, 2023 – REVISED (Item 11.1)**

(1) **(Pauls/Danko)**

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WHEREAS, *Encampments and Public Use of Parks*: Frames parks as public spaces intended for safe and enjoyable use by all residents, but encampments are seen as creating a barrier to this;

WHEREAS, *Managing Homelessness*: Report HSC24027(c), Reducing Homelessness and Managing Encampments highlights that a 1 km radius is recommended to manage the placement of temporary outdoor shelters near Tiffany Park, where 80 outdoor shelters and 192 additional indoor beds will be established;

WHEREAS, *Parks Impacted*: The proposal acknowledges that 10 parks in Wards 2 and 3 will be affected by becoming non-compliant with current regulations, as these Wards are locations for temporary shelters;

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WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is providing temporary indoor and outdoor shelters for 272 unsheltered and currently there are less than 300 unsheltered; and,

WHEREAS, the number of unsheltered is a fluid number and is never quantified;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Item 2 of the of the General Issues Committee Report 23-023, respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED, be **amended to prohibit overnight camping (tent encampments) in all City of Hamilton parks once a total of 192 additional shelter spaces are available through the previously approved expanded shelter capacity and outdoor shelter site.**

(2) **(Horwath/Kroetsch)**

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2023, Council approved Item 2 of the General Issues Committee Report 23-023 – Public Feedback and Recommendations for and Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC2003(g)); and,

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2024 the General Issues Committee amended Report HSC24027(b) / FSC24028 / PED24162, Reducing Homelessness and Managing Encampments by adding an addition sub-section (f), as follows:

- (f) That City staff be directed to report back in Q1 2025 on potential changes to the current Encampment Protocol related to the implementation of the City's investment in temporary and permanent shelter spaces, which will enable the City to enforce its Parks and Streets By-law and sunset the current Encampment Protocol to ensure that the City is in compliance with the Charter and current case law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Item 11.1 – Amendment to Item 2 of the General Issues Committee Report 23-023 be DEFERRED to a Q1 2025 General Issues Committee meeting, in alignment with the requested staff report, as directed by General Issues Committee on September 18, 2024.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 3, 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
No	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
No	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
No	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**(m) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

**(Jackson/McMeekin)**

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 4:52 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
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
No	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

Respectfully submitted,

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