



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
(OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET)
MINUTES GIC-B 25-001**

3:00 p.m.

Monday, January 20, 2025
Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

Present: Mayor A. Horwath, Councillors, M. Wilson (Chair), J.P. Danko (Vice-Chair), C. Cassar, B. Clark, M. Francis (Virtually), T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin, N. Nann (Virtually), and E. Pauls

Absent: Councillors J. Beattie, T. Hwang and M. Tadeson – City Business
Councillor M. Spadafora and A. Wilson - Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Budget Chair M. Wilson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no ceremonial activities.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Clark/Kroetsch)

That the agenda for the January 20, 2025 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 November 28, 2024

(Cassar/Pauls)

That the minutes of the November 28, 2024 General Issues Committee (Budget), be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Delegations respecting the 2025 Budget

The following Delegates addressed the Committee respecting the 2025 Budget:

6.1(a) Mike Collins-Williams, West End Home Builders' Association
(In-Person)

6.1(b) Lee Fairbanks (In-Person)

(Pauls/Jackson)

That Lee Fairbanks be granted an additional 5 minutes to present his delegation to the Committee.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 1, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
No	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Absent	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

6.1(c) Jen Baker, Hamilton Naturalists Club (In-Person)

6.1(d) Greg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (In-Person)

- 6.1(f) Maya Hobbs, Vice-President (Education); and Kerry Yang, Associate Vice-President (Municipal Affairs) McMaster Students Union (In-Person)
- 6.1(h) Katherine Boothe (In-Person)
- 6.1(j) Evan Ubene (In-Person)
- 6.1(k) Michael Fedchak, ACORN Hamilton (In-Person)
- 6.1(l) Hojay Byfield, ACORN Hamilton (In-Person)

The following delegates were not present when called upon:

- 6.1(e) Tony Woitowicz (In-Person)
- 6.1(g) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network (In-Person)
- 6.1(i) Scott Avery (In-Person)

(Cassar/Clark)

That the delegations respecting the 2025 Budget, be received, as follows:

- 6.1(a) Mike Collins-Williams, West End Home Builders' Association (In-Person)
- 6.1(b) Lee Fairbanks (In-Person)
- 6.1(c) Jen Baker, Hamilton Naturalists Club (In-Person)
- 6.1(d) Greg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (In-Person)
- 6.1(f) Maya Hobbs, Vice-President (Education), McMaster Students Union (In-Person)
- 6.1(h) Katherine Boothe (In-Person)
- 6.1(j) Evan Ubene (In-Person)
- 6.1(k) Michael Fedchak, ACORN Hamilton (In-Person)
- 6.1(l) Hojay Byfield, ACORN Hamilton (In-Person)

CARRIED

6.2 Written Delegations respecting the 2025 Budget

(Horwath/Kroetsch)

That the written delegations respecting the 2025 Budget, be received, as follows:

- 6.2(a) Mike Chiarelli
- 6.2(b) Adam McCron
- 6.2(c) Steven Cedrone
- 6.2(d) Laurie Cedrone
- 6.2(e) Hafeez Hussain
- 6.2(f) Joshhua Weresch
- 6.2(g) Christine Le
- 6.2(h) Yulian Pavlyuk
- 6.2(i) Emily Goodman
- 6.2(j) Karl Schaefer
- 6.2(k) Maria Michael
- 6.2(l) Susan Daw

6.2(m) Alexander Fishman and Monika Yazdanian
6.2(n) ACORN Hamilton, Canadian Environmental Law Association
Environment Hamilton and the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic
CARRIED

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There were no Items for Information.

8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no Items for Consideration.

9. MOTIONS

There were no Motions.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

11. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

There were no Private & Confidential Items.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Operating and Capital Budget) adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator

Councillor Maureen Wilson
Chair, General Issues Committee (Budget)