

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee (Budget) - February 7, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR A. WILSON

Amendment to the Proposed 2025 Tax-Supported Budget - Hamilton Police Service Board Budget

WHEREAS the Hamilton Police Service Board submitted a budget increase of \$12,252,775 representing a 5.7% increase for a total 2025 budget of \$227,075,420;

WHEREAS according to the City of Hamilton's budget documents there is a budget increase of \$17,351,475 for the total costs of policing, including legally mandated costs, representing an 8.1% increase for a total 2025 budget of \$232,174,120;

WHEREAS the Hamilton Police Service Board budget has received more consistent support from City Council than any other departmental budget, with all increases approved without modification since amalgamation;

WHEREAS the Hamilton Police Service Board budget has increased by \$145,825,170 since amalgamation (the 2001 Annual Report of the Hamilton Police Service Board indicated a total budget of \$86,348,950 as compared to \$232,174,120 in 2025);

WHEREAS the Hamilton Police Service Board's submitted increase (\$12,252,775) represents an approximate 0.94% increase to the overall City budget, as each percentage increase to the overall City budget is valued at approximately \$13m; and

WHEREAS the City's projected budget increase for 2025 is 5.66% and reducing it by 0.94% would lower the overall increase to approximately 4.72%.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED -

That the Proposed 2025 Tax-Supported Budget be amended as follows -

- (a) That the Hamilton Police Service Board's 2025 Budget be established at \$214,822,645.