



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE  
(OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET)  
MINUTES GIC-B 25-003**

9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 28, 2025  
Council Chambers, City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

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

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**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Budget Chair M. Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES**

There were no ceremonial activities.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**(Clark/Kroetsch)**

That the agenda for the January 28, 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**

There were no minutes of the previous meetings.

**6. DELEGATIONS**

Delegations on the 2025 Budget were received on November 18, 2024 & January 20, 2025.

**7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**7.1 Hamilton Public Library**

Nicolas Van Velzen, Hamilton Public Library Board Chair; Paul Takala, Hamilton Public Library CEO and Chief Librarian; and, Gagan Batra, Hamilton Public Library Vice Chair, addressed the Committee with a presentation respecting the 2025 Budget for the Hamilton Public Library.

**(Nann/Beattie)**

That the presentation respecting the Hamilton Public Library – 2025 Budget, be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 Hamilton Conservation Authority**

Lisa Burnside, Chief Administrative Officer; Scott Peck, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer / Director, Watershed Management Services; and Scott Fleming, Director of Finance & Central Support Services, Hamilton Conservation Authority addressed the Committee with a presentation respecting the 2025 Budget for the Hamilton Conservation Authority.

**(Clark/Cassar)**

That the presentation respecting the Hamilton Conservation Authority – 2025 Budget, be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 Hamilton Police Services Board**

Don Robertson, Board Chair and Police Chief Frank Bergen, addressed the Committee with a presentation respecting the 2025 Budget for the Hamilton Police Services Board.

**(Pauls/Spadafora)**

That the presentation respecting the Hamilton Police Services Board – 2025 Budget, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(Pauls/Spadafora)**

That the General Issues Committee (Budget) recess for 42 minutes until 2:30 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**7.4 Conservation Halton**

**(Danko/Krotesch)**

That the discussion and materials provided respecting the Conservation Halton 2025 Budget, be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.5 Grand River Conservation Authority**

**(Spadafora/Francis)**

That the discussion and materials provided respecting the Grand River Conservation Authority 2025 Budget, be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.6 Hamilton Beach Rescue**

**(Francis/Cassar)**

That the discussion and materials provided respecting the Hamilton Beach Rescue 2025 Budget, be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.7 Hamilton Farmers' Market**

**(Kroetsch/Hwang)**

That the discussion and materials provided respecting the Hamilton Farmers' Market 2025 Budget, be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.8 Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority**

**(Tadeson/Clark)**

That the discussion and materials provided respecting the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 2025 Budget, be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.9 Royal Botanical Gardens**

**(A. Wilson/Cassar)**

That the discussion and materials provided respecting the Royal Botanical Gardens 2025 Budget, be received.

**CARRIED**

**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 (Budget) adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela McRae  
Legislative Coordinator

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Councillor Maureen Wilson  
Chair, General Issues Committee (Budget)