



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE  
(OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET)  
MINUTES GIC-B 25-005**

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 30, 2025  
Council Chambers, City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

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

**Absent:** Councillor M. Tadeson – Personal

**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**

**(Hwang/Kroetsch)**

That the agenda for the January 30, 2025 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mayor Andrea Horwath declared a Disqualifying interest to Item 7.1, respecting Corporate Services Department – 2025 Budget Presentation, as the presentation includes reference to the Vacant Unit Tax, and she has a vacant unit.

**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 Corporate Services Department - 2025 Budget Presentation**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services, addressed the Committee with a presentation respecting the Corporate Services Department - 2025 Budget.

**(Cassar/A. Wilson)**

That the presentation respecting the Corporate Services – 2025 Budget, be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 City Manager's Office - 2025 Budget Presentation**

Marnie Cluckie, City Manager, addressed the Committee with a presentation respecting the City Manager's Office - 2025 Budget.

**(Hwang/Clark)**

That the presentation respecting the City Manager's Office – 2025 Budget, be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 FCS25005**  
**Review of the City of Hamilton's Debt Policy (City-wide)**

**(Danko/Clark)**

That Report FCS25005, respecting Review of the City of Hamilton's Debt Policy (City Wide), be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.4 FCS25010**  
**2025 Budget Engagement Results (City Wide)**

**(Cassar/Spadafora)**

That Report FCS25010, respecting the 2025 Budget Engagement Results (City Wide), 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 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela McRae  
Legislative Coordinator

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Councillor Maureen Wilson  
Chair, General Issues Committee (Budget)