



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

9:30 a.m.

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

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

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,

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator

Councillor Maureen Wilson
Chair, General Issues Committee (Budget)