

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 25-004

9:30 a.m. March 5, 2025 Council Chamber (Hybrid) Hamilton City Hall 71 Main Street West

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

Absent withRegrets:Mayor A. Horwath – City Business

Deputy Mayor A. Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and recognized that Council is meeting on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, HuronWendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. It was further acknowledged that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and it was recognized that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(Tadeson/Nann)

That the agenda for the March 5, 2025 meeting of Council be approved, as amended, by adding Items 9.1, Re-Allocation 2025 Housing Services Division Tax Operating Budget Funding for the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic to an Alternative Service Provider and 9.2, Re-Alignment of Taxpayer Funding to Support Homeless Individuals and Prioritize the Removal of Encampments to the Closed Session portion of the meeting to receive legal advice.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor C. Kroetsch declared a Disqualifying interest to Minute Item 9.1 respecting the Re-Allocation 2025 Housing Services Division Tax Operating Budget Funding for the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic to an Alternative Service Provider, as he has a personal and professional relationship with Ashley Wilson who works at the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic under the Tenant Support Program and was therefore, not in attendance during the Closed Session discussion on this matter.

Councillor C. Kroetsch declared a Disqualifying interest to Minute Item 9.2 respecting the Re-Alignment of Taxpayer Funding to Support Homeless Individuals and Prioritize the Removal of Encampments, as he has a personal and professional relationship with Ashley Wilson who works at the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic under the Tenant Support Program and was therefore, not in attendance during the Closed Session discussion on this matter.

Councillor B. Clark declared a Non-Disqualifying to Minute Item 9.2 of GIC 25-003, respecting Explore Area Rating or Tax Relief for Residents Within 3km of the GFL Landfill, as he lives within a 3km radius of the site.

Councillor B. Clark declared a Non-Disqualifying interest to Minute Item 9.3 of GIC 25-003, respecting Section 447.1 Against GLF Stoney Creek Regional Facility – REVISED, as he referred Wade Poziomka to a Ward 9 community group experiencing an ongoing environmental issue.

Councillor B. Clark declared a Non-Disqualifying interest to Minute Item 9.1, respecting Re-Allocation 2025 Housing Services Division Tax Operating Budget Funding for the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic to an Alternative Service Provider – REVISED, as he referred Wade Poziomka to a Ward 9 community group experiencing an ongoing environmental issue.

Councillor M. Francis declared a Non-Disqualifying to Minute Item 9.2 of GIC 25-003, respecting Explore Area Rating or Tax Relief for Residents Within 3km of the GFL Landfill, as he lives within a 3km radius of the site.

CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

4.1 Challenger Baseball Cheque Presentation

Councillor Pauls noted that the Hamilton Challenger Sports Association (HCSA, which was previously known as the Hamilton Challenger Baseball Association) has been at Inch Park since 2007.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the HSCA Playground Sub-Committee and some very generous donors, including one trust fund who took a particularly keen interest in the project, Maria Sgambato and Leigh Borycki of the HSCA were very pleased to present the City of Hamilton with a cheque in the amount of \$135,000 to offset the costs of accessible playground equipment that will make a significant difference to youth with varying abilities. Inch Park's new playground in the northwest corner, is a beautiful example of the Hamilton community coming together, much of it in Ward 7, to create something long lasting and impactful for all-abilities youth.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 February 12, 2025

(Cassar/Hwang)

That the Minutes of the February 12, 2025 meeting of Council be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There were no Items for Information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 SABC 25-001

Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees minutes of the meeting held on February 20, 2025

(Cassar/Tadeson)

That SABC 25-001, being the minutes of the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees minutes of the meeting held on February 20, 2025, be received and the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

Result: Motion on SABC 25-001, CARRIED, by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis NOT PRESENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch NOT PRESENT - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann NOT PRESENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.2 PWC 25-002

Public Works Committee minutes of the meeting held on February 24, 2025

(Francis/A. Wilson)

That PWC 25-002, being the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Monday, February 24, 2025, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

(M. Wilson/Nann)

That Item 11.1 of the Public Works Committee minutes of February 24, 2025 respecting Narrow Streets and Boulevard Snow Removal Service Standards, *be amended* as follows:

11.1 Narrow Streets and Boulevard Snow Removal Service Standards

- (a) That staff be directed to report back in Q4 2025 with recommendations on how to address snow removal deficiencies and opportunities permanently on narrow roadways, parking, sidewalks, schools, BIAs and bus stops. Including, but not limited to deploying smaller snow removal equipment on narrow residential streets and boulevards, within existing resources that can be in place by the 2026 Snow Removal program;
- (b) That staff be directed to determine an appropriate temporary and time sensitive solution be deployed in the 2025 winter season to address snow removal service levels within current operating costs; and

(c) That staff be directed to review existing snow removal contracts to assess optimal operational outcomes during a snow event to be included in upcoming contracts.

Result: *Amendment* to Minute Item 11.1 of PWC 25-002, CARRIED, by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie

YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

- YES Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- NOT PRESENT Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES Deputy Mayor Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Result: Motion on PWC 25-002, *As Amended*, CARRIED, by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

- YES Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko

- YES Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- NOT PRESENT Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES Deputy Mayor Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.3 PLC 25-003

Planning Committee Open and Closed minutes of the meeting held on February 25, 2025

(Hwang/Tadeson)

- (a) That PLC 25-003, being the Open Session minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 (Item 7.3), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved;
- (b) That the Closed Session minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 (Item 12.1), be approved, as presented and remain confidential;
- (c) That the correspondence from Luke Oreskovic respecting Minute Item 8.3, Report PED25053, Applications for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for Lands Located at 3530 Upper James Street, Glanbrook (Ward 11) (Item 7.3 (a)), be received;
- (d) That the correspondence respecting Minute Item 9.5, Report PED25044, Notice of Objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate 21-25 Jones Street, Stoney Creek (The Powerhouse), under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (Ward 5) (Items 7.3 (b)(a) and 7.3 (b)(b)), be received:
 - (a) Greg Armstrong, President, Stoney Creek Historical Society
 - (b) Kathy Wakeman
- (e) That the Correspondence from Erkan Beydemir respecting Minute Item 8.3, Report PED25053, Applications for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for Lands Located at 3530 Upper James Street, Glanbrook (Ward 11), be received; and
- (f) Correspondence from Joseph DiDonato, B.U. Inc respecting Minute Item 8.1, Report PED24208(a), Modifications and Updates to existing Accessory Dwelling Unit and Accessory Dwelling Unit - Detached Regulations to Implement Ontario Regulation 462/24 – Additional Residential Units (City Wide – Urban Area), be received.

Minute Item 8.1(d), was voted on separately as follows:

8.1 PED24208(a) Modifications and Updates to existing Accessory Dwelling Unit and Accessory Dwelling Unit – Detached Regulations to Implement Ontario Regulation 462/24 – Additional Residential Units (City Wide – Urban Area)

- (d) That Report PED24208(a), dated February 4, 2025, Modifications and Updates to existing Accessory Dwelling Unit and Accessory Dwelling Unit – Detached Regulations to Implement Ontario Regulation 462/24 – Additional Residential Units (City Wide – Urban Area), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:
 - (a) That City Initiative CI-25-B respecting modifications to the Accessory Dwelling Unit and Accessory Dwelling Unit – Detached regulations in City of Hamilton Zoning By-law No. 05-200 and the Zoning By-laws applicable to the Town of Ancaster, Town of Dundas, Town of Flamborough, Township of Glanbrook, former City of Hamilton, and City of Stoney Creek be approved on the following basis:
 - (i) That the Draft By-laws to amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200, the Town of Ancaster Zoning By-law No. 87-57, Town of Dundas Zoning By-law No. 3581-86, the Town of Flamborough Zoning By-law No. 90-145-Z, the Township of Glanbrook Zoning By-law No. 464, the City of Hamilton Zoning By-law No. 6593, and the City of Stoney Creek Zoning By-law No. 3692-92, attached as Appendix "A" to Appendix "G" to Report PED24208(a), which have been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be enacted by Council;
 - (ii) That the proposed changes in zoning are consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024) and comply with the Urban Hamilton Official Plan.

Result: Motion on Minute Item 8.1(d) of PLC 25-003, CARRIED, by a vote of 10 to 5, as follows:

- YES Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- NO Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- NO Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- NOT PRESENT Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- NO Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

NO - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

NO - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Minute Item 12.3, was voted on separately as follows:

12.3 LS23040(a)

Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal for lands located at 499 Mohawk Road East, Hamilton, for Lack of Decision on Official Plan Amendment Application (UHOPA-23-001) and Zoning By-law Amendment Application (ZAC-23-001) (Ward 7)

- (a) That Report LS23040(a), dated February 25, 2025, respecting Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal for lands located at 499 Mohawk Road East, Hamilton, for Lack of Decision on Official Plan Amendment Application (UHOPA-23-001) and Zoning By-law Amendment Application (ZAC-23-001) (Ward 7) be received, and the following recommendations be approved:
 - That the directions to staff in Closed Session respecting Report LS23040(a) be approved;
 - (ii) That closed session recommendations (1), (2), and (3) to Report LS23040(a), be approved and remain confidential until made public as the City's position before the Ontario Land Tribunal; and,
 - (iii) That the balance of Report LS23040(a) remain confidential.

Result: Motion on Minute Item 12.3 of PLC 25-003, CARRIED, by a vote of 10 to 5, as follows:

NO - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko NO - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis NOT PRESENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang NO - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson YES - Ward 2 Councillor Tom Jackson YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann NO - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls NO - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Minute Item 12.4, was voted on separately as follows:

12.4 LS25009

Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal for lands located at 399 Greenhill Avenue for refusal of Official Plan Amendment (UHOPA-22-016) and Zoning By-law Amendment (ZAC-22-030) applications (Ward 5)

- (a) That Report LS25009, dated February 25, 2025, respecting Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal for lands located at 399 Greenhill Avenue for refusal of Official Plan Amendment (UHOPA-22-016) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment (ZAC-22-030) applications (Ward 5) be received, and the following recommendations be approved:
 - That the directions to staff in Closed Session respecting Report LS25009 be approved;
 - (ii) That closed session recommendations (1), (2), and (3) to Report LS25009, be approved and remain confidential until made public as the City's position before the Ontario Land Tribunal; and,
 - (iii) That the balance of Report LS25009 remain confidential.

Result: Motion on Minute Item 12.4 of PLC 25-003, CARRIED, by a vote of 10 to 5, as follows:

NO - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie

YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

- YES Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- NO Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- NOT PRESENT Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- NO Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- NO Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- NO Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES Deputy Mayor Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Result: Motion on the balance of PLC 25-003 (Items 7.3 and 12.1), CARRIED, by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

- YES Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

- YES Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- NOT PRESENT Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES Deputy Mayor Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.4 GIC 25-003

General Issues Committee Open and Closed Session minutes of the meeting held on February 26, 2025

(Cassar/Tadeson)

- (a) That GIC 25-003, being the minutes of the General Issues Committee meeting held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 (Item 7.4), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved;
- (b) That the Closed Session minutes of the General Issues Committee meeting held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 (Item 12.2), be approved, as presented and remain confidential; and
- (c) That the correspondence respecting Minute Items 9.2 and 9.3, Explore Area Rating or Tax Relief for Residents Within 3km of the GFL Landfill and Section 447.1 Against GFL Stoney Creek Regional Facility (Items 7.4 (a)(a) to 7.4 (a)(c)), be received:
 - (a) Satyajit Sharma
 - (b) Stephanie Keegan
 - (c) Pooja Rao

Minute Item 8.3, was voted on separately as follows:

8.3 CM23025(b)

Volunteer Advisory Committee Review (City Wide)

That Report CM23025(b), dated February 26, 2025, respecting Volunteer Advisory Committee Review, and the accompanying presentation, be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

(a) That, based on municipal best practices, a new civic engagement model be applied that uses resident-led, staff facilitated community liaison groups of volunteers with a clear ability to make their voice heard by council, with each Division reporting back with tailored solutions, within one year, and that the:

- (i) Tourism and Culture Division staff report back to the General Issues Committee on the creation of a community liaison group to replace the Arts Advisory Committee to recommend activities for the stabilization and strengthening of the arts community, monitor and assist with the implementation of the Arts Awards Program and Public Art Program, and inform Council of issues and achievements in the Hamilton arts community and acts as a point of contact for members of the arts community regarding issues affecting the arts community; and that the 2024 approved budget currently assigned to the Arts Advisory Committee be transferred to this Division to support this working group;
- (ii) Climate Change Initiatives Division staff report back to the General Issues Committee on the creation of a community liaison group to replace the Climate Change Advisory Committee to provide advice to Council and City of Hamilton staff on the prioritization, implementation, and monitoring of Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy, through an equitable, inclusive, and climate justice lens, that responds to the perspectives and needs of all, while transitioning to a prosperous, healthy and vibrant net-zero greenhouse gas community that is a national leader in climate adaptation; and that the 2024 approved budget currently assigned to the Climate Change Advisory Committee be transferred to this Division to support this working group;
- (iii) Active Transportation and Mobility Division staff report back to the Public Works Committee on the further development of the Division's Mobility Lab, a community liaison group, to also replace the Hamilton Cycling Committee, expanding their mandate to encourage residents to cycle and monitor the implementation of the Hamilton Cycling Master Plan; and that the 2024 approved budget currently assigned to the Hamilton Cycling Committee be transferred to this Division to support this working group;
- (iv) Indigenous Relations Division staff report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee on the creation of a community liaison group to replace the Hamilton Indigenous Advisory Committee to honour and engage Indigenous residents in the pursuit of the City of Hamilton's vision by providing advice and recommendations that enhance the wellbeing of Indigenous people; and that the 2024 approved budget currently assigned to the Hamilton Indigenous Advisory Committee be transferred to this Division to support this working group;

- (v) Heritage Resource Management Division staff report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee on the creation of a community liaison group to replace the Hamilton Veterans Committee to oversee the planning and delivery of military remembrance and commemoration activities on behalf of the City of Hamilton; and that the 2024 approved budget currently assigned to the Hamilton Veterans Committee be transferred to this Division to support this working group;
- (vi) Children's & Community Services Division staff report back to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee on the creation of a community liaison group to replace the Hamilton Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee to provide input with respect to the issues of women, non-binary individuals and gender diverse people; and that the 2024 approved budget currently assigned to the Hamilton Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee be transferred to this Division to support this working group;
- (vii) Housing Secretariat staff, in partnership with Housing Services Divisions staff report back to the General Issues Committee on the further development of a community liaison group to also replace the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee, expanding their mandate to work to address the needs of residents within the community for whom barriers exist to accessing safe, suitable, and affordable housing, including the supports needed to enable citizens to obtain and retain their homes; and that the 2024 approved budget currently assigned to the Housing and Homelessness Committee be transferred to this Division to support this working group;
- (viii) Environmental Services Division staff report back to the Public Works Committee on the creation of a community liaison group to replace the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee to beautify our community, promote environmental stewardship, and prevent litter, illegal dumping, and graffiti; and that the 2024 approved budget currently assigned to the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee be transferred to this Division to support this working group;
- (ix) Children's & Community Services staff report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee on the creation of a community liaison group to replace the LGBTQ Advisory Committee to eliminate barriers experienced by LGBTQ communities by giving voice to the perspectives of LGBTQ individuals and evaluating the City of Hamilton on its related efforts; and that the 2024 approved budget currently assigned to the LGBTQ Advisory Committee be transferred to this Division to support this working group;

- (x) Lodges Division staff report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee on the creation of a community liaison group to replace the Seniors Advisory Committee to organize the Senior of the Year Awards and to be a credible communication vehicle regarding the quality of life for all older persons in the City of Hamilton; and that the 2024 approved budget currently assigned to the Seniors Advisory Committee be transferred to this Division to support this working group;
- (xi) Children and Community Services staff report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee on the creation of a community liaison group to replace the Committee Against Racism to advise, advocate and consult on relevant issues in the community of Hamilton relating to racism and its consequences, including anti-racism strategies; and that the 2024 approved budget currently assigned to the Committee Against Racism be transferred to this Division to support this working group;
- (xii) Public Health staff report back to the Public Health Committee on the creation of a community liaison group to replace the Food Advisory Committee to identify and inform, where appropriate, innovative community food security policies and programs that align with the vision and goals of the Hamilton Food Strategy, Hamilton Food Charter, and other City of Hamilton strategies; and that the 2024 approved budget currently assigned to the Food Advisory Committee be transferred to this Division to support this working group;
- (xiii) Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council staff report back to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee on the creation of a community liaison group to replace the Advisory Committee for Immigrants and Refugees to address the needs of immigrants and refugees within the City of Hamilton; and that the 2024 approved budget currently assigned to the Advisory Committee for Immigrants and Refugees be transferred to this Division to support this working group;
- (xiv) Business Development and Sector Development division staff report back to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee on the creation of a community liaison group to replace the Mundialization Committee to undertake twinning programs in international cooperation with like-minded municipalities in this and other countries to foster an understanding of the increasing interdependence of the municipalities, peoples, and countries of the world; and that the 2024 approved budget currently assigned to the Mundialization Committee be transferred to this Division to support this working group; and

- (xv) Reserve budgets remaining from Advisory Committees transitioning to working groups be transferred to the Tax Stabilization reserve and that the transfer from the Hamilton Veterans Committee reserve of \$49,058 be committed for future investments for Remembrance Day services and youth-specific education regarding Veterans and Remembrance.
- (b) That staff be directed to review the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities for alignment with the City of Hamilton's new civic engagement model and community liaison groups;
- (c) That staff in the Office of the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Manager's Office, develop and host a robust and mandatory training program for staff supporting community liaison groups, inclusive of:
 - (i) Civic engagement best practices in alignment with the City of Hamilton's Public Engagement Policy and Framework;
 - (ii) Legislative policies and procedural requirements for meetings; and,
 - (iii) Decorum and behavioural expectations including an explanation of the role of the City of Hamilton's Integrity Commissioner.
- (d) That staff in the City Manager's Office be directed to work with the Integrity Commissioner and Clerks Office to develop and host a training program for members of community liaison groups on expectations, liabilities, and project plans;
- (e) That the Review of the City of Hamilton Volunteer Advisory Committees be removed from the Outstanding Business Item list; and
- (f) That staff be directed to review and evaluate the new structure and report back to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee in the fifth year.

Result: Motion on Minute Item 8.3 of GIC 25-003, CARRIED, by a vote of 9 to 6, as follows:

- NO Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- NO Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- NO Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- NOT PRESENT Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- NO Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- NO Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

NO - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Minute Item 9.5, was voted on separately as follows:

9.5 Inflation Rate for 2026

That staff be directed to provide information to Council through the General Issues Committee (Budget) on how the City could operate with an inflation rate (2.5%) increase for 2026.

Result: Motion on Minute Item 9.5 of GIC 25-003, CARRIED, by a vote of 13 to 2, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie

YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko

YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

NOT PRESENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

NO - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

NO - Deputy Mayor - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Minute Item 11.5, was voted on separately as follows:

11.5 CM24004(b)

Cybersecurity Incident Impact Update (City Wide)

That Report CM24004(b), dated January 15, 2025, respecting Cybersecurity Incident Impact Update (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the directions provided to staff in closed session respecting CM24004(b), Cybersecurity Incident Impact Update, be approved and remain confidential; and,
- (b) That Report CM24004(b), Cybersecurity Incident Impact Update, remain confidential.

Result: Motion on Minute Item 11.5 of GIC 25-003, CARRIED, by a vote of 10 to 5, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko NO - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis NOT PRESENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang NO - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann NO - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls NO - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Result: Motion on the balance of GIC 25-003 (Items 7.4 and 12.2), CARRIED, by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie

- YES Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- NOT PRESENT Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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- YES Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES Deputy Mayor Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.5 AFA 25-003

Audit, Finance and Administration Committee minutes of the meeting held on February 27, 2025

(Beattie/Spadafora)

That AFA 25-003, being the minutes of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on Thursday, February 27, 2025, be received and the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

Result: Motion on AFA 25-003 (Item 7.5), CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

- YES Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- NOT PRESENT Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES Deputy Mayor Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.6 ECS 25-002

Emergency and Community Services Committee minutes of the meeting held on February 27, 2025

(Nann/Clark)

That ECS 25-002, being the minutes of the Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, February 27, 2025, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Result: Motion on ECS 25-002 (Item 7.6), CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

- YES Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- NOT PRESENT Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES Deputy Mayor Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(Cassar/Tadeson)

That Council move into Board of Health for consideration of the Public Health Sub-Committee minutes.

CARRIED

7.7 PHSC 25-002 Public Health Sub-Committee minutes of the meeting held on February 24, 2025

(Kroetsch/Clark)

That PHSC 25-002, being the minutes of the Public Health Sub-Committee meeting held on Monday, February 24, 2025, be received and the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

Result: Motion on PHSC 25-002 (Item 7.7), CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie

YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko

YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

NOT PRESENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(Cassar/Tadeson)

That the Board of Health rise as Council to report and confirm the actions taken in Board of Health.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1 FCS25015

Strengthening Local Procurement and Resilience Amid U.S. Tariff Threats (City Wide)

(i) (Hwang/Clark)

That Report FCS25025, dated February 26, 2025, respecting Strengthening Local Procurement and Resilience Amid U.S. Tariff Threats (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

(a) That Council approve amendments to By-law No. 20-205, A By-law to Adopt and Maintain A Procurement Policy for the City of Hamilton to align with the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) dollar thresholds, to allow for the expanded procurement of local and Canadian goods, services and/or construction. In particular:

- Section 4.5.2, Policy #5.2 Request for Quotations is amended to increase the upset dollar threshold from \$100,000 to \$133,800 for goods and/or services and from \$100,000 to \$334,400 for construction work;
- Section 4.5.3., Policy #5.3 Request for Tenders is amended to increase the minimum dollar threshold from \$100,000 to \$133,800 for goods and/or services and from \$100,000 to \$334,400 for construction work;
- Section 4.7, Policy #7 Construction Contracts is amended to reflect the increase in the Request for Tenders minimum dollar threshold for construction from \$100,000 to \$334,400;
- (b) That staff report back to the General Issues Committee in Q2/2025 with additional recommendations for amendments to the City's Procurement Policies to integrate "Buy Local and Canadian" policies; and
- (c) That staff report back to General Issues Committee in Q2/2025 regarding any impacts the United States ("U.S.") government tariffs have or may have on the cost of City services and infrastructure projects and include any mitigation options and/or financing strategies for Council's consideration.

(ii) (Danko/McMeekin)

WHEREAS, Premiére Doug Ford has stated that the Province of Ontario will ban all U.S. companies from all provincial procurement contracts; and

WHEREAS, Premiere Doug Ford has stated that all Ontario Municipalities should take similar actions to ban all U.S. companies from bidding on all municipal procurement contracts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Report FCS25015, respecting Strengthening Local Procurement and Resilience Amid U.S. Tariff Threats (City Wide), *be amended*, by adding subsection (d), as follows:

(d) That the Mayor on behalf of Hamilton City Council confirm with Premiere Doug Ford and the Provincial Government that the Municipality of the City of Hamilton should follow the premiere's direction to amend our procurement policy to ban all U.S. companies from City of Hamilton municipal contracts.

Result: Amendment to Item 8.1, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

- YES Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

- NOT PRESENT Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES Deputy Mayor Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- (iii) Main Motion, *As Amended*, to read as follows:

That Report FCS25025, dated February 26, 2025, respecting Strengthening Local Procurement and Resilience Amid U.S. Tariff Threats (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That Council approve amendments to By-law No. 20-205, A By-law to Adopt and Maintain A Procurement Policy for the City of Hamilton to align with the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) dollar thresholds, to allow for the expanded procurement of local and Canadian goods, services and/or construction. In particular:
 - Section 4.5.2, Policy #5.2 Request for Quotations is amended to increase the upset dollar threshold from \$100,000 to \$133,800 for goods and/or services and from \$100,000 to \$334,400 for construction work;
 - Section 4.5.3., Policy #5.3 Request for Tenders is amended to increase the minimum dollar threshold from \$100,000 to \$133,800 for goods and/or services and from \$100,000 to \$334,400 for construction work;
 - Section 4.7, Policy #7 Construction Contracts is amended to reflect the increase in the Request for Tenders minimum dollar threshold for construction from \$100,000 to \$334,400;
- (b) That staff report back to the General Issues Committee in Q2/2025 with additional recommendations for amendments to the City's Procurement Policies to integrate "Buy Local and Canadian" policies;
- (c) That staff report back to General Issues Committee in Q2/2025 regarding any impacts the United States ("U.S.") government tariffs have or may have on the cost of City services and infrastructure projects and include any mitigation options and/or financing strategies for Council's consideration; **and**

(d) That the Mayor on behalf of Hamilton City Council confirm with Premiere Doug Ford and the Provincial Government that the Municipality of the City of Hamilton should follow the premiere's direction to amend our procurement policy to ban all U.S. companies from City of Hamilton municipal contracts.

Result: Main Motion, *As Amended* on Item 8.1, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

- YES Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- NOT PRESENT Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES Deputy Mayor Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(Kroetsch/Cassar)

That the Council meeting recess at 12:39 p.m. until 1:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Council reconvened at 1:16 p.m.

8.2 PED25083

Coordinated Encampment Response Post-protocol (City Wide)

(i) (McMeekin/Hwang)

- (a) That Report PED25083, dated February 26, 2025, respecting Coordinated Encampment Response Post-protocol (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:
 - (i) That the reassignment of four full-time (4.0 FTE) Municipal Law Enforcement Officers in the Municipal Law Enforcement section to provide dedicated enforcement of encampments under the By-law to Manage and Regulate Municipal Parks No. 01-219 for a period of up to one year, BE APPROVED;

- (ii) That the transfer of one full-time (1.0 FTE) Project Manager at an estimated cost of \$110,223 from Housing Services Division, Healthy and Safe Communities, to Licensing and By-law Services Division, Planning and Economic Development to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve 110046 BE APPROVED;
- (iii) That the Director of Licensing and By-law Services Division BE DIRECTED to report back to a General Issues Committee in Q2 2025 with an interim assessment of encampment enforcement, along with quarterly reporting, under the By-law to Manage and Regulate Municipal Parks No. 01-219, inclusive of recommendations with respect to strategies and resources for consideration to sustain encampment enforcement beyond 2025;
- (iv) That the General Managers of Public Works and Healthy and Safe Communities BE APPROVED to modify and adjust the parks washroom and recreation centre shower access programs, and related security guard services program approved by Council through report HSC20036(g), to the following:
 - (1) That the two all-year 24-hour access outdoor washroom facilities currently operated at the Corktown Park and JC Beemer Park properties are transitioned to normal park operations and hours over a period not to exceed three months, including operational hours of service reflecting the seasonal programming needs of its community and governance through the City's Parks By-law;
 - (2) That the existing static and site dedicated 24-hour security guard programs located at Corktown Park and JC Beemer Park are modified into a new permanent mobile service to support safe use and operation of all park washroom facilities City-wide, including operational staff safety response;
 - (3) That Corktown Park washroom be included in the winter washroom program as a permanent location, with funding for the 2025-2026 winter season of \$40,000 from the Tax Stabilization Reserve 110046, and ongoing operational impacts be referred to the 2026 Tax Budget for consideration;

- (v) That resources and funding BE APPROVED for the Hamilton Police Service (HPS) for four (4.0 FTE) Police Constables for the enhanced enforcement of the By-law to Manage and Regulate Municipal Parks No. 01-219 to an initial upset cost of \$225,000 to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve 110046.
- (ii) (Cassar/M. Wilson)
 - (a) That sub-section (i) of Report PED25083, dated February 26, 2025, respecting Coordinated Encampment Response Post-protocol (City Wide), **be amended**, as follows:
 - (i) That the Director of Licensing and By-law Services BE DIRECTED to create the following temporary positions reassignment of four full-time (4.0 FTE) Municipal Law Enforcement Officers in the Municipal Law Enforcement section to provide Coordinated Encampment Response for dedicated enforcement of encampments under of the By-law to Manage and Regulate Municipal Parks No. 01-219, for a period of up to one year, BE APPROVED at an estimated total cost of \$153,500 per quarter to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve Number 110046:
 - (1) Four temporary full-time (4.0 FTE) Municipal Law Enforcement Officers in the Licensing and By-law Services Division at an estimated total cost of \$455,682 annually;
 - (2) The quarterly cost for the rental of two (2.0) vehicles at an estimated cost of \$7,825 and an additional operating cost of \$4,200;

Result: Amendment to Item 8.2, DEFEATED by a vote of 5 to 10, as follows:

NO - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie

YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

NO - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko

NO - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

NOT PRESENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang

NO - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

NO - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

NO - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

NO - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

NO - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

NO - Deputy Mayor - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(iii) (Kroetsch/Nann)

That Council defer the consideration of Report PED25083, dated February 26, 2025, respecting Coordinated Encampment Response Post-protocol (City Wide), until after Closed Session, in order to receive legal advice.

Result: Deferral of Item 8.2, DEFEATED by a vote of 4 to 11, as follows:

NO - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie

NO - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

NO - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko

NO - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

NOT PRESENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath

NO - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang

NO - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

NO - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

NO - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

NO - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson

NO - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Result: Main Motion on Item 8.2, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 2, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie

YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko

YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

NOT PRESENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

NO - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

NO - Deputy Mayor - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(iii) (McMeekin/Clark)

That the correspondence from Brad Evoy, Executive Director, Disability Justice Network of Ontario respecting concerns for disabled unhoused people within Hamilton (Item 8.2 (a)) and the correspondence from Marie-Josee Houle, Federal Housing Advocate, Office of the Federal Housing Advocate respecting concerns about the proposed plan to adopt a strict by-law enforcement approach to homeless encampments in Hamilton once the Encampments Protocol comes to an end on March 6, 2025 (Item 8.2 (b)), be received and referred to Legal staff to report back on the concerns noted in the correspondence.

Result: Motion on Items 8.2(a) and 8.2 (b), CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 5, as follows:

- YES Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark NO - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko NO - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis NOT PRESENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang NO - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson YES - Ward 2 Councillor Tom Jackson YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann NO - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls NO - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

MOTIONS

9.3 Amendment to Item 4 of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 21-022, respecting Investing in City Roads and Sidewalks Infrastructure with Canada Community - Building Funds, which was approved by Council on December 15, 2021

(Francis/Beattie)

WHEREAS, Council approved the initial road projects selected by the Ward 5 Councillor for the Investing in City Roads and Sidewalks Infrastructure with Canada Community - Building Funds (CCBF) on December 15, 2021;

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to amend the road projects selected by Ward 5 Councillor to include resurfacing and concrete repairs on Cartwright Avenue, Dawson Avenue, Manor Place, Passmore Street, and Wardrope Avenue, all in Ward 5; and

WHEREAS, the remaining Ward 5 CCBF funds, be utilized to address road surface deficiencies by resurfacing to improve rideability, public safety, preservation of the road asset from further deterioration, reduce ongoing maintenance costs, and to overall improve the level of service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Item 4 of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 21-022, respecting Investing in City Roads and Sidewalks Infrastructure with Canada Community - Building Funds, be *amended*, as follows:

- 4. Investing in City Roads and Sidewalks Infrastructure with Canada Community Building Funds (PW21073) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)
 - (a) That the Canada Community Building Fund investment of \$30 M be allocated to the list of projects in Appendix "B", as amended, by adding resurfacing and concrete repairs on Cartwright Avenue from Passmore Street to Collegiate Avenue, Dawson Avenue from King Street East to Passmore Street, Manor Place from King Street East to the north terminus, Passmore Street from Evergreen Avenue to Gray Road and Wardrope Avenue from King Street West to Alba Street, to Audit, Finance & Administration Committee Report 21-022;
 - (b) That three Public Works temporary full-time equivalents be hired for up to 24 months at an estimated cost of \$850,000 and funded from Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve 108020 to deliver the Canada Community-Building Fund projects; and
 - (c) That the Procurement Policy 4.9 Consulting and Professional Services requirements be waived to allow for the direct award of Roster Assignments above the \$150,000 threshold for consultancy work pertaining to the Canada Community-Building Fund projects.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis NOT PRESENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

- YES Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- NOT PRESENT Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES Deputy Mayor Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

9.4 CityHousing Hamilton Corporation Board of Directors

(Nann/Hwang)

WHEREAS, Vice-President Christine Griffith notified the CEO, CityHousing Hamilton Corporation & Chair, CityHousing Hamilton Corporation Board of Directors of her resignation on February 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the resignation creates a vacancy on the CityHousing Hamilton Corporation Board of Directors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Dr. Christine Griffith's resignation from CityHousing Hamilton Corporation Board of Directors, be received; and
- (b) That the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees be requested to fill the vacancy on the CityHousing Hamilton Corporation Board of Directors.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie

- YES Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- NOT PRESENT Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- NOT PRESENT Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES Deputy Mayor Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

9.5 Support for the Issuance of a Manufacturer's Limited Liquor Sales Licence ("By the Glass") for Aquanova Brewing Company

(M. Wilson/Beattie)

WHEREAS, Aquanova Brewing Company, is operating at Unit 13-14, 67 Frid Street, Hamilton, Ontario;

WHEREAS, in addition to brewing beer, the business model has a retail component; and

WHEREAS, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) requires written notice from the Council of the Municipality within which the applicant's site is located confirming that it has passed a resolution in support of the issuance of a Manufacturer's Limited Liquor Sales Licence ("By the Glass"), for tastings.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Council of the City of Hamilton confirms their support for the issuance of a Manufacturer's Limited Liquor Sales Licence ("By the Glass") for Aquanova Brewing Company located at Unit 13-14, 67 Frid Street, Hamilton, Ontario.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis NOT PRESENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Members of Council used this opportunity to discuss matters of general interest.

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

(Cassar/Nann)

That Council and the Board of Health move into Closed Session at 2:28 p.m. to consider Items 12.3, 9.1 and 9.2 respecting the Confidential Opioid Funding Opportunity (BOH25001), Re-Allocation 2025 Housing Services Division Tax Operating Budget Funding for the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic to an Alternative Service Provider and Re-Alignment of Taxpayer Funding to Support Homeless Individuals and Prioritize the Removal of Encampments pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (f) and (h) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (f) and (h) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and information explicitly supplied in confidence to the City or a local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko NOT PRESENT - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis NOT PRESENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Council reconvened in Open Session at 4:14 p.m.

12.3 Confidential Opioid Funding Opportunity (BOH25001) (City Wide)

(Cassar/Clark)

That Report BÓH25001, dated February 24, 2025, respecting Confidential Opioid Funding Opportunity (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the directions provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report BOH25001, BE APPROVED and REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL until the project funder has issued an official announcement regarding the funding; and,
- (b) That Report BOH25001 and Appendix "A" to Report BOH25001 REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL until the project funder has issued an official announcement regarding the funding.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 2, as follows:

NOT PRESENT - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie

YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko

NO - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

NOT PRESENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

NOT PRESENT - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

NO - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

- YES Deputy Mayor Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(Cassar/Tadeson)

That the Board of Health rise as Council to report and confirm the actions taken in Board of Health.

CARRIED

MOTIONS (CONTINUED)

9.1 Re-Allocation 2025 Housing Services Division Tax Operating Budget Funding for the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic to an Alternative Service Provider -*REVISED*

(Danko/Francis)

WHEREAS, in August 2023, the City of Hamilton approved annual funding beginning in 2024 and continuing indefinitely in subsequent budget years, of up to \$1.197 M from the Housing Services Division Tax Operating Budget, including annualized funding to the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic in the amount of \$290,000 (HSC23023(b));

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic has chosen to become involved in adversarial civil litigation against the City of Hamilton including various court injunctions and the lengthy Charter challenge, directly costing City taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic has been directly involved in negotiations between the City of Hamilton and various encampment support organizations with the intention influencing City policy to allow overnight homeless tent encampments in City parks;

WHEREAS, encampment court injunctions and civil litigation against the City of Hamilton have resulted in City policy that permitted homeless tent encampments in City parks, resulting in increased property crime, public drug use, illegal drug trafficking, firearms offenses, fires, disorderly conduct, assault, violent crime, and intimidation of city residents and businesses to the extent that many residents believe they are effectively excluded from accessing City parks;

WHEREAS, due to the independent actions of the Community Legal Clinic, their commercial relationship with the City of Hamilton as a service provider may be impaired; and

WHEREAS, many residents have lost confidence in the Community Legal Clinic as a service provider receiving taxpayer dollars.

WHEREAS, in a letter dated February 4th, 2025 in reference to the City of Hamilton Tenant Support Program and various activities, the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic states that "We will continue to do that work even if the City of Hamilton chooses to end this partnership. The impact on the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic will be minimal".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Housing Services staff identify an alternative service provider to the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic to support the Hamilton Tenant Support Program; and
- (b) That the \$290,000 annual funding allocation to the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic in the 2025 Housing Services Divisional Tax Operating Budget, be reallocated to the alternate service provider.

Result: Motion, DEFEATED by a vote of 3 to 10, as follows:

- NO Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- NO Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- NO Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- NOT PRESENT Mayor Andrea Horwath
- NO Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- NO Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- CONFLICT Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- NO Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- NO Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- NOT PRESENT Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- NO Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- NO Deputy Mayor Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- NO Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

9.2 Re-Alignment of Taxpayer Funding to Support Homeless Individuals and Prioritize the Removal of Encampments - *REVISED*

(i) (Danko/Francis)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton relies on many local social agencies, harm reduction, homeless and encampment organizations that provide various levels of support to vulnerable populations throughout the City;

WHEREAS, in 2024 the City of Hamilton invested a total of \$186 million dollars towards housing and homelessness, \$125 million funded by municipal taxpayers, equivalent to approximately \$215 per resident per year;

WHEREAS, in January 2025 Council approved direction that will restrict homeless tent encampments from City parks, beginning on March 6th, 2025 and the permanent removal of encampments from parks is a Council priority;

WHEREAS, various third-party organizations *have been identified as working to* maintain homeless tent encampments in City parks and are encouraging encampment residents to resist options other than encampments;

WHEREAS, residents have reported observing instances where homeless individuals have received organized assistance to set up, relocate and provision encampments in City parks;

WHEREAS, as part of general public accountability and transparency, all organizations receiving taxpayer funding through the City of Hamilton are required to provide services that fulfil an established mandate;

WHEREAS, organizations receiving City funding that are unwilling or unable to work within the scope of their approved mandate are free to do whatever they want on their own time with their own funding; and

WHEREAS, limited taxpayer resources should be prioritized to fund organizations that are fulfilling the scope of their funding mandates to support current City of Hamilton Council approved by-laws and policies in alignment with the interests of residents, and the wellbeing of homeless individuals.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Housing Services staff be directed to identify and itemize *all City funding-the approximately three hundred funding contracts* allocated to homelessness support social agencies, harm reduction, and encampment outreach organizations; and,
- (b) That Housing Services staff use their discretion to re-align City funding as required to organizations that are fulfilling their individual funding mandates, working with the City of Hamilton in alignment with Council approved by-laws and policies with a focus of eliminating homeless tent encampments in City parks beginning March 6, 2025 articulate to all contracted service providers that they are required to follow all current City of Hamilton by-laws and policies.
- (ii) Sub-Section (a) of Item 9.2, was voted on separately as follows:
 - (a) That Housing Services staff be directed to identify and itemize the approximately three hundred funding contracts allocated to homelessness support social agencies, harm reduction, and encampment outreach organizations; and,

Result: Motion on Sub-Section (a) of Item 9.2, CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 4, as follows:

- YES Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

- NOT PRESENT Mayor Andrea Horwath
- NO Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- NO Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- CONFLICT Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- NO Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- NO Deputy Mayor Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- (iii) Sub-Section (b) of Item 9.2, was voted on separately as follows:
 - (b) That Housing Services staff articulate to all contracted service providers that they are required to follow all current City of Hamilton by-laws and policies.

Result: Motion on Sub-Section (b) of Item 9.2, DEFEATED by a vote of 4 to 9, as follows:

NO - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie

- NO Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- NOT PRESENT Mayor Andrea Horwath
- NO Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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- NO Deputy Mayor Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
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BY-LAWS

(Cassar/Tadeson)

That Bills No. 25-030 to No. 25-047 be passed, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto, and that the By-laws, be numbered, be signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk to read as follows:

 To Establish City of Hamilton Land Described as Block 13 on Plan 62M-1270 as Part of Medicorum Place Ward: 15

- To Amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended, Being a By-law to Regulate On-Street Parking
 Schedule 6 (Time Limit Parking)
 Schedule 8 (No Parking Zones)
 Schedule 12 (Permit Parking Zones)Schedule 13 (No Stopping Zones)
 Ward: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 12
- To Amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200, with Respect to Lands Located at 475
 Powerline Road, Stoney Creek
 Ward: 9
 ZAC-25-003
- 033 To Amend City of Hamilton Zoning By-law No. 05-200, Respecting Modifications and Updates to Additional Dwelling Unit and Additional Dwelling Unit – Detached Regulations to Implement Ontario Regulation 462/24 - Additional Residential Units Ward: City Wide CI-25-B
- 034 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 87-57 (Ancaster) Respecting Modification and Updates to Secondary Dwelling Unit and Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached Regulations to Implement Ontario Regulation 462/24 - Additional Residential Units Ward: City Wide CI-25-B
- 035 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 3581-86 (Dundas) Respecting Modifications and Updates to Secondary Dwelling Unit and Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached Regulations to Implement Ontario Regulation 462/24 - Additional Residential Units Ward: City Wide CI-25-B
- 036 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 90-145-Z (Flamborough) Respecting Modifications and Updates to Secondary Dwelling Unit and Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached Regulations to Implement Ontario Regulation 462/24 - Additional Residential Units Ward: City Wide CI-25-B
- 037 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 464 (Glanbrook) Respecting Modifications and Updates to Secondary Dwelling Unit and Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached Regulations to Implement Ontario Regulation 462/24 - Additional Residential Units Ward: City Wide CI-25-B
- 038 To Amend Former City of Hamilton Zoning By-law No. 6593, Respecting Modifications and Updates to Secondary Dwelling Unit and Secondary Dwelling Unit-Detached Regulations to Implement Ontario Regulation 462/24 – Additional Residential Units Ward: City Wide CI-25-B

- 039 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 3692-92 (Stoney Creek) Respecting Modifications and Updates to Secondary Dwelling Unit and Secondary Dwelling Unit – Detached Regulations to Implement Ontario Regulation 462/24 - Additional Residential Units Ward: City Wide CI-25-B
- 040 To Adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 229 to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan Respecting 3530 Upper James Street (former Township of Glanbrook) Ward: 11
- 041 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 464 (Glanbrook), Respecting Lands Located at 3530
 Upper James Street
 Ward: 11
 UHOPA-24-010/ZAC-24-032
- 042 Respecting Removal of Part Lot Control, Block 4, Registered Plan 62M-1290, Municipally Known as: 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, and 47 Zoe Lane; 253, 255, 257, 259,261, 263, 265, 267, 269, and 271 Tanglewood Drive; 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, and 28 Lloyd Davies Way; 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, and 72 Lloyd Davies Way; and, Units 1 to 35, 295 Tanglewood Drive, Glanbrook Ward: 11 PLC-24-007
- 043 To Designate Property Located at 2251 Rymal Road East, Stoney Creek, City of Hamilton as Property of Cultural Heritage Value Ward: 9
- 044 To Designate Property Located at 21-25 Jones Street, Stoney Creek, City of Hamilton as Property of Cultural Heritage Value Ward: 5
- 045 To Amend By-law No. 19-259, To Administer Notices and Other Matters under the Trespass to Property Act Ward: City Wide
- 046 Being a By-law Respecting the Passenger Transportation System Operated and/or Funded by the City and to Repeal By-law No. 16-111 Ward: City Wide
- 047 To Confirm the Proceedings of City Council

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis NOT PRESENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann YES - Ward 7 Councillor Nrinder Nann YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Trennum City Clerk Office of the City Clerk Deputy Mayor Alex Wilson