



**SOLE VOTING MEMBER OF THE  
HAMILTON FARMERS' MARKET  
MINUTES - HFMS 25-001**

10:30 a.m.

March 24, 2025

Council Chambers (Hybrid), City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

**Present:** Deputy Mayor A. Wilson (Chair)  
Councillors J. Beattie (Virtually), C. Cassar (Virtually), B. Clark,  
M. Francis (Virtually), T. Hwang, T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, E. Pauls (Virtually),  
M. Tadeson, and M. Wilson

**Absent:** Mayor A. Horwath – City Business  
Councillors J.P. Danko and N. Nann – Personal  
Councillors T. McMeekin and M. Spadafora – City Business

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor A. Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES**

There were no ceremonial activities.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**(Kroetsch/Tadeson)**

That the agenda for the March 24, 2025 Sole Voting Member of the Hamilton Farmers' Market meeting, be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**(Kroetsch/Hwang)**

The minutes of the October 28, 2024 (Item 5.1) meeting of the Sole Voting Member of the Hamilton Farmers' Market, be adopted, as presented.

**CARRIED**

6. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There were no items for information.

8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1 PED25094

**Governance and Operational Model Recommendations – Hamilton Farmers' Market (City Wide)**

Ray Kessler, Chief Corporate Real Estate Officer, introduced external consultants David Lynch and Melissa Merkley, Optimus SBR, who addressed the Committee with a presentation respecting Report PED25094, Governance and Operational Model Recommendations – Hamilton Farmers' Market (City Wide).

(i) **(Kroetsch/Hwang)**

That Report PED25094, dated March 24, 2025, respecting Governance and Operational Model Recommendations – Hamilton Farmers' Market (City Wide), and the accompanying presentation, be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the Optimus SBR report on the Governance and Operational Review of the Hamilton Farmers' Market Corporation attached as Appendix A to Report PED25094, **BE RECEIVED**;
- (b) That the recommended governance and operating model for the Hamilton Farmers' Market to remain a Municipal Service Corporation and be guided by the recommendations attached as Appendix B to Report PED25094, **BE APPROVED**; and,
- (c) That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to develop the legal and operational framework (or amendments to existing instruments as appropriate) required to support the implementation of the recommended governance and operating model, including resource and budget implications, together with a transition plan, and report back to General Issues Committee for approval.

(ii) **(Hwang/Kroetsch)**

- (a) That Report PED25094, respecting Governance and Operational Model Recommendations – Hamilton Farmers' Market (City Wide), and the accompanying presentation, be REFERRED to the Hamilton Farmers' Market Board, for review and feedback; and,

- (b) That Report PED25094, respecting Governance and Operational Model Recommendations – Hamilton Farmers' Market (City Wide), be included on a future meeting of the Sole Voting Member of the Hamilton Farmers' Market along with the feedback from the Hamilton Farmers' Market Board.

**Result: REFERRAL MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:**

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**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 Sole Voting Member of the Hamilton Farmers' Market adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela McRae  
Legislative Coordinator

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Deputy Mayor Alex Wilson  
Chair, Sole Voting Member of the  
Hamilton Farmers' Market