



## **GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES - GIC 25-004**

9:30 a.m.

March 19, 2025

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

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

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

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor A. Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

#### **2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES**

There were no ceremonial activities.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

##### **(Pauls/McMeekin)**

That the agenda for the March 19, 2025 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor J. Beattie declared a disqualifying interest to Item 8.5 – FCS22043(d), respecting the 2026 Stormwater Fee (City Wide), as he is the owner of a farm business.

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

##### **(Kroetsch/Pauls)**

The minutes of the February 26, 2025 (Item 5.1) meeting of the General Issues Committee, be adopted, as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 6. DELEGATIONS

### 6.1 Andrew Selman, respecting the Microshelter procurement process, the shelters selected, and their adherence to Canadian fire, electrical, and insulation codes (In-Person)

Andrew Selman, addressed the Committee, respecting the Microshelter procurement process, the shelters selected, and their adherence to Canadian fire, electrical, and insulation codes.

#### (Tadeson/Francis)

That the delegation from Andrew Selman, respecting the Microshelter procurement process, the shelters selected, and their adherence to Canadian fire, electrical, and insulation codes, be received and REFERRED to staff for information purposes.

**CARRIED**

### 6.2 Karl Andrus, respecting Item 9.4 - Development of the Community Benefits Protocol or Social Value Framework (In-Person)

Karl Andrus, addressed the Committee, respecting the Development of the Community Benefits Protocol or Social Value Framework (Item 9.4).

#### (Kroetsch/Tadeson)

That the delegation from Karl Andrus, respecting the Development of the Community Benefits Protocol or Social Value Framework (Item 9.4), be received.

**CARRIED**

## 7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### 7.1 HSC23016(a) 2023 Social Housing Annual Update (City Wide)

#### (i) (Cassar/Pauls)

(a) That Report HSC23016(a), dated February 26, 2025, respecting 2023 Social Housing Annual Update, be received; and,

(b) That Confidential Appendix “C” to Report HSC23016(a), respecting 2023 Social Housing Annual Update, remain confidential.

#### (ii) (Kroetsch/Tadeson)

That Report HSC23016(a), respecting the 2023 Social Housing Annual Update (City Wide), be REFERRED back to staff for the inclusion of additional GIS mapping information and report back to the General Issues Committee on May 21, 2025.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:**

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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
Yes	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**7.2 Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee Minutes - BIAC 25-002 - February 18, 2025**

**(Hwang/Tadeson)**

That the Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee Minutes - BIAC 25-002 - February 18, 2025, be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 HSC25006  
Everyone Counts 2024 – Canada’s National Point in Time Count:  
Hamilton Results (City Wide)**

**(i) (Kroetsch/Cassar)**

That Report HSC25006, Everyone Counts 2024 – Canada’s National Point in Time Count: Hamilton Results (City Wide), be received.

**(ii) (Kroetsch/Horwath)**

That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee on how the City of Hamilton compares to other municipalities that completed the current Point-in-Time Counts when the Results from the Fourth Nationally Coordinated Point-in-Time Counts of Homelessness in Canada are made available through the Government of Canada.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	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
Yes	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

**(iii) (Kroetsch/Cassar)**

That Report HSC25006, Everyone Counts 2024 – Canada’s National Point in Time Count: Hamilton Results (City Wide), be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.4 PW25011  
Corporate Asset Management Update (City Wide)**

**(Hwang/Kroetsch)**

That Report PW25011, Corporate Asset Management Update (City Wide), be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.5 PW24011(a)  
Management Update on Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry (City Wide)**

**(Hwang/Danko)**

That Report PW24011(a), Management Update on Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry (City Wide), be received.

**CARRIED**

**8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**8.1 Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee Minutes LRTC 25-001 - February 20, 2025**

**(Pauls/Cassar)**

That the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee Minutes LRTC 25-001, dated February 20, 2025, be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Absent	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

**8.2 PED25069  
Revised Board of Management for the Ottawa Street Business  
Improvement Area (Wards 3 and 4)**

**(Hwang/Cassar)**

That Report PED25069, dated March 19, 2025, respecting Revised Board of Management for the Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area (Wards 3 and 4), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) The following individual be removed from the Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area Board of Management:

Mark Baker – Merk Snack Bar.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 14 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
Yes	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora

Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**8.3 Open For Business Sub-Committee Minutes OBSC 25-001 - March 6, 2025**

**(Hwang/Pauls)**

That the Open For Business Sub-Committee Minutes OBSC 25-001, dated March 6, 2025, be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

Yes - 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  
Yes - 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  
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora  
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**8.4 PED25049  
Revitalizing Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program Application – 75 James Street South, 44 Hughson Street South and 9 Jackson Street East, Hamilton (Ward 2)**

**(Kroetsch/Spadafora)**

That Report PED25049, dated March 19, 2025, respecting Revitalizing Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program Application – 75 James Street South, 44 Hughson Street South and 9 Jackson Street East, Hamilton (Ward 2), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That a Revitalizing Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program Application submitted by Fengate Hamilton Lands GP Inc., as General Partner for, LPF Hamilton Lands LP (Fengate Capital Advisors Inc. (100%)), for the property at 75 James Street South, 44 Hughson Street South and 9 Jackson Street East, Hamilton, estimated to total \$3,770,864 over a maximum of four years based on the incremental tax increase attributable to the redevelopment of 75 James Street South, 44 Hughson Street South and 9 Jackson Street East, Hamilton, be

authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Revitalizing Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program;

- (b) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to execute a Grant Agreement together with any ancillary documentation required, to give effect to the Revitalizing Hamilton Tax Increment Grant for Fengate Hamilton Lands GP Inc., as General Partner for, LPF Hamilton Lands LP for the property at 75 James Street South, 44 Hughson Street South and 9 Jackson Street East, Hamilton, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (c) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to administer the Grant and Grant Agreement including, but not limited to, deciding on actions to take in respect of events of default and executing any Grant Amending Agreements, together with any ancillary amending documentation, if required, provided that the terms and conditions of the Revitalizing Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program, as approved by City Council, are maintained and that any applicable Grant Amending Agreements are undertaken in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

Yes	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**8.5 FCS22043(d)  
2026 Stormwater Fee (City Wide)**

Kirk Weaver, Director, Financial Planning Administration and Policy addressed the Committee with a presentation respecting Report FCS22043(d), the 2026 Stormwater Fee.

- (i) **(Cassar/McMeekin)**
  - (a) That the staff presentation respecting Report FCS22043(d), the 2026 Stormwater Fee, be received;
  - (b) That Report FCS22043(d), dated March 19, 2025, respecting the 2026 Stormwater Fee, be received, and the following recommendations be approved:
    - (i) That property tax levy funding related to stormwater expenditures to be funded by the new stormwater rate structure, be transferred annually to the Stormwater Reserve (108010) to support a largely revenue neutral transition to a dedicated stormwater fee effective April 1, 2026;
    - (ii) That the forecasted daily single-family unit (SFU) stormwater fee of \$0.55 (\$200.75 per annum 2026) for all properties in the City of Hamilton be adopted, in principle, effective April 1, 2026; and
    - (iii) That the subject matter respecting a review of the annual SFU rate required to implement a dedicated user fee for stormwater, be identified as complete and removed from the General Issues Committee Outstanding Business List.

- (ii) **(Danko/Cassar)**

That Report FCS22043(d) be REFERRED back to staff to investigate options to adjust the proposed rates for large industrial water users and provincially funded institutional users with the intention of maintaining their current proportion of stormwater funding and report back to the General Issues Committee on a revised rate structure by Q3 2025 and in time for implementation for the 2026 Rate Budget.

- (iii) **(Tadeson/Clark)**

That the REFERRAL motion, *be amended* to include the following:

***“and investigate options to bring rural residents stormwater fees to more closely align with the stormwater fees for urban residents.”***

Councillor Tadeson WITHDREW the above amendment.

**Result: REFERRAL MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 4, 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
No	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
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Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
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No	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

**(Cassar/Kroetsch)**

That the General Issues Committee recess for 34 minutes until 2:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

The General Issues Committee reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

**8.6 PED24163(a)**

**Proposed Pilot Downtown Hamilton Office Conversion Grant Program  
(Ward 2)**

**(Kroetsch/Hwang)**

That Report PED24163(a), dated March 19, 2025, respecting Proposed Pilot Downtown Hamilton Office Conversion Grant Program (Ward 2), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That staff BE DIRECTED to bring forward to the Planning Committee the proposed pilot Downtown Hamilton Office Conversion Grant program, contained in Appendix A to this Report PED24163(a), along with all necessary implementing by-law amendments, including those required to the Revitalizing Hamilton's Commercial Districts Community Improvement Plan and Community Improvement Project Area, for a statutory public meeting and Planning Committee consideration in accordance with Section 28 of the Planning Act;
- (b) That staff BE DIRECTED to establish a new Downtown Office Conversion Project ID from which grants under the Downtown Office Conversion Grant Program will be funded;
- (c) That Council APPROVE the reallocation of \$2,500,000, on as needed basis to the new Downtown Office Conversion Project ID, from the following existing Economic Development Division Project IDs:

- (i) 8201703100 and 8202203200 associated with the Start-Up and Office Attraction Program to a combined maximum of \$618,638;
- (ii) 8201703620 associated with the Gore Building Improvement Grant Program to a maximum of \$250,000; and,
- (iii) 8201703703 and 8201703704 associated with the Commercial District Revitalization Grant Program to a combined maximum of \$1,631,362; and,
- (d) That Planning Division staff BE DIRECTED to investigate opportunities to remove City barriers to the conversion of office buildings for residential or hotel uses in Downtown Hamilton that could arise through the Site Plan review process including, but not limited to, waste collection, noise and water/wastewater capacity, and report back to the Planning Committee with recommendations before the end of Q3 2025.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 1, as follows:**

Yes	-	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
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Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**8.6(a) Correspondence from Anthony Salemi, West End Home Builders' Association respecting Item 8.6 - Report PED24163, Proposed Pilot Downtown Hamilton Office Conversion Grant Program (Ward 2)**

**(Kroetsch/Cassar)**

That the Correspondence from Anthony Salemi, West End Home Builders' Association respecting Item 8.6 - Report PED24163, Proposed Pilot Downtown Hamilton Office Conversion Grant Program (Ward 2), be received.

**CARRIED**

**8.7 HUR25006  
Municipal Police Board Diversity Plan (City Wide)**

**(Pauls/Tadeson)**

That Report HUR25006, dated March 19, 2025, respecting Municipal Police Board Diversity Plan (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendation be approved:

- (a) That the proposed Municipal Police Board Diversity Plan, attached as Appendix A to HUR25006, Municipal Police Board Diversity Plan (City Wide), BE APPROVED.

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

Yes	-	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
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Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**8.8 PW25014  
Temporary On-Street Patio Traffic Control and Safety Devices (City Wide)**

**(Hwang/Tadeson)**

That Report PW25014, dated March 19, 2025, respecting Temporary On-Street Patio Traffic Control and Safety Devices (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That staff BE AUTHORIZED and DIRECTED to retain a third-party contractor for the supply, installation and removal of safety devices and barriers for on-street patios per the Ontario Traffic Council guidelines, for the 2025 season, to be funded from Project ID 4042549220 as a one-year pilot project;
- (b) That Staff BE DIRECTED to report back to the General Issues Committee with results of the pilot project by Q4 2025; and,

- (c) That the General Manager, Public Works and City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED and DIRECTED to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with content acceptable to the General Manager, Public Works with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

## **9. MOTIONS**

### **9.1 Wesley Youth Outreach Centre (Ward 1)**

**(M. Wilson/Clark)**

WHEREAS, Statistics Canada indicates 19.5% of residents in the City of Hamilton are between the ages of 15-29;

WHEREAS, 37.7% of Ward 1 resident's income is at or below the City's poverty line.

WHEREAS, there is a clear link between poverty and impacts on youth's physical, emotional, mental and educational achievements and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton relies upon the services of Non-profit groups such as Wesley to provide services for youth and newcomers;

WHEREAS, Wesley provides programming and space within Ward 1 for youth to connect to homework support, develop healthy peer-to-peer relationships in a safe place, learn positive life and social skills, and improve overall well-being.

WHEREAS, the furnishings within the facilities are no longer viable,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant to Wesley Youth Outreach Centre located at 155 Queen St. N. be funded from the Ward 1 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309100 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$10,000;
- (b) That any funds allocated and distributed through the Ward 1 Discretionary Fund be exempt on a one-time basis and not be counted toward any formula that restricts regular funding from the City, including the City Enrichment Fund or the One-Time Enhancement Grant (e.g. the City's 30% formula); and,
- (c) The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions that are satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**9.2 Strong Mayor Powers and How They Apply to the City of Hamilton  
Property Tax Budget Process – REVISED**

- (i) **(Spadafora/Jackson)**  
WHEREAS, several City Councillors have expressed frustration of being hamstrung, rushed, and stifled amid a new interpretation of Strong Mayor Powers pertaining to the 2025 Property Tax Budget process whereby only amending motions to the budget were permitted

instead of debate and direction on the budget as a whole and the associated property tax increase;

WHEREAS, the majority of amending motions brought forward by Councillors were jointly deemed out of order by the City Clerk and Budget Chair amid the new Strong Mayor Powers budget process, without any opportunity for neutral, apolitical, procedural collaboration to make changes to said amending motions so as to make them in order;

WHEREAS, for successful amending motions to actually be enacted, they were ultimately subject to, and at the mercy of, the Strong Mayor Powers veto, regardless if the veto was used or not used;

WHEREAS, during deliberations of the 2024 Property Tax Budget, the first budget process against the backdrop of Strong Mayor Powers that were extended to the City of Hamilton on July 1, 2023, the budget was not considered “the Mayor’s budget”, and accordingly, Councillors were able to propose germane amendments to the budget and motions to direct staff accordingly to amend the proposed property tax increase without the risk of said amendments or motions being jointly deemed to be out of order by the City Clerk and the Budget Chair; and,

WHEREAS, the 2025 Property Tax Budget was deemed “adopted” by the Mayor outside of any Council meeting negating Councillors the opportunity to go on the record of either voting in favour or against the 2025 Property Tax Budget, something that has historically been deemed important by Councillors and constituents alike;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mayor ask the Ontario Premier to not allow the City of Hamilton to use Strong Mayor Powers for the City of Hamilton budget process, reverting to the traditional budget deliberation process that was most recently used for the 2024 Property Tax Budget during the first year of Strong Mayor Powers in Hamilton;
- (b) That the Mayor and City of Hamilton staff involved with interpreting and applying the rubric of Strong Mayor Powers to the 2025 Property Tax Budget process ask the Office of the Premier of Ontario to review said interpretation and application of Strong Mayor Powers as they pertained to the 2025 Property Tax Budget process and to comment on if they believe it was done properly and appropriately, and whether there may have been different interpretations and applications; and,
- (c) That the City of Hamilton Finance and Legal staff research and report back on how other municipalities that have Strong Mayor

Powers applied the Strong Mayor Powers to their budget process, if at all.

- (ii) The following friendly amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder of the Motion.

That the Motion be **amended** to read as follows:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Hamilton **City Council** ask the Ontario Premier to **exempt not allow** the City of Hamilton **from the use of** Strong Mayor Powers; ~~for the City of Hamilton budget process, reverting to the traditional budget deliberation process that was most recently used for the 2024 Property Tax Budget during the first year of Strong Mayor Powers in Hamilton;~~

- ~~(b) That the Mayor and City of Hamilton staff involved with interpreting and applying the rubric of Strong Mayor Powers to the 2025 Property Tax Budget process ask the Office of the Premier of Ontario to review said interpretation and application of Strong Mayor Powers as they pertained to the 2025 Property Tax Budget process and to comment on if they believe it was done properly and appropriately, and whether there may have been different interpretations and applications; and,~~

- ~~(b)(c)~~ That the City of Hamilton Finance and Legal staff research and report back on how other municipalities that have Strong Mayor Powers applied the Strong Mayor Powers to their budget process, if at all.

**Result: MOTION, As Amended, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	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  
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora  
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**9.3 Installation of Additional Surveillance Cameras and Corresponding Equipment at the CityHousing Hamilton Building at 690 Stone Church Road West (Ward 14)**

**(Spadafora/Jackson)**

WHEREAS, the senior tenants residing at 690 Stone Church Road West have expressed that they do not feel safe at times and would like to see additional surveillance cameras at the building's entry points and an exterior camera for the parking lot;

WHEREAS, individuals have entered the building to steal mail and items from the community room;

WHEREAS, unhoused individuals have tried to gain access to the building to keep warm in the winter months;

WHEREAS, the building does not have any on-site security to patrol the building; and,

WHEREAS, the installation of modern surveillance cameras with 4K resolution will provide the seniors with comfort and peace of mind knowing that uninvited or unauthorized access to the building will be deterred.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the costs associated with the installation of new 4K resolution surveillance cameras and corresponding equipment (network video recorder, hard drive, monitor, etc.) at the CityHousing Hamilton building in Ward 14 at 690 Stone Church Road West, be funded from the Ward 14 Capital Discretionary Account (#3302309014) at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$4,500; and,
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 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  
Absent - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang



Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

#### **9.4 Development of the Community Benefits Protocol or Social Value Framework**

##### **(Kroetsch/Hwang)**

WHEREAS, Council did not approve the Budget amendment to spend an additional \$75,000 to continue the development of a Community Benefits Protocol or Social Value Framework during the 2025 Budget;

WHEREAS, staff recommended the use of an unallocated \$75,000 from the tax stabilization be used to pilot a Social Value Procurement program as a first step in developing a Community Benefits Protocol (Social Value Framework) that would guide the City of Hamilton in the corporation's social value/community benefits efforts;

WHEREAS, the development of a Community Benefits Protocol or Social Value Framework is foundational work and essential to the overall success of a pilot Social Value Procurement program; and,

WHEREAS, City staff have advised that the pilot Social Value Procurement program could be paused, and re-introduced for consideration as part of the 2026 budget process, in order to instead develop a Community Benefits Protocol or Social Value Framework in 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That up to \$75 K from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (110046) be allocated to fund the development of the Community Benefits Protocol or Social Value Framework and that the consideration of a pilot Social Value Procurement be deferred pending completion of the Community Benefits Protocol or Social Value Framework.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 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
Absent	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no notices of motion.

**11. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

Committee determined that discussion of Item 11.1 was not required in Closed Session; therefore, the matter was addressed in Open Session, as follows:

**11.1 Closed Session Minutes – February 26, 2025**

**(Kroetsch/McMeekin)**

That the Closed Session minutes of the February 26, 2025 General Issues Committee meeting, be adopted and remain confidential.

**CARRIED**

**(Tadeson/Clark)**

That Committee move into Closed Session for Items 11.3 and 11.4 at 5:08 p.m. pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-Sections (c) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City purposes or a local board; and a position, plan, procedure, criteria, or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 0, as follows:**

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath	
Yes	-	Ward 1	Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 2	Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis

Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

The General Issues Committee meeting reconvened in Open Session at 5:25 p.m.

**11.3 PED25005**

**Acquisition of Land in the City of Hamilton (Ward 11) - REVISED**

**(Tadeson/Clark)**

That Report PED25005, dated March 19, 2025, respecting Acquisition of Land in the City of Hamilton (Ward 11) - REVISED, be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That staff be authorized and directed to acquire title to the lands described in Confidential Appendix “A” to Report PED25005 (the “Properties”), substantially on the Terms and Conditions attached as Revised Confidential Appendix “B” to Report PED25005, and such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department or designate;
- (b) That all costs related to the Acquisition of Land in the City of Hamilton be funded as set out in Revised Confidential Appendix “B” to Report PED25005;
- (c) That the sum of \$510,550 be funded from Project ID Account No. 59806-4032280253 and be credited to Dept. ID Account No. 59806-812036 (Real Estate – Admin Recovery) for recovery of expenses including real estate costs;
- (d) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to complete the Acquisition of Land in the City of Hamilton, on behalf of the city, including paying any necessary expenses, including, but not limited to, disbursements, Land Transfer Tax and property taxes, amending the closing, due diligence and other dates, and amending and waiving terms and conditions on such terms deemed appropriate to the City Solicitor;

- (e) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents for the Acquisition of Land in the City of Hamilton, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (f) That the complete Report PED25005, respecting the Acquisition of Land in the City of Hamilton, remain confidential until completion of the real estate transaction, with the exception of Revised Confidential Appendix “B” to Report PED25005 which shall remain confidential.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 0, as follows:**

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**11.4 PED25090  
Lease Agreement - 1579 Burlington Street East, Hamilton (Ward 4)**

**(Tadeson/Jackson)**

That Report PED25090, dated March 19, 2025, respecting A Lease Agreement - 1579 Burlington Street East, Hamilton (Ward 4), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the directions provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting PED25090, Lease Agreement - 1579 Burlington Street East, Hamilton (Ward 4), BE APPROVED and remain confidential until completion of the subject Lease Agreement.
- (b) That the balance of Report PED25090 and the Appendices, respecting the Lease Agreement – a portion of 1579 Burlington Street East, remain confidential.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 0, as follows:**

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
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Yes	-	Ward 1	Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 2	Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
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Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela McRae  
Legislative Coordinator

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Deputy Mayor Alex Wilson  
Chair, General Issues Committee