



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES - GIC 25-005

9:30 a.m.

April 9, 2025

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

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

Absent: Councillor J.P. Danko - Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

Mayor Horwath asked Committee to observe a moment of silence for the City of Hamilton staff who were involved in the recent incident.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Spadafora advised that Item 6.7, Mark John Stewart and Joanne Santucci, Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability, respecting Report from the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability (In-Person) will be moved to the end of the Delegations, to be heard immediately before Item 7.1, Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access, and Accountability Minutes MTAA 25-001 - March 25, 2025.

(Kroetsch/Beattie)

That the agenda for the April 9, 2025 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(Kroetsch/Tadeson)

The minutes of the March 19, 2025 (Item 5.1) meeting of the General Issues Committee, be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Delegations respecting Items 7.11 and 8.1 - PED20109(f) & (g), Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process - Sustainable Operations Model and Funding (City Wide), from the following individuals:

The following individuals, addressed the Committee, respecting the Reports PED20109(f) and (g), respecting Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process - Sustainable Operations Model and Funding (Items 7.11 and 8.1):

- 6.1(a) Abbie Little, Cycle Hamilton (In-Person)
- 6.1(b) Noah Carr (In-Person)
- 6.1(d) Marianne Talman (Pre-recorded Video)
- 6.1(f) Leah Janzen, Compass Community Health (Virtually)
- 6.1(g) Julian Foreman (Pre-recorded Video)
- 6.1(h) Greg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (Pre-recorded Video)
- 6.1(i) Adam Palmer, McMaster University & Hamilton Burlington Mountain Bike Association (Virtually), with the aid of a presentation
- 6.1(j) JC Leckie (In-Person)
- 6.1(k) Ireneusz Janiszewski and Jackie Padulla (In-Person)
- 6.1(l) Richard Gelder, Dundas Rides (In-Person)
- 6.1(m) Brett Sicard, McMaster Students for Bike Share (Virtually)
- 6.1(n) Nicole Smith (In-Person)
- 6.1(o) Kate Whalen (Pre-recorded Video)
- 6.1(p) Sean Burak (In-Person)
- 6.1(q) Jon Davey (In-Person), with the aid of a presentation
- 6.1(r) Sarah Gonder and Paris Liu (In-Person), with the aid of a presentation
- 6.1(s) Jamie Stuckless (Virtually)
- 6.1(t) Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton (Virtually)
- 6.1(u) Evan Ubene (In-Person)
- 6.1(v) Chad Chabot (In-Person)
- 6.1(w) Liam MacLeod (In-Person)

The following individuals, respecting the Reports PED20109(f) and (g), respecting Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process -

Sustainable Operations Model and Funding (Items 7.11 and 8.1), were not present when called upon:

- 6.1(c) Kiara Rahm (In-person)
- 6.1(e) Ian Brisbin (In-Person)

(Hwang/Nann)

That the following delegations, be received and referred to the consideration of Reports PED20109(f) and (g), respecting Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process - Sustainable Operations Model and Funding (Items 7.11 and 8.1):

- 6.1(a) Abbie Little, Cycle Hamilton (In-Person)
- 6.1(b) Noah Carr (In-Person)
- 6.1(d) Marianne Talman (Pre-recorded Video)
- 6.1(f) Leah Janzen, Compass Community Health (Virtually)
- 6.1(g) Julian Foreman (Pre-recorded Video)
- 6.1(h) Greg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (Pre-recorded Video)
- 6.1(i) Adam Palmer, McMaster University & Hamilton Burlington Mountain Bike Association (Virtually)
- 6.1(j) JC Leckie (In-Person)
- 6.1(k) Ireneusz Janiszewski and Jackie Padulla (In-Person)
- 6.1(l) Richard Gelder, Dundas Rides (In-Person)
- 6.1(m) Brett Sicard, McMaster Students for Bike Share (Virtually)
- 6.1(n) Nicole Smith (In-Person)
- 6.1(o) Kate Whalen (Pre-recorded Video)
- 6.1(p) Sean Burak (In-Person)
- 6.1(q) Jon Davey (In-Person)
- 6.1(r) Sarah Gonder and Paris Liu (In-Person)
- 6.1(s) Jamie Stuckless (Virtually)
- 6.1(t) Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton (Virtually)
- 6.1(u) Evan Ubene (In-Person)
- 6.1(v) Chad Chabot (In-Person)
- 6.1(w) Liam MacLeod (In-Person)

CARRIED

- 6.2 Jennifer Bonner, The HUB, Greater Hamilton Health Network, St. Joseph's Hospital and Hamilton Health Sciences, respecting the success of the overnight warming centre and present on the need for innovative partnerships in Hamilton (In-Person)**

(Jackson/Pauls)

That the delegates' speaking time be extended by five minutes, for a total of ten minutes.

CARRIED

Jennifer Bonner, The HUB, Melissa McCallum, Greater Hamilton Health Network, Dr. Alim Pardan - Hamilton Health Sciences, and Erin Doherty, St. Joseph's Hospital, addressed the Committee, respecting the success of the overnight warming centre and present on the need for innovative partnerships in Hamilton, with the aid of a presentation.

(Hwang/Tadeson)

That the delegation from Jennifer Bonner, The HUB, Melissa McCallum, Greater Hamilton Health Network, Dr. Alim Pardan - Hamilton Health Sciences, and Erin Doherty, St. Joseph's Hospital, respecting the success of the overnight warming centre and present on the need for innovative partnerships in Hamilton, be received.

CARRIED

6.3 Andrew Selman, respecting City of Hamilton's ongoing failure to properly clear hazardous debris from encampments after they have been vacated (In-Person)

Andrew Selman, addressed Committee respecting City of Hamilton's ongoing failure to properly clear hazardous debris from encampments after they have been vacated, with the aid of a presentation.

(Cassar/Hwang)

That the delegation from Andrew Selman, respecting City of Hamilton's ongoing failure to properly clear hazardous debris from encampments after they have been vacated, be received.

CARRIED

6.4 Tej Sandhu, Support of Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council Community Plan (In-Person)

Tej Sandhu, addressed Committee respecting Support of Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council Community Plan.

(Nann/Hwang)

That the delegation from Tej Sandhu, respecting Support of Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council Community Plan, be received and referred to consideration of Report PED25075, respecting Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council, Community Plan 2025-2028 (Item 7.7).

CARRIED

6.5 James Kemp, respecting HSC25022 (Item 7.5) (Virtually) - WITHDRAWN

The Delegation was withdrawn.

6.6 Madeleine "Mandi" Smith, respecting requesting an immediate action plan to address the construction of an encampments (In-Person) - WITHDRAWN

The Delegation was withdrawn.

6.8 Grace Baldwin, Good Shepherd Centres, respecting Item 8.6 Asylum Claimants Transitional Housing Proposal (In-Person)

Grace Baldwin, Good Shepherd Centres, Terri Bedminster, Refuge Newcomer Health, and Rashed Afif, Wesley addressed Committee respecting Item 8.6 Asylum Claimants Transitional Housing Proposal.

(Kroetsch/Beattie)

That the delegation from Grace Baldwin, Good Shepherd Centres, Terri Bedminster, Refuge: Hamilton Centre Newcomer Health, and Rashed Afif, Wesley addressed Committee respecting Item 8.6 Asylum Claimants Transitional Housing Proposal, be received and referred to consideration of Report HSC24016(a), respecting Asylum-Claimants Transitional Housing Proposal (City Wide) (Item 7.7).

CARRIED

6.7 Mark John Stewart and Joanne Santucci, Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability, respecting Report from the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability (In-Person)

(Nann/Hwang)

That the delegates' speaking time be extended by ten minutes, for a total of fifteen minutes.

CARRIED

Mark John Stewart, Co-Chair, Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability; Joanne Santucci, Co-Chair, Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability; Kim Martin, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton; and Calvin Reid, Enterprise Canada addressed Committee respecting Report from the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability with the aid of a presentation and a handout.

(Horwath/McMeekin)

That the delegation from Mark John Stewart, Co-Chair, Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability; Joanne Santucci, Co-Chair, Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability; Kim Martin, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton; and Calvin Reid, Enterprise Canada respecting Report from the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability be received and referred to discussion of Item 7.2

of the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability
Minutes MTAA 25001, March 25, 2025 (Item 7.1).

CARRIED

(Pauls/Beattie)

That the General Issues Committee recess for 34 minutes until 2:35 p.m.

CARRIED

The General Issues Committee reconvened at 2:35 p.m.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access, and Accountability Minutes MTAA 25-001 - March 25, 2025

(a) (Horwath/McMeekin)

That the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access, and Accountability Minutes MTAA 25-001 - March 25, 2025, be received.

(b) (Horwath/Spadafora)

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access, and Accountability was established to develop actionable recommendations to improve trust, transparency, and accountability between the City of Hamilton and its residents;

WHEREAS, the Task Force's work was undertaken during a time of considerable challenge for the City of Hamilton, including the aftermath of a cyberattack, and ongoing economic and social pressures;

WHEREAS, the Task Force undertook extensive engagement with the community, including surveys, interviews, focus groups, and public delegations, and has produced a final report grounded in both qualitative and quantitative data;

WHEREAS, the report outlines key areas of concern and opportunity, including communication gaps, the need for greater transparency in decision-making, a stronger culture of customer service, clearer strategic reporting, and a renewed commitment to equity and professional development;

WHEREAS, the report identifies five primary recommendations—Digital Transformation, Restructured Communications, Equity, Professional Development, and Action on Accountability—that represent a clear, practical path forward;

WHEREAS, the Task Force emphasized that its recommendations are intended to be realistic, measurable, and achievable within the City's existing capacity and resource framework;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to its mission of providing high-quality, customer-centric public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community in a sustainable manner.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (i) That Council formally receive and acknowledge the final report of the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access, and Accountability, with appreciation extended to the Task Force members and all participants who contributed their time, expertise, and perspectives;
- (ii) That Item 7.2 of Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability Minutes MTAA 25-001 – March 25, 2025 together with the Delegation from the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access, and Accountability, and any presentations and handouts provided during the delegation, be REFERRED to staff for review of the recommendations contained in the report and report back to the General Issues Committee in Q3 of 2025 with recommendations on the feasibility of:
 - (1) An implementation framework, including short-, medium-, and long-term actions;
 - (2) Any resource implications associated with the recommendations;
 - (3) Options for public-facing reporting and accountability tools aligned with the Task Force's vision;
 - (4) A plan to encourage staff to prioritize the foundational recommendations of the Task Force, particularly as they relate to improving communications, enhancing equity, and building a culture of transparency and accountability, in developing the implementation framework; and
 - (5) Identification of opportunities for continued engagement with community members and internal staff be included in the response strategy to ensure transparency in how the City moves forward.

CARRIED

(c) (Horwath/McMeekin)

That the balance of the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access, and Accountability Minutes MTAA 25-001 - March 25, 2025, be received.

CARRIED

7.2 HSC25025

Temporary Emergency Shelter Expansion - Implementation Update (City Wide)

Michelle Baird, Director, Housing Services, Katherine Kalinowski, Good Shepherd, Medora Uppal, YWCA, and Shawn McKeigan, Mission Services, addressed Committee respecting Temporary Emergency Shelter Expansion - Implementation Update, with the aid of a presentation.

(A. Wilson/Nann)

That staff be granted an additional ten minutes speaking time to complete their presentation.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a 2/3 vote of 13 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
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	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

(Tadeson/Nann)

(a) That the Presentation from Michelle Baird, Director, Housing Services, Katherine Kalinowski, Good Shepherd, Medora Uppal, YWCA, and Shawn McKeigan, Mission Services, respecting Temporary Emergency Shelter Expansion - Implementation Update, be received; and

(b) That Report HSC25025, respecting Temporary Emergency Shelter Expansion - Implementation Update, be received.

CARRIED

(Nann/Tadeson)

That the following Items for Information, be received:

- 7.3 HUR25002
Labour Relations Activity Report & Analysis - 2020-2024 (City Wide)**
- 7.4 HSC25011
Movement of Individuals living in Encampments to Housing (City Wide)**
- 7.6 HSC23076(a)
2024 Ending Chronic Homelessness Performance Update (City Wide)**
- 7.8 Airport Sub-Committee Minutes ASCC 25-001 - March 27, 2025**
- 7.9 Accessibility Committee For Persons With Disabilities Minutes - ACPD 25-002 -
February 11, 2025**
CARRIED
- 7.5 HSC25022
Residential Care Facility Subsidy Program Modernization Project (City Wide) -
WITHDRAWN**

The report was withdrawn.

- 7.7 PED25075
Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council, Community Plan 2025-2028 (City
Wide)**

Terri Bedminster, Chair, Hamilton Immigration Partnership, and Grace Baldwin, Incoming Chair, Hamilton Immigration Partnership, addressed Committee respecting Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council, Community Plan 2025-2028, with the aid of a presentation.

(A. Wilson/Hwang)

- (a) That the Presentation from Terri Bedminster, Chair, Hamilton Immigration Partnership, and Grace Baldwin, Incoming Chair, Hamilton Immigration Partnership, respecting Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council, Community Plan 2025-2028, be received; and
- (b) That Report PED25075, respecting Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council, Community Plan 2025-2028, be received.

CARRIED

**7.10 PED25047
Innovation in Planning Approvals (Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative – Innovation Track Program) (City Wide)**

Sean Kenney, Manager, Site Plan and Jennifer Hohol, Manager, Strategy Continuous Improvement and Open for Business, addressed Committee respecting Innovation in Planning Approvals (Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative – Innovation Track Program), with the aid of a presentation.

(Horwath/Nann)

- (a) That the Presentation from Sean Kenney, Manager, Site Plan and Jennifer Hohol, Manager, Strategy Continuous Improvement and Open for Business, respecting Innovation in Planning Approvals (Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative – Innovation Track Program), be received; and
- (b) That Report PED25047, respecting Innovation in Planning Approvals (Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative – Innovation Track Program), be received.

CARRIED

**7.11 PED20109(g)
Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)**

Peter Topalovic, Manager, Active Transportation and Mobility, addressed Committee respecting Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding, with the aid of a presentation.

(Beattie/Kroetsch)

- (a) That the Presentation from Peter Topalovic, Manager, Active Transportation and Mobility, Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding, be received;
- (b) That Report PED20109(g), respecting Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding (City Wide), be received; and
- (c) That Confidential Appendix A to Report PED20109(g), respecting Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding (City Wide), be received and remain confidential.

CARRIED

8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1 PED20109(f)

Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding (City Wide)

(a) **(Kroetsch/Beattie)**

That Report PED20109(f), dated December 4, 2024, respecting Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding, be received and the following recommendations, be approved:

- (a) That the Hamilton Bike Share system and City of Hamilton Partnership Model approach which includes a City contribution toward operating and asset management costs to increase financial sustainability, maintain and improve service delivery and build in asset management considerations be extended until December 31, 2027;
- (b) That the annual budget be increased by \$258,000 for a total of \$744,000 to support the operating costs of the Hamilton Bike Share system be approved, endorsed and referred to the 2026 and 2027 Operating Budgets;
- (c) That upon approval by Council of the budget enhancement identified in Recommendation (b) that Council authorizes, directs and delegates authority to the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department to execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, the necessary agreements to amend and extend the existing contract with the current not-for-profit operator, Hamilton Bike Share Inc., to include the following:
 - (i) extended term of the agreement from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2027;
 - (ii) requirement for annual reporting by Hamilton Bike Share Inc. to the City, including an annual operating and financial report.

(b) **(Kroetsch/Beattie)**

That Report PED20109(f), dated December 4, 2024, respecting Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding, be received and the following recommendations, **as Amended**, be approved:

- (a) That **a two-year extension of the ~~Hamilton Bike Share system and~~ City of Hamilton's ~~Partnership Model approach which~~**

~~includes a City~~ contribution toward **the Hamilton Bike Share Inc.'s** operating and asset management costs to, increase financial sustainability, maintain and improve service delivery, and build in asset management considerations, **BE CONSIDERED as part of the 2026 and 2027 budget processes;**

- (b) **That the General Manager of Planning and Development BE AUTHORIZED and DIRECTED to execute the necessary agreements to extend the existing contract with the current not-for-profit operator, Hamilton Bike Share Inc., to a term from December 31, 2025 to June 30, 2026, to permit consideration of the Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding through the 2026 Tax Budget process;**
- (c) That ~~the annual budget be an~~ increased ~~d by of~~ \$258,000, for a total **annual contribution to the Hamilton Bike Share Inc.** of \$744,000 to support the operating costs of the Hamilton Bike Share system be ~~approved, endorsed and referred to BE~~ **CONSIDERED as part of the 2026 and 2027 Operating Budget processes;** and
- (d) That, upon ~~approval by Council adoption~~ of the budget enhancement identified in clause (b), Council authorizes, directs and delegates authority to the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department to execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, the necessary agreements to amend and extend the existing contract with the current not-for-profit operator, Hamilton Bike Share Inc., to include the following:
- (i) extended term of the agreement from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2027; and
 - (ii) requirement for annual reporting by Hamilton Bike Share Inc. to the City, including an annual operating and financial report.

Result: MAIN MOTION, As Amended, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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

Absent	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	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

8.1(a) Correspondence respecting Items 7.11 and 8.1 - PED20109(f) & (g), Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process - Sustainable Operations Model and Funding (City Wide), from the following individuals:

(Cassar/A. Wilson)

That the following correspondence respecting Reports PED20109(f) and (g), Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process - Sustainable Operations Model and Funding (Items 7.11 and 8.1), be received:

8.1(a)(a)	Grace Ko
8.1(a)(b)	Thalia Waite
8.1(a)(c)	Olivia Kehoe
8.1(a)(d)	Ashlyn Stewart
8.1(a)(e)	Finnian Olmsted
8.1(a)(f)	Thomas French
8.1(a)(g)	Sydney Watson-Leung
8.1(a)(h)	Garrison Siberry
8.1(a)(i)	Sam Aylward
8.1(a)(j)	Jimmy Yan
8.1(a)(k)	Erin Schacklette
8.1(a)(l)	Eric Janisze
8.1(a)(m)	Lucas Ho-Foster
8.1(a)(n)	Tina Liu
8.1(a)(o)	Lesia Leong
8.1(a)(p)	Jack Derricourt
8.1(a)(q)	Steve Kulakowsky, Core Urban Inc.
8.1(a)(r)	Paige McIsaac, L'Arche Hamilton
8.1(a)(s)	Viv Saunders
8.1(a)(t)	Andy Saito
8.1(a)(u)	Matt Carson, Last Supper Books
8.1(a)(v)	Dr. Léa Ravensbergen, McMaster University

CARRIED

(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)

That the following Items for Consideration, be approved as follows:

8.2 Revised Boards of Management for Business Improvement Areas

8.2(a) PED25095

Revised Board of Management for the Westdale Village Business Improvement Area (Ward 1)

That Report PED25095, dated April 9, 2025, respecting Revised Board of Management for the Westdale Village Business Improvement Area (Ward 1), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the following individual be removed from the Westdale Village Business Improvement Area Board of Management:
 - (1) Ron Gabor – Hamilton Public Library Westdale Branch;
- (b) That the following individuals be appointed to the Westdale Village Business Improvement Area Board of Management:
 - (1) Quentin Wang – One-Zo Tapioca;
 - (2) Bernadette Curtis – Westdale Theatre.

8.2(b) PED25099

Revised Board of Management for the International Village Business Improvement Area (Wards 2 and 3)

That Report PED25099, dated April 9, 2025, respecting Revised Board of Management for the International Village Business Improvement Area (Wards 2 and 3), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the following individual BE REMOVED from the International Village Business Improvement Area Board of Management:
 - (1) Peter Quaglia – Dodsworth and Brown Funeral Home;
- (b) That the following individual BE APPOINTED to the International Village Business Improvement Area Board of Management:
 - (1) Shelley Kuzma – Goodwill Amity.

8.2(c) PED25108

**Revised Board of Management for the Downtown Hamilton
Business Improvement Area (Ward 2)**

That Report PED25108, dated April 9, 2025, respecting Revised Board of Management for the Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area (Ward 2), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the following individual BE REMOVED from the Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area Board of Management:
 - (1) Christal Pshyk – LEN: Democratic Purveyors of Fine Art & Beautiful Things;
- (b) That the following individual BE APPOINTED to the Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area Board of Management:
 - (1) Graziella Panessa – Redchurch Café and Gallery.

8.3 Business Improvement Areas 2025 Budget and Schedule of Payments

8.3(a) PED25084

**Locke Street Business Improvement Area 2025 Budget and
Schedule of Payments (Ward 1)**

That Report PED25084, dated April 9, 2025, respecting Locke Street Business Improvement Area 2025 Budget and Schedule of Payments (Ward 1), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the 2025 proposed budget of the Locke Business Improvement Area, attached as Appendix A to Report PED25084, in the amount of \$108,575 BE APPROVED;
- (b) That the levy portion of the 2025 proposed budget of the Locke Street Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$47,075, BE APPROVED;
- (c) That the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services be hereby authorized and directed to prepare the requisite By-law pursuant to Section 208, the *Municipal Act, 2001* (the “Act”), to authorize the levy on qualifying properties within the Locke Street Business Improvement Area, as referenced in Recommendation of Report PED25084;

- (d) That the following schedule of payments to the Locke Street Business Improvement Area, representing the levy amount for 2025 BE APPROVED:

- (1) April: \$23,537.50;
- (2) June: \$23,537.50;

Note: Assessment appeals may be deducted from the levy payments. Business Improvement Area levies may only be disbursed once the proceeding years 2024 audit is complete.

**8.3(b) PED25104
Dundas Business Improvement Area 2025 Budget and Schedule of Payments (Ward 13)**

That Report PED25104, dated April 9, 2025, respecting Dundas Business Improvement Area 2025 Budget and Schedule of Payments (Ward 13), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the 2025 proposed budget of the Dundas Business Improvement Area, attached as Appendix A to Report PED25104, in the amount of \$309,791 BE APPROVED;
- (b) That the levy portion of the 2025 proposed budget of the Dundas Street Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$182,376, BE APPROVED;
- (c) That the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services be hereby authorized and directed to prepare the requisite By-law pursuant to Section 208, the *Municipal Act, 2001* (the “Act”), to authorize the levy on qualifying properties within the Dundas Business Improvement Area, as referenced in Recommendation of Report PED25104;
- (d) That the following schedule of payments to the Dundas Business Improvement Area, representing the levy amount for 2025 BE APPROVED:
 - (1) May: \$91,188;
 - (2) June: \$91,188.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
Absent	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	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 PED25089
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Grant Application (LGP-24-01), 212 Glover Road, Hamilton (Ward 11)**

(Tadeson/Kroetsch)

That Report PED25089, dated April 9, 2025, respecting Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Grant Application (LGP-24-01), 212 Glover Road, Hamilton (Ward 11), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Grant Application LGP-24-01, submitted by IKEA Properties Limited, owner of the property 212 Glover Road, Hamilton BE APPROVED for a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Grant not to exceed \$3,380,649.77 for estimated construction costs to be provided over a maximum of five years, in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Grant Agreement;
- (b) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department BE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED to execute a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Grant Agreement together with any ancillary documentation required, to give effect to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Grant for IKEA Properties Limited, owner of the property 212 Glover Road, Hamilton in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (c) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department BE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED to administer the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design 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 Leadership in Energy and

Environmental Design Grant, 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 12 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
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	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 PED25101

Revitalizing Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program Application – 92-96 John Street North and 75-81 Wilson Street, Hamilton (Ward 2)

(Kroetsch/Beattie)

That Report PED25101, dated April 9, 2025, respecting Revitalizing Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program Application – 92-96 John Street North and 75-81 Wilson Street, Hamilton, be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That a Revitalizing Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program Application submitted by Hamilton III GP Inc., as General Partner for, Hamilton III LP (Hamilton III GP Split Inc.), for the property at 92-96 John Street North and 75-81 Wilson Street, Hamilton, estimated to total \$2,262,415.00 over a maximum of four years based on the incremental tax increase attributable to the redevelopment of 92-96 John Street North and 75-81 Wilson Street, 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 Hamilton III

GP Inc., as General Partner for, Hamilton III LP (Hamilton III GP Split Inc.) for the property at 92-96 John Street North and 75-81 Wilson Street, 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 13 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
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	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

**8.6 HSC24016(a)
Asylum-Claimants Transitional Housing Proposal (City Wide)**

(Nann/A. Wilson)

That Report HSC24016(a), dated April 9, 2025, respecting Asylum-Claimants Transitional Housing Proposal (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That funding up to \$1,044,225 BE APPROVED to extend the provision of services and programs for refugee claimants and asylum seekers between June 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 (7 months) to be funded first from eligible provincial or federal funding, then if necessary, any end of year program or department surplus and if required, corporate sources as approved by the General Manager Finance and Corporate

Services subject to the Service Providers entering into a funding agreement with the City on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and that the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized and directed to execute the funding agreement and any ancillary documentation:

- (i) That funding up to \$280,000 be provided to Good Shepherd Centres to extend the provision of a 10-bed women's transitional housing program for refugee claimants and asylum seekers between June 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025;
 - (ii) That funding up to \$642,250 be provided to Wesley Urban Ministries to extend the provision of 30 beds of a 75-bed transitional housing program for men, women, family, and couples between June 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025; and
 - (iii) That funding up to \$121,975 be provided to Refuge Newcomer Health to extend the partial operation costs of a Newcomer Referral and Coordination Hub serving all newcomer demographics between June 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.
- (b) That funding up to \$5,258,703 BE CONSIDERED as part of the 2026 and 2027 Tax Budget processes to extend the provision of services and programs for refugee claimants and asylum seekers between January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027 (15 months), in line with the timelines for potential Federal Interim Housing Assistance Program Funds to be funded first from eligible provincial or federal funding, subject to the Service Providers entering into a funding agreement with the City on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and that the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized and directed to execute the funding agreement and any ancillary documentation:
- (i) That funding up to \$618,075 be provided to Good Shepherd Centres to extend the provision of a 10-bed women's transitional housing program for refugee claimants and asylum seekers between January 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027;
 - (ii) That funding up to \$3,810,778 be provided to Wesley Urban Ministries to extend the provision of a 75-bed transitional housing program for men, women, family, and couples between January 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027; and

- (iii) That funding up to \$829,850 be provided to Refuge Newcomer Health to extend the operation of a Newcomer Referral and Coordination Hub serving all newcomer demographics between January 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027;
- (c) That staff BE DIRECTED following 2.5 years of operation to report on program success and make a recommendation on the continuation of services after March 2027;
- (d) In anticipation of potential funding from the Federal government, that staff BE DIRECTED to receive funding from Immigration, Refugee, and Citizenship Canada's Interim Housing Assistance Program across 2025-26 and 2026-27 fiscal years to reimburse the municipality for funds expended to support refugee claimants and asylum seekers experiencing homelessness as well as operating and program costs associated with housing services aimed at reducing emergency shelter occupancy and ending encampments
- (e) That staff BE DIRECTED to continue to pursue full recovery from the Federal and Provincial governments for the costs associated with the City's response for refugee claimants and asylum seekers and that any funds received for this purpose be applied to the Corporate Financials – Expenditures/Non-Program Dep.; and,
- (f) That Clerks BE DIRECTED to remove the Outstanding Business List item from the April 4, 2024, GIC Report HSC24016 regarding reporting back on the asylum program after six months of operations, as this report satisfies that requirement

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	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

8.7 PED25116

Rescind Direction to Sell 38 Strachan Street West and 344 Bay Street North and Parts A and B of the Road Allowance Abutting the West Side of 38 Strachan Street West (Ward 2)

(Kroetsch/Beattie)

That Report PED25116, dated April 9, 2025, respecting Rescind Direction to Sell 38 Strachan Street West and 344 Bay Street North and Parts A and B of the Road Allowance Abutting the West Side of 38 Strachan Street West (Ward 2), be received, and the following recommendation be approved:

- (a) That the decisions to declare surplus and sell the lands known as 38 Strachan Street West and 344 Bay Street North, and to sell Parts A and B of the allowance abutting the west side of 38 Strachan Street West, as shown in Appendix A to Report PED25116, BE RESCINDED;
- (b) That staff be directed to prepare the necessary draft amendments to the Official Plan and Secondary Plan and schedule a Statutory Public Meeting for Council's consideration at a future Planning Committee meeting to remove the residential land use permissions and recognize the existing park use;
- (c) That 38 Strachan Street West, 344 Bay Street North and Parts A and B of the road allowance be recognized as part of the parkland dedication requirements for the redevelopment of 405 James Street North (Jamesville) in advance of the proposed updates to the Official Plan and Secondary Plan; and,
- (d) That the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development, or designate, be authorized, and directed to execute any agreements necessary to accept 38 Strachan Street West, 344 Bay Street North and Parts A and B of the road allowance as off-site parkland dedication for the redevelopment of 405 James Street North, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	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

**8.8 PW25003
Report on the Appointment of City Representatives to the Joint
Stewardship Board**

(Hwang/Tadeson)

That Report PW25003, dated April 9, 2025, respecting Report on the Appointment of City Representatives to the Joint Stewardship Board, be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That City Council APPOINT one member of City Council and a member of the senior leadership team to the Joint Stewardship Board, to fill the two recently vacated City of Hamilton Joint Stewardship Board seats;
- (b) That Confidential Appendix “A” attached to Report PW25003 remain Confidential; and
- (c) That the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to advise the Joint Stewardship Board of the City Council Appointments.

(M. Wilson/Spadafora)

That consideration of Report PW25003, respecting Report on the Appointment of City Representatives to the Joint Stewardship Board be deferred until after Closed Session.

CARRIED

8.9 Amendment to the Outstanding Business List

(Jackson/Cassar)

That the following amendment to the Outstanding Business List, be approved:

- (a) Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed:
Rescinding of City of Hamilton Encampment Protocol - REVISED
OBL: 01/15/25-GIC-9.2(b)
Added: January 15, 2025 - General Issues Committee - Item 9.2(b)
Completed: March 5, 2025 - Council - Item 8.2

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
Absent	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
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Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
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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 Exploring Options for Additional Below-market Homeownership Opportunities and Supporting City of Hamilton Incentives in the Roxborough Park Housing Demonstration Project - WITHDRAWN

The above motion was withdrawn.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Hwang introduced the following Notices of Motion:

10.1 Exploring Opportunities to Further the Revitalization of the Kenilworth Avenue North Commercial Corridor through the Creation of Live/Work Opportunities

WHEREAS, a neighbourhood meeting was held on March 26, 2025 respecting a proposal to redevelop a municipal parking lot at 70 Hope Avenue for affordable housing;

WHEREAS, the property at 70 Hope Avenue is adjacent to the Kenilworth Avenue North commercial corridor;

WHEREAS, the neighbourhood raised concerns about the lack of progress in revitalizing the Kenilworth Avenue North commercial corridor;

WHEREAS, the last comprehensive strategic review of the Kenilworth Avenue North commercial corridor occurred through the Barton-Kenilworth Commercial Corridor Study in 2014 which resulted in, among other items, the corridor specific financial incentive programs to support the corridors revitalization;

WHEREAS, a thriving commercial corridor is vital to serving the needs of local residents and attracting and supporting new investment and housing opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Kenilworth Avenue North commercial corridor may provide a unique opportunity to address a need in the community for live/work housing opportunities with a particular focus on supporting opportunities for entrepreneurs, artists and local retail.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff from the Planning, Economic Development and Tourism & Culture Divisions collaborate to review the current zoning/planning policies, financial incentive programs and business/artist/entrepreneur attraction efforts; and
- (b) That Planning, Economic Development and Tourism & Culture staff be directed to report back to the General issues Committee before the end of Q4 2025 with recommendations that would further enable live/work opportunities along the Kenilworth Avenue North commercial corridor with a particular focus on supporting entrepreneurs, artists and local retail.

10.2 Exploring Options for Additional Below-market Homeownership Opportunities and Supporting City of Hamilton Incentives in the Roxborough Park Housing Demonstration Project

WHEREAS, Roxborough Park is a joint public-private housing demonstration project in the McQueston neighbourhood of East Hamilton, which is delivering a mix of market and below-market homeownership and rental housing options in the city;

WHEREAS, in 2019 City Council approved the creation of two financial incentive programs under the Housing for Hamilton Community Improvement Plan: the Roxborough Access to Homeownership Grant Program and Roxborough Rental Housing Loan Program, which provide grants and forgivable loans respectively, to support the creation of below-market homeownership and rental housing opportunities in the project;

WHEREAS, City Council approved one-time funding to the Roxborough incentive programs intended to support a maximum of 107 below-market homeownership townhouse units and over 200 below-market residential rental units; and

WHEREAS, funding for the Roxborough Access to Homeownership Grant Program has been fully committed with the creation of 107 below-market homeownership townhouse units.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff engage with Roxborough Park Inc. to explore opportunities for the creation of additional below-market townhouse units within the Roxborough Park Housing Demonstration Project; and
- (b) That staff report back to the General Issues Committee before Q3 2025 with the outcomes of this engagement and identify any additional incentive program funding and program amendments that would be required to support additional below-market homeownership townhouse units in the Roxborough Park Housing Demonstration Project.

(i) Extend Curfew

(Beattie/Hwang)

That the General Issues Committee meeting of April 9, 2025 be extended past the 5:30 pm curfew, up to an additional 1.5 hours.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a 2/3 majority vote of 10 to 1, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
No	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

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 – March 19, 2025

(Beattie/Hwang)

That the Closed Session minutes of the March 19, 2025 General Issues Committee meeting, be adopted and remain confidential.

CARRIED

(Beattie/Hwang)

That Committee move into Closed Session for Items 11.3, 11.4 and 11.5 at 5:20 p.m. pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-Sections (c), (f), (i), and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c), (f), (i), 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; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial, or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization; 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 13 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
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	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

The General Issues Committee meeting reconvened in Open Session at 6:31 p.m.

8.8 PW25003

**Report on the Appointment of City Representatives to the Joint
Stewardship Board - REVISED**

(Hwang/Tadeson)

That Report PW25003, dated April 9, 2025, respecting Report on the Appointment of City Representatives to the Joint Stewardship Board, be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That City Council APPOINT one member of City Council and a member of the senior leadership team to the Joint Stewardship Board, to fill the two recently vacated City of Hamilton Joint Stewardship Board seats;
- (b) That Confidential Appendix “A” attached to Report PW25003 remain Confidential; and
- (c) That the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to advise the Joint Stewardship Board of the City Council Appointments.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 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
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	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

**11.4 FCS23029(c)
Hamilton Waterfront Trust Governance Update Changes (City Wide) -
REVISED**

(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)

That Report FCS23029(c), dated April 9, 2025, Hamilton Waterfront Trust Governance Update Changes (City Wide) - REVISED, be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed session respecting Report FSC23029(c), Hamilton Waterfront Trust Governance Update Changes (City Wide) – REVISED, BE APPROVED and released publicly following Council’s approval;
- (b) That Confidential Appendix A to Report FCS23029(b), respecting Hamilton Waterfront Trust Governance Update, be released publicly following Council’s approval; and

- (c) That the Report FSC23029(c), respecting Hamilton Waterfront Trust Governance Update Changes (City Wide) – REVISED, REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 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
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	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

**11.5 PED20074(c)
Animal Services Facility Report Update (City Wide)**

(Jackson/Kroetsch)

That Report PED20074(c), dated April 9, 2025, respecting Animal Services Facility Report Update (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed session respecting Report PED20074(c), Animal Services Facility Report Update (City Wide) BE APPROVED; and,
- (b) That Report PED20074(c), Animal Services Facility Report Update (City Wide) remain confidential until such time as Council directs for the recommendations to be made public.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 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
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	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

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator

Deputy Mayor Mike Spadafora
Chair, General Issues Committee