



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 25-006

9:30 a.m.

April 16, 2025

Council Chamber (Hybrid)

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor J.P. Danko - Personal

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(McMeekin/Beattie)

That the agenda for the April 16, 2025 meeting of Council be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M. Wilson declared a disqualifying interest to Item 12.2 of the Planning Committee minutes of April 8, 2025 respecting Report LS25008, Update on Various Appeals for Non-Decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal within the Airport Employment Growth District, as her spouse is on the Board of Directors for Fengate Homestead Holdings Inc. LP.

Mayor Horwath declared a disqualifying interest to Item 9.1 respecting 2025 Vacant Unit Tax By-law, as she has a property with a vacant unit.

CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no Ceremonial Activities

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
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5.1 March 26, 2025

(Nann/A. Wilson)

That the Minutes of the March 26, 2025 meeting of Council be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 PW25003(b)

Appointment of City Representatives to the Joint Stewardship Board

(A. Wilson/M. Wilson)

That the memorandum respecting Report PW25003(b), the Appointment of City Representatives to the Joint Stewardship Board, be received.

CARRIED

6.2 PED24109(c)

Supplemental Memorandum to PED24109(b) - Official Plan Amendment and Final Framework for Processing and Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications – Consideration of Ecological Services Valuations in Urban Boundary Expansion Applications (City Wide)

(A. Wilson/Cassar)

That the memorandum respecting PED24109(b), Supplemental Memorandum to PED24109(b) - Official Plan Amendment and Final Framework for Processing and Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications – Consideration of Ecological Services Valuations in Urban Boundary Expansion Applications (City Wide), be received.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 SABC 25-002

Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees of the meeting held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025

(Cassar/A. Wilson)

That SABC 25-002, being the minutes of the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees meeting held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 (Item 7.1), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Result: Motion on SABC 25-002 (Item 7.1), CARRIED, by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

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

**7.2 HUCS 25-001
Hamilton Utilities Corporation Shareholder of the meeting held on Wednesday,
April 2, 2025**

(Cassar/A. Wilson)

That HUCS 25-001, being the minutes of the Hamilton Utilities Corporation Shareholder meeting held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 (Item 7.2), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Result: Motion on HUCS 25-001 (Item 7.2), CARRIED, by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

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

7.3 SABC 25-003

Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees of the meeting held on Monday, April 7, 2025

(Cassar/Tadeson)

That SABC 25-003, being the minutes of the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees meeting held on Monday, April 7, 2025 (Item 7.3), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Result: Motion on SABC 25-003 (Item 7.3), CARRIED, by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

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

7.4 PWC 25-004

Public Works Committee minutes of the meeting held on April 7, 2025

(a) (Pauls/A. Wilson)

That PWC 25-004, being the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Monday, April 7, 2025 (Item 7.4), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

(b) (Francis/Pauls)

That Item 9.2, respecting Report PED20063(a)/PW18008(c), Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (LINC) and Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) Mobility Feasibility Study (Outstanding Business List) (City Wide) of the Public Works Committee minutes, **be amended**, as follows:

9.2 PED20063(a)/PW18008(c)

Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (LINC) and Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) Mobility Feasibility Study (Outstanding Business List) (City Wide)

That Report PED20063(a)/PW18008(c), dated April 7, 2025, respecting Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (LINC) and Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) Mobility Feasibility Study, and the accompanying presentation, be received, and the following recommendations, **as amended**, be approved:

- (a) That the Red Hill Valley and Lincoln Alexander Parkways Feasibility Study Technical Report, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED20063/PW18008(c) BE RECEIVED;
- (b) That staff BE DIRECTED to proceed with a public and stakeholder engagement program focused on potential improvement alternatives for the Lincoln Alexander Parkway **and the Red Hill Valley Parkway**; and
- (c) That Transportation Planning and Parking staff BE DIRECTED to report back to Public Works Committee following the completion of the public and stakeholder engagement process with a Terms of Reference and cost estimate to undertake the next phases of the Environmental Assessment process for potential design improvements for the Lincoln Alexander Parkway **and the Red Hill Valley Parkway**.

The motion above was WITHDRAWN

(c) **(Cassar/A. Wilson)**

That Item 9.2, respecting Report PED20063(a)/PW18008(c), Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (LINC) and Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) Mobility Feasibility Study (Outstanding Business List) (City Wide) of the Public Works Committee minutes, **be amended**, as follows:

**9.2 PED20063(a)/PW18008(c)
Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (LINC) and Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) Mobility Feasibility Study (Outstanding Business List) (City Wide)**

That Report PED20063(a)/PW18008(c), dated April 7, 2025, respecting Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (LINC) and Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) Mobility Feasibility Study, and the accompanying presentation, be received, and the following recommendations, **as amended**, be approved:

- (a) That the Red Hill Valley and Lincoln Alexander Parkways Feasibility Study Technical Report, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED20063/PW18008(c) BE RECEIVED;
- (b) That staff BE DIRECTED to proceed with a public and stakeholder engagement program focused on potential improvement alternatives for **managing vehicular volume on** the Lincoln Alexander Parkway;

- (c) ***That staff BE DIRECTED to analyze alternatives within the current project timelines to address increasing private vehicle usage on Hamilton's key Central/South Mountain and East Hamilton arterials and parkways supported by available research, best practices from other jurisdictions and industry thought leaders, and that factors considered include but not be limited to:***
- (i) ***A high-level lifecycle cost comparison;***
 - (ii) ***Impacts on greenhouse gas emissions;***
 - (iii) ***Air pollutants causing human and environmental health impacts;***
 - (iv) ***Induced travel demand and mode share outcomes; and***
 - (v) ***The expected effectiveness over time of proposed options***
- (d) That Transportation Planning and Parking staff BE DIRECTED to report back to Public Works Committee following the completion of the public and stakeholder engagement process with a Terms of Reference and cost estimate to undertake the next phases of the Environmental Assessment process for potential ***solutions design improvements*** for ***managing vehicular volume on*** the Lincoln Alexander Parkway.

Result: Amendment to Item 9.2 of PWC 25-004 (Item 7.4), DEFEATED, by a vote of 6 to 9, as follows:

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

(d) (Francis/Pauls)

That Item 9.2, respecting Report PED20063(a)/PW18008(c), Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (LINC) and Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) Mobility Feasibility Study (Outstanding Business List) (City Wide) of the Public Works Committee minutes, **be amended by adding sub-section (d)**, as follows:

(d) That the City's Joint Stewardship Board (JSB) appointees BE DIRECTED to request that the potential widening of the Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) be placed on an upcoming JSB meeting agenda, and that staff report back to the Public Works Committee on the outcome of that discussion.

The motion above was WITHDRAWN

(e) Item 9.2 was voted on separately, as follows:**9.2 PED20063(a)/PW18008(c)**

Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (LINC) and Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) Mobility Feasibility Study (Outstanding Business List) (City Wide)

That Report PED20063(a)/PW18008(c), dated April 7, 2025, respecting Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (LINC) and Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) Mobility Feasibility Study, and the accompanying presentation, be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the Red Hill Valley and Lincoln Alexander Parkways Feasibility Study Technical Report, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED20063/PW18008(c) BE RECEIVED;
- (b) That staff BE DIRECTED to proceed with a public and stakeholder engagement program focused on potential improvement alternatives for the Lincoln Alexander Parkway;
- (c) That Transportation Planning and Parking staff BE DIRECTED to report back to Public Works Committee following the completion of the public and stakeholder engagement process with a Terms of Reference and cost estimate to undertake the next phases of the Environmental Assessment process for potential design improvements for the Lincoln Alexander Parkway.

Result: Motion on Item 9.2 of PWC 25-004 (Item 7.4), CARRIED, by a vote of 13 to 2, as follows:

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

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

(f) (Tadeson/McMeekin)

That Item 7.1, respecting Report PW23024(c), Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies (Outstanding Business List) of the Public Works Committee minutes, ***be amended***, as follows:

**7.1 PW23024(c)
Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies (Outstanding
Business List)**

That Report PW23024(c), dated April 7, 2025, respecting Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies, be received ***and referred to the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities for information and comment.***

Result: Amendment to Item 7.1 of PWC 25-004 (Item 7.4), CARRIED, by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

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

Result: Motion on PWC 25-004 (Item 7.4), *As Amended*, CARRIED, by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

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

(Cassar/Beattie)

That the Council meeting recess at 12:15 p.m. until 12:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Council reconvened at 12:46 p.m.

7.5 & PLC 25-005

12.3 Planning Committee Open and Closed minutes of the meeting held on April 8, 2025

(a) (Hwang/Tadeson)

- (a) That PLC 25-005, being the Open Session minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 (Item 7.5), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved;
- (b) That the Closed Session minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 (Item 12.3), be approved, as presented and remain confidential; and
- (c) That the following correspondence items, be received:
 - (i) Barton Village BIA respecting Minute Item 8.4, Report PED25106, Application for a Zoning By-law Amendment for Lands Located at 120 Wentworth Street North, Hamilton (Ward 3) (Item 7.5(a));
 - (ii) Myles Sergeant respecting Minute Item 8.2, Report PED25036, Applications for Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision for Lands Located at 387, 397, 405 and 409 Hamilton Drive, Ancaster (Ward 12) (Item 7.5(b));

- (iii) Rose Janson and Family, Ira T. Kagan, Kagan Shastri DeMelo Winer Park LLP, Joe Hoffman, Goodmans LLP and Daniel Borrelli, Losani Homes respecting Minute Item 8.3, Report PED24109(b), Official Plan Amendment and Final Framework for Processing and Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications (City Wide) (Items 7.5(c) (a) to (d), respectively); and
- (iv) Rev. Jane Wyllie, First Pilgrim United Church respecting Minute Item 9.3, HMHC 25-004, Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Minutes dated April 4, 2025 (Minute Item 8.1, PED25070, Recommendation to Designate 200 Main Street East, Hamilton (First Pilgrim United Church), under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (Ward 2)) (Item 7.5(d); and
- (v) Daniel Borrelli, Losani Homes respecting Minute Item 8.5, PED25038, Strategic and Technical Amendments to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan and City of Hamilton Zoning By-law No. 05-200 to Implement the Residential Zones, and Strategic Amendments to Former City of Hamilton Zoning By-law No. 6593 (CI 25-A) (City Wide) (Item 7.5(e)).

**(b) 8.3 PED24109(b)
Official Plan Amendment and Final Framework for Processing and Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications (City Wide)**

- (i) **(Cassar/A. Wilson)**
WHEREAS, staff have identified additional modifications to be made to the Draft Urban and Rural Hamilton Official Plan to better ensure that the ecological services value of lands proposed to be urbanized through an urban boundary expansion application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Item 8.3, respecting Report PED24109(b), Official Plan Amendment and Final Framework for Processing and Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications (City Wide) of the Planning Committee minutes, ***be amended***, as follows:

**8.3 PED24109(b)
Official Plan Amendment and Final Framework for Processing and Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications (City Wide)**

That Report PED24109(b), dated April 8, 2025, respecting Official Plan Amendment and Final Framework for Processing and Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendations, ***as amended***, be approved:

- (a) That the Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment, attached hereto as Appendix A, **as amended**, to establish a policy Framework for Processing and Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications, BE APPROVED on the following basis:
 - (i) That the Draft Official Plan Amendment, attached hereto as Appendix A, **as amended**, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be enacted by Council;
 - (ii) That the proposed Official Plan Amendment is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024) and conforms to the Greenbelt Plan; as amended;
- (b) That the Rural Hamilton Official Plan Amendment attached hereto as Appendix B, **as amended**, to establish a policy Framework for Processing and Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications, BE APPROVED on the following basis:
 - (i) That the Draft Official Plan Amendment, attached hereto as Appendix B, **as amended**, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be enacted by Council;
 - (ii) That the proposed Official Plan Amendment is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024) and conforms to the Greenbelt Plan; as amended;
- (c) That the Final Framework for Processing and Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications, attached as Appendix C to Report PED24109(b), BE APPROVED; and,
- (d) That the Terms of Reference for the following submission technical submission materials BE APPROVED;
 - (i) Subwatershed Study (Phase 1) (Urban Boundary Expansion Application), attached as Appendix F to Report PED24109(b);

- (ii) Energy and Climate Change Assessment Report (Urban Boundary Expansion), attached as Appendix F1 to Report PED24109(b);
- (iii) Housing Assessment (Urban Boundary Expansion), as Appendix F2 to Report PED24109(b)
- (iv) Financial Impact Analysis (Urban Boundary Expansion), attached as Appendix F3 to Report PED24109(b)
- (v) Emergency Services Assessment (Urban Boundary Expansion), attached as Appendix F4 to Report PED24109(b);
- (vi) School Accommodation Issues Assessment (Urban Boundary Expansion), attached as Appendix F5 to Report PED24109(b); and,
- (vii) Concept Plan (Urban Boundary Expansion), as Appendix F6 to Report PED24109(b).

(ii) (Beattie/Hwang)

That Item 8.3 and the amendment to Item 8.3 respecting Report PED24109(b), Official Plan Amendment and Final Framework for Processing and Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications (City Wide) of the Planning Committee minutes, be referred to the Planning Committee for consideration.

The referral of Item 8.3 and the amendment to Item 8.3 were
WITHDRAWN

**(c) 9.3 HMHC 25-004
Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Minutes dated April 4, 2025**

(Kroetsch/Clark)

That Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Minutes dated April 4, 2025, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved ***with the exception of Minute Item 8.1, PED25070, Recommendation to Designate 200 Main Street East, Hamilton (First Pilgrim United Church), under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (Ward 2), which is referred to the Planning Committee for consideration.***

Result: Amendment to Item 9.3 of PLC 25-005, CARRIED, by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

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

(d) Due to a declared conflict Minute Item 12.2, was voted on separately as follows:

12.2 LS25008

Update on Various Appeals for Non-Decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal within the Airport Employment Growth District (Wards 11 and 12)

- (a) That Report LS25008, dated April 8, 2025, respecting Update on Various Appeals for Non-Decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal within the Airport Employment Growth District (Wards 11 and 12) be received, and the following recommendations be approved:
- (i) That the directions to staff in Closed Session respecting Report LS25008 be approved;
 - (ii) That closed session recommendations (1) and (2) to Report LS25008, be approved and remain confidential until made public as the City's position before the Ontario Land Tribunal
 - (iii) That the balance of Report LS25008 remain confidential.

Result: Motion on Item 12.2 of PLC 25-005, CARRIED, by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
NOT PRESENT - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
CONFLICT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Result: Motion on the balance of PLC 25-005 (Items 7.5, 7.5 (a), 7.5 (b), 7.5 (c)(a) to (d), 7.5 (d), 7.5 (e) and 12.3), CARRIED, by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

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

7.6 & GIC 25-005

12.4 General Issues Committee Open and Closed Session minutes of the meeting held on April 9, 2025

(A. Wilson/Spadafora)

- (a) That GIC 25-005, being the minutes of the General Issues Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 (Item 7.6), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved;
- (b) That the Closed Session minutes of the General Issues Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 (Item 12.4), be approved, as presented and remain confidential; and

- (c) That the following correspondence items, be received:
 - (i) Cayley James, Workers Arts and Heritage Centre and Aila, Winnie and Yca, Students from McMaster University's W Booth Engineering Design Program respecting Minute Items 8.1 and 7.11, Report PED20109(f) and Report PED 20109(g), Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding (City Wide (Items 7.5(a) (a) and (b), respectively).

Result: Motion on GIC 25-005 (Items 7.6, 7.6 (a)(a), 7.6 (a)(b) and 12.4), CARRIED, by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

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

7.7 & AFA 25-005

12.5 Audit, Finance and Administration Committee minutes of the meeting held on April 10, 2025

- (a) **(Beattie/Spadafora)**
 - (a) That AFA 25-005, being the minutes of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on Thursday, April 10, 2025 (Item 7.7), be received and the recommendations contained therein, be approved;
 - (b) That the Closed Session minutes of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on Thursday, April 10, 2025 (Item 12.5), be approved, as presented and remain confidential; and
 - (c) That the Correspondence from Viv Saunders respecting Minute Item 9.3, Financial Support for Sky Dragon Cooperative Redevelopment (Ward 2) (Item 7.7(a)), be received.

(b) Item 10.1 was voted on separately as follows:

10.1 One-Time Request for Funding to Support Building Repairs at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 163 (Ward 7)

WHEREAS, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 163 has served as a longstanding hub of remembrance, community, and support for veterans and their families across Hamilton Mountain;

WHEREAS, recent assessments by the Branch, the City's Building Division, Licensing and By-Law Division and Public Health Department have confirmed the necessity of repairs to ensure the safety, accessibility, and continued operation of this valued community institution; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of required repairs is approximately \$100,000, as per submitted invoices and quotes received by the Branch.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the one-time costs associated with essential building repairs at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 163, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, be funded equally (25% each) from the Ward 6, Ward 7, Ward 8, and Ward 14 Discretionary Funds (3302309600, 3302309700, 3302309800, and 3302309014); and that a one-time exception to the Ward Specific Funding Initiatives Policy be approved to permit cost-sharing of this initiative across multiple ward budgets;
- (b) That all funds allocated for this initiative be contingent upon the submission of appropriate supporting documentation, including receipts or paid invoices, to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services;
- (c) That funds 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 (e.g. the City's 30% formula); and
- (d) 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 on Item 10.1 of AFA 25-005, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

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

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

Result: Motion on the balance of AFA 25-005 (Items 7.7 and 12.5), CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no Items for Consideration

MOTIONS

9.1 2025 Vacant Unit Tax By-law

(a) (Francis/Spadafora)

WHEREAS, Sub-section 338.2 (1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* states with respect to the power to impose vacant residential units tax, 'a designated municipality may, by by-law passed in the year to which it relates, impose a tax in the municipality on the assessed value, as determined under the *Assessment Act*, of vacant units that are classified in the residential property class'.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to report back to General Issues Committee to advise of the date on which Council will consider the 2025 Vacant Unit Tax By-law.

(b) (Nann/Kroetsch)

That Item 9.1 respecting 2025 Vacant Unit Tax By-law, ***be amended by adding sub-section (b)***, as follows:

(b) That the report respecting 2025 Vacant Unit Tax By-law include how the Cities of Ottawa and Toronto interpret provincial legislation respecting the Sub-section 338.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001 on imposing a Vacant Unit Tax.

Result: Amendment, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 1, as follows:

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

(c) Main Motion, *As Amended*, to read as follows:

(a) That staff be directed to report back to General Issues Committee to advise of the date on which Council will consider the 2025 Vacant Unit Tax By-law; and

(b) That the report respecting 2025 Vacant Unit Tax By-law include how the Cities of Ottawa and Toronto interpret provincial legislation respecting the Sub-section 338.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001 on imposing a Vacant Unit Tax.

Result: Main Motion, *As Amended*, CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
NOT PRESENT - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko

YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
CONFLICT - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

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

(Clark/Beattie)

WHEREAS, the initial road projects selected by Ward 9 Councillor for the Investing in City Roads and Sidewalks Infrastructure with Canada Community - Building Funds (CCBF), which was approved by Council on December 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the remaining Ward 9 CCBF funds, be utilized to address sidewalk deficiencies through minor maintenance activities at various locations throughout Ward 9, in order to preserve the asset and increase pedestrian safety throughout Ward 9.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

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

4. Investing in City Roads and Sidewalks Infrastructure with Canada Community - Building Funds (PW21073) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

- (a) That the Canada Community Building Fund investment of \$30 M be allocated to the list of projects in Appendix "B", **as amended, by adding repairing sidewalk deficiencies at various locations throughout Ward 9**, to Audit, Finance & Administration Committee Report 21-022;
- (b) That three Public Works temporary full-time equivalents be hired for up to 24 months at an estimated cost of \$850,000 and funded from Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve 108020 to deliver the Canada Community-Building Fund projects; and

- (c) That the Procurement Policy 4.9 Consulting and Professional Services requirements be waived to allow for the direct award of Roster Assignments above the \$150,000 threshold for consultancy work pertaining to the Canada Community-Building Fund projects.

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

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

9.3 Lifecycle Renewal Investment in Huntington Park Recreation Centre (Ward 6)

(Jackson/Spadafora)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton owned recreation facilities in Ward 6 are maintained by the City of Hamilton's Corporate Facilities & Energy Management Division, Public Works, and operated by the Recreation Division;

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 Council Priorities, Safe and Thriving Neighbourhoods, Outcome 3 was developed to reflect Hamilton's most pressing needs and biggest opportunities and, increased access to recreational facilities and services is a measure of success in achieving the outcome of providing vibrant parks, recreation and public spaces;

WHEREAS, the Recreation Master Plan (2022) guiding principles are the foundation for recommendations to inform future decisions related to its implementation and, high-quality facilities and services are identified as one of the five guiding principles;

WHEREAS, the Recreation Asset Management Plan (2024) identified a significant backlog of maintenance work identified in year 2023, totaling approximately \$108M dollars;

WHEREAS, the Recreation Master Plan (2022) recommendations identify the need to coordinate facility upgrades and renewal projects to minimize disruptions while maximizing outcomes;

WHEREAS, the Huntington Park Recreation Centre is currently closed for a waterslide replacement with planned pool, deck and changeroom enhancements and additional investment in washrooms, program spaces, common areas and building exterior would extend the estimated service life of the facility and create a more welcoming and inclusive user experience for the community; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Facilities & Energy Management Division staff have provided a preliminary high-level estimate of costs for additional cosmetic and common area renewal work at Huntington Park Recreation Centre that can be accomplished within the planned closure window.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Corporate Facilities & Energy Management Division staff be authorized and directed to undertake cosmetic and lifecycle renewal improvements to the washrooms, program spaces, common areas and building exterior at Huntington Park Recreation Centre, to extend the estimated service life of the facility and create a more welcoming and inclusive user experience for the community;
- (b) That the cosmetic and lifecycle renewal improvements to Huntington Park Recreation Centre be funded from the Ward 6 Area Rating Reserve Account (#108056) at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$545,000; and
- (c) That the General Manager, Public Works Department 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 15 to 0, as follows:

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

9.4 Appointment of City Representatives to the Joint Stewardship Board**(a) (Hwang/Tadeson)**

WHEREAS, Council approved the recommendation within Report PW25003 respecting Report on the Appointment of City Representatives to the Joint Stewardship Board, to 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Councillor C. Kroetsch, be appointed as the member of Council on the Joint Stewardship Board; and
- (b) That Marnie Cluckie, City Manager, be appointed as the member of the senior leadership team on the Joint Stewardship Board.

(b) (Francis/Horwath)

That the motion respecting the Appointment of City Representatives to the Joint Stewardship Board, be deferred to the May 7, 2025 Council meeting.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 6, as follows:

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 Enhancing Support for Growth in the City of Hamilton: Review of Growth Funding Tools and Developer Incentives**(a) (M. Wilson/Cassar)**

That the Rules of Order be suspended to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Enhancing Support for Growth in the City of Hamilton: Review of Growth Funding Tools and Developer Incentives.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a 2/3's vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

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

(b) (i) (Cassar/Spadafora)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is facing a housing shortage and a decline in development activity driven by ongoing economic challenges;

WHEREAS, the current economic uncertainty related to the Trade and Tariff policy shifts is creating economic challenges for the non-residential sector;

WHEREAS, Development Charges (DC) and Community Benefits Charges (CBC) are tools established by provincial legislation to support the financing of key municipal infrastructure required to facilitate growth by the development requiring the infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton utilizes key growth funding tools to finance the construction of the municipal infrastructure to support growth including Development Charges (By-Law 24-072), and Community Benefits Charges (By-Law 22-158);

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton follows existing Provincial legislation in allocating DC Reserve funds to growth related infrastructure projects;

WHEREAS, the 2024 DC Background Study identified more than \$2.3B in growth related expenditures over the next 10 years;

WHEREAS, the federal and provincial programs such as the Building Faster Fund (BFF), the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF), and the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) have not provided adequate financial support to municipalities to address growth-related infrastructure needs and are tied to meeting certain housing targets and other criteria which if not met put this funding in jeopardy;

WHEREAS, the development community has called for support and cost relief to enable new development;

WHEREAS, providing reductions to DCs and CBCs increases the pressure on property taxpayers and ratepayers because municipalities are legislatively required to identify a funding source for any reductions; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton has a shortage of family-friendly housing: Despite this need to attract families with young children, Hamilton's housing stock is shifting towards building smaller, less child-friendly units.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Finance staff be directed to report back to the May 1, 2025 Audit, Finance & Administration Committee on the following:
 - (i) A draft by-law with a financing strategy and accompanying background study providing staff recommendations for the City of Hamilton Development Charges By-Law 24-072 and/or 11-174 to support development through mechanisms such as:
 - Deferral of the collection of Development Charges from building permit to occupancy;
 - Deferral of the 2025 Development Charges indexing;
 - Exemption of Development Charges for 2- and 3-bedroom housing development units
 - Implementing a pause of the phase-out of the Downtown CIPA partial exemption;
 - Implementing a pause of the phase-out of the industrial rate reduction for non-manufacturing developments;
 - Extending the transition period by an additional 6 months to a total of 12 months;
 - (ii) An assessment of the risks associated with each amendment;
 - (iii) Estimated financial impacts associated with each amendment;
- (b) That Finance staff be directed to report back to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee exploring the option to discontinue the City of Hamilton's Community Benefits Charges By-law 22-158 inclusive of an assessment of the required process, risks and financial impacts
- (c) That the Mayor be requested to advocate to the Province for changes to the *Development Charges Act* to allow for a more streamlined process to make administrative changes to Development Charges By-laws to better respond to changing economic conditions

- (d) That staff be directed to report back through annual Housing secretariat reporting on outcomes.
- (ii) **(Beattie/Clark)**
That sub-section (a), ***be amended by adding sub-sections (a)(iv) and (a)(v)***, as follows:
 - (a) That Finance staff be directed to report back to the May 1, 2025 Audit, Finance & Administration Committee on the following:
 - (iv) ***With updated residential and non-residential building starts forecasts based on the current market conditions and financial impacts to the City and the local economy associated with declining housing starts and associated lower expected levels of permit activity;***
 - (v) ***Projected impact on Development Charge revenues and Community Benefits Charges municipal revenue for 2025 and 2026.***

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

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

(iii) Main Motion, ***As Amended***, to read as follows:

- (a) That Finance staff be directed to report back to the May 1, 2025 Audit, Finance & Administration Committee on the following:
 - (i) A draft by-law with a financing strategy and accompanying background study providing staff recommendations for the City of Hamilton Development Charges By-Law 24-072 and/or 11-174 to support development through mechanisms such as:
 - Deferral of the collection of Development Charges from building permit to occupancy;

- Deferral of the 2025 Development Charges indexing;
 - Exemption of Development Charges for 2- and 3-bedroom housing development units
 - Implementing a pause of the phase-out of the Downtown CIPA partial exemption;
 - Implementing a pause of the phase-out of the industrial rate reduction for non-manufacturing developments;
 - Extending the transition period by an additional 6 months to a total of 12 months;
- (ii) An assessment of the risks associated with each amendment;
- (iii) Estimated financial impacts associated with each amendment;
- (iv) ***With updated residential and non-residential building starts forecasts based on the current market conditions and financial impacts to the City and the local economy associated with declining housing starts and associated lower expected levels of permit activity;***
- (v) ***Projected impact on Development Charge revenues and Community Benefits Charges municipal revenue for 2025 and 2026.***
- (b) That Finance staff be directed to report back to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee exploring the option to discontinue the City of Hamilton's Community Benefits Charges By-law 22-158 inclusive of an assessment of the required process, risks and financial impacts
- (c) That the Mayor be requested to advocate to the Province for changes to the *Development Charges Act* to allow for a more streamlined process to make administrative changes to Development Charges By-laws to better respond to changing economic conditions
- (d) That staff be directed to report back through annual Housing secretariat reporting on outcomes.

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

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
 YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
 YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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 YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

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YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
NOT PRESENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Council determined that discussion of Items 12.1 and 12.2 was not required in Closed Session; therefore, the matters were addressed in Open Session, as follows:

12.1 Closed Session Minutes – March 26, 2025

(Clark/Beattie)

That the Closed Session Minutes dated March 26, 2025 be approved, as presented, and remain confidential.

CARRIED

12.2 Appointment to the Property Standards Committee for the 2022-2026 Council Term

(Cassar/A. Wilson)

That the following individual be appointed to the Property Standards Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Council Term commencing April 16, 2025, and until a successor is appointed:

(a) Allyn Walsh

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

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

NOT PRESENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

BY-LAWS

(A. Wilson/Spadafora)

That Bills No. 25-059 to No. 25-077 be passed, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto, and that the By-laws, be numbered, be signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk to read as follows:

- 059 To Amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended, Being a By-law to Regulate On-Street Parking
Schedule 5 (Parking Meters)
Schedule 6 (Time Limit Parking)
Schedule 8 (No Parking Zones)
Schedule 10 (Alternate Side Parking - April-November)
Schedule 12 (Permit Parking Zones)
Schedule 13 (No Stopping Zones)
Schedule 14 (Wheelchair Loading Zone)
Ward: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13
- 060 Respecting Removal of Part Lot Control, Block 264, Registered Plan of Subdivision No. 62M-1275, Municipally Known As 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 474, 480, 482, 484, 486, 490, 492, 494 and 496 Provident Way and 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188 and 190 Spitfire Drive, Glanbrook
PLC-25-003
Ward: 11
- 061 Respecting Removal of Part Lot Control, Part of Lots 2 to 14, 17 to 19, 22 to 30, 33 to 45, 47, 48, 50 to 55, 58 to 68 and 71 to 81 (All Inclusive) on registered Plan 62M-1298, Municipally Known as 189, 190, 193, 194, 197, 198, 201, 202, 205, 209, 215, 217 and 221 Alway Road, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23, 24, 27, 28 and 31 Blain Drive, 47, 51, 55, 59, 63, 67, 71, 75, 79, 83, 87, 104, 108, 112, 116, 120 and 124 Teskey Crescent, and 580, 584, 592, 596, 599, 600, 603, 604, 607, 608, 611, 612, 615, 616, 619, 620, 623, 624, 627, 628, 631, 632, 636, 639, 640, and 643 Windwood Drive, Glanbrook
PLC-25-005
Ward: 11
- 062 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200 with Respect to Lands Located at 204, 212, 220, and 226 Rymal Road West and Part of Lot 17, Concession 8 and Part of Road Allowance Between Lots 16 and 17, Hamilton
ZAC-21-029
Ward: 8
- 063 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200 with Respect to Lands Located at 87 to 109 Ashley Street, Hamilton
ZAC-25-007
Ward: 8

- 064 To Amend By-law No. 01-216, as amended, Being a By-law Respecting the Construction, Maintenance, Operation, Management and Regulation of Municipal Parking Facilities
Ward: City Wide
- 065 To Amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended, Being a By-law to Regulate On-Street Parking
Ward: City Wide
- 066 To Amend By-law No. 01-220, as amended, Being a By-law to Regulate the Parking of Motor Vehicles on Private and Municipal Property
Ward: City Wide
- 067 To Amend By-law No. 17-225, as amended, being a By-law to Establish a System of Administrative Penalties
Ward: City Wide
- 068 To Amend Site Plan Control By-law No. 24-186 Respecting Lapsing of Site Plan Approvals Under Section 41 of the Planning Act
Ward: City Wide
- 069 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200 with Respect to Lands Located at 120Wentworth Street North, Hamilton
ZAC-25-010
Ward: 3
- 070 To Adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 43 to the Rural Hamilton Official Plan Respecting 1278 Old Highway 8, Flamborough, City of Hamilton
Ward: 13
- 071 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200 with Respect to Lands Located at 1278 Old Highway 8, Flamborough
ZAC-24-009
Ward: 13
- 072 To Adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 232 to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan Respecting Framework for Processing and Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications
Ward: City Wide
- 073 To Adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 44 to the Rural Hamilton Official Plan Respecting Framework for Processing and Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications
Ward: City Wide
- 074 To Adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 233 to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan Respecting Strategic and Technical Amendments
Ward: City Wide

- 075 To Amend City of Hamilton Zoning By-law No. 05-200, Respecting Strategic and Technical Amendments to Low Density Residential Permissions, Dwelling Definitions, and other Strategic Amendments to Various Sections
Ward: City Wide
- 076 To Amend By-law No. 01-215, Being a By-law to Regulate Traffic
Schedule 2 (Speed Limits)
Schedule 3 (Flashing School Zone - Reduce Speed Limit)
Schedule 8 (No Right Turn)
Schedule 9 (No Right Turn on Red)
Schedule 10 (No Left Turn)
Schedule 34 (Designated Community Safety Zones)
Ward: 1, 2, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14
- 077 To Confirm the Proceedings of City Council

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Trennum
City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk

Deputy Mayor Mike Spadafora