



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES - GIC 25-007

9:30 a.m.

May 21, 2025

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

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- Present:** Mayor A. Horwath (Virtually)
Deputy Mayor M. Wilson (Chair)
Councillors J. Beattie, B. Clark, M. Francis, T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch,
T. McMeekin, E. Pauls, M. Spadafora, M. Tadeson (Virtually), and A. Wilson
- Absent:** Councillor N. Nann – Personal
Councillors C. Cassar and T. Hwang – City Business
Ward 8 Councillor - Vacant
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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor M. Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no ceremonial activities.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Staff were requested to add a Verbal Summary of Bill 17 - *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025*, and Early Day Assessment of the Impacts as Item 8.10.

(Pauls/A. Wilson)

That the agenda for the May 21, 2025 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Please refer to the May 28, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(Clark/Kroetsch)

The minutes of the April 30, 2025 (Item 5.1) meeting of the General Issues Committee, be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Madeleine Ann Lowthian Smith, respecting an unauthorized structure on the Escarpment trail (In-Person)

Madeleine Ann Lowthian Smith, addressed the Committee respecting an unauthorized structure on the Escarpment trail.

(Beattie/McMeekin)

That the delegation from Madeleine Ann Lowthian Smith, respecting an unauthorized structure on the Escarpment trail, be received.

CARRIED

6.2 Jennifer Hompoth, New Vision United Church respecting Report PED25142, Grant for the Centenary Methodist Church to Establish a Mid-Sized Performance Venue, 24 Main Street East (Ward 2) (Item 8.8) (In-Person)

Jennifer Hompoth, New Vision United Church, addressed the Committee respecting Report PED25142, Grant for the Centenary Methodist Church to Establish a Mid-Sized Performance Venue, 24 Main Street East (Ward 2) (Item 8.8).

(Kroetsch/Beattie)

That the Delegation from Jennifer Hompoth, New Vision United Church Delegations respecting Report PED25142, Grant for the Centenary Methodist Church to Establish a Mid-Sized Performance Venue, 24 Main Street East (Ward 2) (Item 8.8), be received.

CARRIED

6.3 James Kemp, respecting Report HSC25021, Incorporating Universal Design into Hamilton Community Housing (City Wide) (Item 8.5) (Virtually)

(Spadafora/Pauls)

WHEREAS, James Kemp was experiencing technical difficulties.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the delegation from James Kemp, respecting Report HSC25021, Incorporating Universal Design into Hamilton Community Housing (City Wide) (Item 8.5) (Virtually), be heard following the consideration of the Items for Information.

Please refer to the May 28, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

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
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Vacant	-	Ward 8 Councillor
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

(i) (McMeekin/Spadafora)

That the following Items for Information, be received:

7.1 Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities Minutes ACPD 25-003 - March 18, 2025

7.3 Resignation from Gillian Henry from the Climate Change Advisory Committee

**7.4 PED25133
2024 Annual Report for Economic Development Division Financial Incentive and Assistance Programs (City Wide)**

7.5 Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee Minutes BIA 25-004 - May 13, 2025

CARRIED

7.2 PW25032

Heat Response Strategy - Feasibility of Shade and Misting Stations in Priority Locations (Outstanding Business List) (City Wide)

(i) (Kroetsch/Jackson)

That Report PW25032, respecting the Heat Response Strategy - Feasibility of Shade and Misting Stations in Priority Locations (Outstanding Business List) (City Wide), be received.

Please refer to the May 28, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

- (ii) **(Kroetsch/Clark)**
That Report PW25032, respecting the Heat Response Strategy - Feasibility of Shade and Misting Stations in Priority Locations (Outstanding Business List) (City Wide), **be amended**, as follows:
- (b) ***That the installation of a misting station at Bennetto Community Centre, 450 Hughson Street North, Hamilton to be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108052, at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$50,000, be approved;***
 - (c) ***That the installation of a misting station at Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre, 876 Cannon Street East, Hamilton to be funded from the Ward 3 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108053, at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$50,000, be approved;***
 - (d) ***That the installation of a misting station at Pat Quinn Arena, 1770 Main Street East, Hamilton to be funded from the Ward 4 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108054, at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$50,000, be approved;***
 - (e) ***That if the Ward locations are deemed unsuitable for a misting station, that staff be authorized to choose the best suited location for a misting station based on best practices and confirm the new location with the appropriate Ward Councillor; and***
 - (f) ***That the General Manager, Public Works or designate be authorized and directed to approve and execute any and all required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, related to the installation of the misting stations.***

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Vacant	-	Ward 8 Councillor
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Absent	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

Please refer to the May 28, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

Absent - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(iii) (Kroetsch/Jackson)

(a) That Report PW25032, respecting the Heat Response Strategy - Feasibility of Shade and Misting Stations in Priority Locations (Outstanding Business List) (City Wide), be received.

CARRIED

**7.6 HSC23016(a)
2023 Social Housing Update (City Wide)**

(Jackson/Kroetsch)

(a) That Report HSC23016(a), respecting the 2023 Social Housing Update, be received.

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

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

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

6. DELEGATIONS (Continued)

6.3 James Kemp, respecting Report HSC25021, Incorporating Universal Design into Hamilton Community Housing (City Wide) (Item 8.5) (Virtually)

James Kemp, addressed the Committee respecting Report HSC25021, Incorporating Universal Design into Hamilton Community Housing (City Wide) (Item 8.5).

Please refer to the May 28, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

(McMeekin/Francis)

That the delegation from James Kemp, respecting Report HSC25021, Incorporating Universal Design into Hamilton Community Housing (City Wide) (Item 8.5), be received.

CARRIED

8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1 PED25098

Donation of Monument Marking the Global Irish Famine Way (Ward 2)

(Kroetsch/Horwath)

That Report PED25098, dated May 21, 2025, respecting Donation of Monument Marking the Global Irish Famine Way (Ward 2), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton ACCEPT the donation of a monument commemorating the Irish migration to Hamilton and the Irish Famine, marking the extension of the Global Irish Famine Way to be installed along the Waterfront Trail at Pier 8;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and BE DIRECTED to execute any agreements and ancillary documents, between the City of Hamilton and the National Famine Way organization to accept the donation in a form satisfactory to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development and the City Solicitor; and,
- (c) That \$15,000, donated by the National Famine Way organization, BE DEPOSITED to the Public Art and Monuments Maintenance Balance Sheet Account 22323-000100 for the long-term maintenance of the monument.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Vacant	-	Ward 8 Councillor
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Absent	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

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Absent - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

8.2 PED25131

Designation of a Business Improvement Area in Hess Village on Hess Street North and George Street (Ward 2)

(Kroetsch/M. Wilson)

That Report PED25131, dated May 21, 2025, respecting Designation of a Business Improvement Area in Hess Village on Hess Street North and George Street (Ward 2), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the area located between Hess Street North (Main Street West to King Street West) and George Street (Queen Street North to Caroline Street North) excluding the commercial properties on the north side of King Street West BE DESIGNATED as the Hess Village Business Improvement Area;
- (b) That the City Clerk's Division be authorized and directed to circulate the proposed area with the notice of intent to approve the designating by-law in accordance with Sections 204, 210, 212 and 213 if the Municipal Act 2001; and,
- (c) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare the necessary by-law.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:

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

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**8.3 PED25132
Revised Board of Management for the Barton Village Business
Improvement Area (Wards 2 and 3)**

(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)

That Report PED25132, dated May 21, 2025, respecting Revised Board of Management for the Barton Village Business Improvement Area (Wards 2 and 3), be received, and the following recommendation be approved:

- (a) The following individual be appointed to the Barton Village Business Improvement Area Board of Management:
 - (i) Matt Ridley – Crumbled; and,
 - (ii) Stef Dubbledam – Pinch

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:

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

**8.4 FCS25024
Hamilton Public Library Infrastructure Capital Request (City Wide)**

(McMeekin/Kroetsch)

That Report FCS25024, dated May 21, 2025, respecting Hamilton Public Library Infrastructure Capital Request (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the \$1.5 M capital funding request from the Hamilton Public Library (HPL) for IT infrastructure upgrades BE APPROVED;
- (b) That the funding for this capital project BE PROVIDED through a 50/50 cost-shared approach between the Hamilton Public Library Reserves

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(Reserve #106008) and the City's Unallocated Capital Reserve (Reserve #108020); and,

- (c) That staff BE DIRECTED to coordinate with HPL to ensure the infrastructure upgrades align with the City's cyber security and digital infrastructure priorities.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:

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

**8.5 HSC25021
Incorporating Universal Design into Hamilton Community Housing (City Wide)**

(Jackson/Pauls)

That Report HSC25021, dated May 21, 2025, respecting Incorporating Universal Design into Hamilton Community Housing (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities BE APPROVED to consult with CityHousing Hamilton Corporation on what further enhancements to accessibility, informed by universal design, can be implemented in future builds and current unit maintenance, based on feasibility and cost;
- (b) That the Housing Secretariat in cooperation with the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities BE APPROVED to review and determine if any elements may be appropriate for inclusion into the evaluation criteria for the Affordable Housing Development Project Stream and the outcome of this decision be included in the Housing Secretariat's Annual Report scheduled for November 12 to the General Issues Committee;

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- (c) That the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities BE APPROVED to complete a report back to the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities, identifying the outcomes of their consultations with CityHousing Hamilton Corporation and the Housing Secretariat, including what, if any, measures will be adopted; and,
- (d) That staff BE APPROVED to remove the Outstanding Business list item concerning the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Motion regarding Accessible Housing item on the General Issues Committee Outstanding Business List.

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

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

8.6 PED25082

Interim Report on 18-28 King Street East Building Collapse and Preliminary Review of Enforcement Processes Relating to Building Structure Safety (City Wide)

(i) (Horwath/Kroetsch)

That Report PED25082, dated May 21, 2025, respecting Interim Report on 18-28 King Street East Building Collapse and Preliminary Review of Enforcement Processes Relating to Building Structure Safety (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the Director of Licensing and By-law Services and the Director of Building BE DIRECTED to report back to a General Issues Committee no later than the end of Q4, 2025 with a final assessment of the partial building collapse at 18-28 King Street

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East and a comprehensive and coordinated review of related legislation and by-laws, including but not limited to:

- (i) Strategies to mitigate vacant building issues;
 - (ii) Recommended changes to enforcement processes;
 - (iii) Results of stakeholder consultation; and,
 - (iv) Additional analysis related to the building collapse at 18-28 King Street East;
- (b) That Licensing and By-law Services BE DIRECTED to request approval for set fines under the Vacant Building Registry By-law No.17-127 from the Ministry of the Attorney General; and,
- (c) That Licensing and By-law Services BE DIRECTED to amend Table 15 of the Administrative Penalties By-law No. 17-225 to increase fines for non-compliance with the Vacant Building Registry By-law No. 17-127, with the goal of improving compliance and registration of vacant buildings in the City of Hamilton.
- (ii) Deputy Mayor M. Wilson recessed the General Issues Committee meeting for 10 minutes until 11:20 a.m. to allow Mayor Horwath to resolve her technology issues.

The General Issues Committee reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

Result: MOTION on Item 8.6, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

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

Please refer to the May 28, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

8.6(a) Correspondence respecting Report PED25082, Interim Report on 18-28 King Street East Building Collapse and Preliminary Review of Enforcement Processes Relating to Building Structure Safety (City Wide) (Item 8.6)

(Kroetsch/McMeekin)

That the following correspondence respecting Report PED25082, Interim Report on 18-28 King Street East Building Collapse and Preliminary Review of Enforcement Processes Relating to Building Structure Safety (City Wide) (Item 8.6)), be received:

- (i) Janice Brown
- (ii) Dr. Diane Gower Dent

CARRIED

**8.7 PED25142
Grant for the Centenary Methodist Church to Establish a Mid-Sized Performance Venue, 24 Main Street West (Ward 2)**

(Kroetsch/McMeekin)

That Report PED25142, dated May 21, 2025, respecting Grant for the Centenary Methodist Church to Establish a Mid-Sized Performance Venue, 24 Main Street West (Ward 2), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the conditional Grant for the Trustees of the New Vision Congregation of the United Church of Canada, owners of the property 24 Main Street East, BE APPROVED for \$900,000, funded from the Economic Development Initiatives Capital Project (3621708900), subject to the following terms:
 - (i) The Music Hall Alliance, sole lessors of 24 Main Street East, demonstrating that they have executed a lease agreement with The Trustees of the New Vision Congregation of the United Church of Canada to the satisfaction of General Manager of Planning and Economic Development;
 - (ii) The funds are used for the payment of structural repairs, hazardous abatement works and other related works necessary for the conversion of the former sanctuary space into an approximate 1000 occupant performance, event and community space;
 - (iii) The Trustees of the New Vision Congregation of the United Church of Canada and The Music Hall Alliance enter into a conditional Grant Agreement with the City of Hamilton that gives the City the option to lease, at a reduced or nominal cost, some or all of the portion of the building excluding the sanctuary space and lobby space, for various community and staff events;

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- (iv) The eligible works for this Grant as outlined in (b), are not eligible toward works for construction costs related to any future City of Hamilton Heritage Grant Programs;
- (b) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department BE AUTHORIZED and DIRECTED to execute the conditional Grant Agreement with any ancillary documentation required, in a form satisfactory to City Solicitor which shall address, at minimum, the following:
 - (i) The construction start date and term length of the conditional Grant Agreement;
 - (ii) The milestone requirements for the release of Grant fund payments (tranches) and the required documentation to provide for the release of each tranche;
 - (iii) The requirements for Property All Risk Insurance;
 - (iv) The requirements for monthly construction reporting and annual reporting requirements for programming following the completion of construction;
 - (v) Venue booking commitments for City events and for events aligned with the Music Hall Alliance’s Business Plan and Community Use Plan;
 - (vi) Any other terms as required by the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development in their sole discretion.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 7 to 5, as follows:

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

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8.7(a) Correspondence respecting Report PED25142, Grant for the Centenary Methodist Church to Establish a Mid-Sized Performance Venue, 24 Main Street West (Ward 2) (Item 8.7)

(Kroetsch/McMeekin)

That the following correspondence respecting Report PED25142, Grant for the Centenary Methodist Church to Establish a Mid-Sized Performance Venue, 24 Main Street West (Ward 2) (Item 8.7), be received:

- (i) Ken Wallis, President, Escarpment Blues Society
- (ii) Dan Lawrie, Founder and Chairman, Lawrie Insurance Group
- (iii) Jamie Tennant, Journalist, Author, Program Director 93.3 CFMU
- (iv) Susie Braithwaite, Executive Director, International Village BIA
- (v) Melissa McClelland
- (vi) Kelly Straughan, Executive Director, Theatre Aquarius
- (vii) Janice Brown, Ward 2 Resident
- (viii) Graham Carroll, Chair, The Friends of St. Giles
- (ix) Ken Dick, Chair, The Music Hall Alliance Board
- (x) Paul Borsc, Coordinator of HWDSB Programs of the Arts at Glendale Secondary School
- (xi) Evelyn L. Myrie
- (xii) Miriam Karuga
- (xiii) Kathy Baines
- (xiv) Mark Furukawa, Owner/Operator, Dr. Disc (Hamilton) Inc.
- (xv) Glen Brown, Hamilton Musician Media
- (xvi) Roberta Harman, President, Durand Neighbourhood Association Inc.
- (xvii) Tom Dertinger, Fusion Arts Management

CARRIED

- (i) Deputy Mayor M. Wilson recessed the General Issues Committee meeting for 33 minutes until 2:00 p.m.

The General Issues Committee reconvened at 2:03 p.m.

8.8 Facility Naming Sub-Committee Minutes - FSCN 25-002 - May 8, 2025

(Tadeson/Jackson)

That the Facility Naming Sub-Committee Minutes - FSCN 25-002 - May 8, 2025, be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

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
- Absent - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- Absent - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang

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

**8.9 HSC24027(f)
Reducing Homelessness and Managing Encampments (City Wide) -
REVISED**

(Francis/A. Wilson)

That Report HSC24027(f), dated May 21, 2025, respecting Reducing Homelessness and Managing Encampments (City Wide) - REVISED, be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That Report HSC24027(f), respecting Breakdown of Capital and Operational Expenses – Temporary Barton Tiffany Shelter (City Wide) - REVISED, BE RECEIVED for information; and,
- (b) That Clerks staff BE DIRECTED to remove the Outstanding Business List item from the April 30, 2025 GIC Report 25-006 regarding reporting back on the Detailed Breakdown of Capital Expenditures – Temporary Barton Tiffany Shelter.

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
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Vacant	-	Ward 8 Councillor
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

Please refer to the May 28, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

8.10 Verbal Summary of Bill 17 - *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025*, and Early Day Assessment of the Impacts

Staff provided a verbal summary of Bill 17 - *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025*, and Early Day Assessment of the Impacts.

(Kroetsch/M. Wilson)

That the Verbal Summary of Bill 17, Verbal Summary of Bill 17 - *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025*, and Early Day Assessment of the Impacts and Early Day Assessment of the Impacts, be received.

CARRIED

9. MOTIONS

9.1 Activation of King William Street and Downtown Revitalization

(Kroetsch/M. Wilson)

WHEREAS, the Downtown Hamilton Office Report (PED 23081) approved the development and implementation of placemaking and animation projects and programs in the Downtown Core. The City's mandate to undertake placemaking initiatives also resides within the 2021-2025 Economic Development Action Plan, the 2024-2028 Tourism Strategy and the 2020 Art in Public Places Policy;

WHEREAS, the 10-year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy currently being developed by the Economic Development Division identifies the need for a long-term strategy to improve the downtown area, with creative activation being one of multiple potential methods of improving public perception of the downtown core;

WHEREAS, staff are proposing the pedestrianization of King William street from James street to Hughson street for the duration of mid-July until mid-August. The pedestrianization will create a downtown public space in which activations may occur;

WHEREAS, King William was identified as a potential site for a pedestrianization due to the following:

- Proximity to downtown employment nodes;
- King William is not a major vehicular travel route;
- The significant volume of pedestrian passers-by;
- Nearby restaurants and cultural venues that would benefit from increased foot traffic;
- Available street closure assets such as the WoodGate sculpture at James Street North and King William;
- A beneficial acoustic environment; King William does not have excessive noise from traffic, which allows for acoustic performances; and,

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- Previous placemaking events having taken place on the street during daily closures run both by the City’s Placemaking and Public Art section, and the Downtown Business Improvement Association;

WHEREAS, a majority of King William businesses have been consulted on both the viability and impacts caused by the closure of the segment of King William to vehicular traffic; and,

WHEREAS, lighting and its impact on perceived public safety has been identified as a crucial factor in the downtown by the YWCA Gender Based Safety Audit commissioned by the City’s Healthy and Safe Communities Department, the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce’s “Transforming Downtown: Business Leadership Roundtable” report, and in consultation with restaurant businesses along King William.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Council approve one-time funding up to \$100,000, to be allocated from the Ward 2 Area Rating Reserve 108052 funding account towards infrastructure for the pedestrianization of King William as a pilot for summer 2025, with funding being allocated to the 2025 road closure, local artists for activations, contract event staff, event furniture, and other event services and equipment;
- (b) That “Ed’s Concrete Products Ltd.” be contracted to provide durable temporary site furnishings that meet City standards for outdoor public spaces;
- (c) That the “Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area” be contracted to lead operation of the pedestrianized area of King William in 2025 in collaboration with City staff and community partners;
- (d) That Placemaking Public Art and Projects section staff (Planning and Economic Development) and Signals and Street Lighting section staff (Public Works Department) be directed to implement a temporary suspended lighting scheme along King William Street from James Street to Hughson Street, with a possible extension along King William Street from Hughson to John Street;
- (e) That Council approve one-time funding up to \$100,000 to be allocated from the Ward 2 Area Rating Reserve 108052 funding account towards the installation of a temporary suspended lighting scheme; to cover the costs of the three-year pilot project; and,
- (f) That The City of Hamilton staff be directed to contract “Classic Displays” to design and install the temporary lighting installation, to be in place for Q3 of 2025.

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Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 1, as follows:

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

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Spadafora introduced the following Notice of Motion:

10.1 2026 Budget – Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Cap and Optimization Strategy

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton must take urgent steps to restore fiscal discipline and demonstrate responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars;

WHEREAS, significant year-over-year spending increases, including the addition of 746 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions during this term of Council, have contributed to escalating operating costs;

WHEREAS, the continued expansion of the City's workforce is unsustainable and adds to the growing financial pressure on residents, many of whom are already facing affordability challenges; and,

WHEREAS, it is essential that the City begin to operate within its means and maximize the effectiveness of existing resources;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Council request the Mayor to include the 2026 budget directive a requirement that no additional Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions be added in the 2026 operating budget, and that existing FTEs be repurposed and reprioritized to align with and support Council's 2026 strategic direction and priorities; and,

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- (b) That this only relates to FTEs that are non-legislative positions (excluding Hamilton Police Services, Fire, Paramedics and Macassa & Wentworth Lodges).

10.2 City of Hamilton funding contribution for the construction and paving of the shared use parking lot at the Binbrook Agricultural Society property, 2600 Highway 56, Binbrook (Ward 11)

(i) (Tadeson/Jackson)

That the rules of order be suspended in order to introduce a motion respecting City of Hamilton funding contribution for the construction and paving of the shared use parking lot at the Binbrook Agricultural Society property, 2600 Highway 56, Binbrook (Ward 11).

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a 2/3 majority vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

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

(ii) (Tadeson/Beattie)

WHEREAS, the Binbrook Agricultural Society (BAS) and the City owned Binbrook Memorial Hall are both located at 2600 Highway 56, Binbrook, Ontario;

WHEREAS, the BAS was established in 1854 and the Binbrook Memorial Hall was constructed in 1920 and have a long history of cooperation and partnership on the property;

WHEREAS, there is a long standing practice for shared use of the BAS parking lot that supports the users of the City owned Binbrook Memorial Hall and the adjacent outdoor amenities of two ball diamonds and a playground unity;

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WHEREAS, the BAS parking lot requires continuous annual repair and the past winter conditions and snowplowing have accelerated the degradation of the parking lot;

WHEREAS, the current condition of the parking lot poses a safety risk to the public;

WHEREAS, the Corporate Facilities Capital Program for Parking Lot Management has been fully committed for 2025;

WHEREAS, the estimated total construction cost for the construction and paving of the parking lot is \$ 260,000.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton contribute \$ 130,000 towards the cost for the construction and paving of the shared use BAS parking lot;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton's contribution for the construction and paving for the shared use of the BAS parking lot be funded from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609611 (\$85,000) and Unallocated Capital Reserve #108020 (\$45,000) at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$130,000, be approved;
- (c) That the BAS will be the lead on the construction and paving project and provide to the City of Hamilton all the necessary documentation at the completion of the construction; and
- (d) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate be authorized and directed to approve and execute any and all required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, related to the funding contribution for the construction and paving of the BAS parking lot located at 2600 Highway 56, Binbrook, Ontario.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

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Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Vacant	-	Ward 8	Councillor
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

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 – April 30, 2025

(Francis/Jackson)

That the Closed Session minutes of the April 30, 2025 General Issues Committee meeting, be adopted and remain confidential.

CARRIED

(i) (Beattie/Jackson)

That Committee move into Closed Session for Items 11.3, 11.4, and 11.5 at 3:40 p.m. pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-Sections (d), (e), (f), (j) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (d), (e), (f), (j) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City or a local board; the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value; 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 11 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Vacant	-	Ward 8 Councillor

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

The General Issues Committee meeting reconvened in Open Session at 5:53 p.m.

A motion was approved in Closed Session to extend the curfew of the General Issues Committee meeting of May 21, 2025, to extend past the 5:30 p.m. curfew, up to 6:30 p.m.

**11.3 PW25031
Red Hill Valley Parkway Design Review from Greenhill Avenue to King Street (City Wide)**

(Clark/Horwath)

That Report PW25031, dated May 21, 2025, respecting Red Hill Valley Parkway Design Review from Greenhill Avenue to King Street (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendation be approved:

- (a) That staff be directed to redact the legal advice from Report PW25031 respecting the Red Hill Valley Parkway Design Review from Greenhill Avenue to King Street, and publicly release Report PW25031 on May 30, 2025.

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

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

Please refer to the May 28, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

**11.4 CM25003
Procurement Authority and Standardization (City Wide)**

(A. Wilson/Francis)

That Report CM25003, dated May 21, 2025, respecting Procurement Authority and Standardization (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the directions provided to staff in Closed Session respecting Report CM25003, Procurement Authority and Standardization (City Wide) BE APPROVED AND REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL;
- (b) That Report CM25003, respecting Procurement Authority and Standardization (City Wide) REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL; and;
- (c) That Procurement staff BE DIRECTED to include the negotiated awarded contract cost in the applicable quarterly status report for Request for Tenders and Proposals.

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

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

11.5 Labour Disruption Update Hamilton Ontario Water Employees Association (HOWEA)

(Jackson/A. Wilson)

That the Confidential Presentation respecting Labour Disruption Update Hamilton Ontario Water Employees Association (HOWEA), BE RECEIVED AND REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

Please refer to the May 28, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

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

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator

Deputy Mayor Maureen Wilson
Chair, General Issues Committee

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