



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 25-008

9:30 a.m.

May 28, 2025

Council Chamber (Hybrid)

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

Absent with

Regrets: Ward 8 Councillor (Vacant)

Deputy Mayor Maureen Wilson 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

(Beattie/Hwang)

That the agenda for the May 28, 2025 meeting of Council be approved, as amended by moving the consideration of the May 21, 2025 General Issues Committee minutes and the May 22, 2025 Audit, Finance and Administration Committee minutes immediately following the consideration of the Previous Council Minutes.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no Ceremonial Activities

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
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5.1 May 7, 2025

(Jackson/Cassar)

That the Minutes of the May 7, 2025 meeting of Council be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

7.3 & GIC 25-007

12.2 General Issues Committee Open and Closed Session minutes of the meeting held on May 21, 2025

(i) (A. Wilson/Jackson)

- (a) That GIC 25-007, being the minutes of the General Issues Committee meeting held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 (Item 7.3), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved;
- (b) That the Closed Session minutes of the General Issues Committee meeting held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 (Item 12.2), be approved, as presented and remain confidential; and
- (c) That the following correspondence item, be received:
 - (i) Correspondence from Sean Burak respecting Minute Item 8.6, 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 7.3 (a)).

(ii) (Nann/Kroetsch)

That Minute Item 8.6, 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) of the General Issues Committee minutes, **be amended**, as follows:

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)

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, **as amended**:

- (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 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;
- (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; and
- (d) ***That staff report back on suggested revisions to the Demolition Control By-law to enhance the city's ability to address public safety concerns of vacant, derelict residential and commercial buildings that are known to attract criminal activity, pests and vermin, and pose greater safety risks, including by not limited to being adjacent to schools as a sensitive land-use area.***

Result: Amendment to Minute Item 8.6 of GIC 25-007 (Item 7.3), 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
VACANT - Ward 8 Councillor
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 - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson

YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(iii) Minute Item 8.7 was voted on separately, as follows:

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

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;
 - (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 on Minute Item 8.7 of GIC 25-007 (Item 7.3), CARRIED, by a vote of 10 to 5, as follows:

NO - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
VACANT - Ward 8 Councillor
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
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
NO- Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Result: Motion on the balance of GIC 25-007 (Items 7.3; 12.2 and 7.3 (a)), As Amended, 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
VACANT - Ward 8 Councillor
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 - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.4 AFA 25-007

Audit, Finance and Administration Committee minutes of the meeting held on May 22, 2025

(i) (Spadafora/Beattie)

- (a) That AFA 25-007, being the minutes of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on Thursday, May 22, 2025 (Item 7.4), be received and the recommendations contained therein, be approved; and
- (b) That the following correspondence items, be received:
 - (i) Correspondence from Lou Piriano, Chair, Government Relations Committee, Cornerstone Association of Realtors respecting Minute Item 8.5, Report FCS25028, Review of Community Benefits Charges (Item 7.4 (a)).
 - (ii) Correspondence from Kelly Straughan, Executive Director, Theatre Aquarius respecting Minute Item 8.6, Grants Sub-Committee Minutes GSCC 25-002 (May 14, 2025) (Item 7.4 (b)).

(ii) (Kroetsch/M. Wilson)

That Minute Item 8.5, respecting Report FCS25028, Review of Community Benefits Charges of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee minutes, **be amended**, as follows:

**8.5 FCS25028
Review of Community Benefits Charges**

That Report FCS25028, dated May 22, 2025, respecting Review of Community Benefits Charges, be received, and the following recommendations be approved, **as amended**:

- (a) That Appendix "A" to Report FCS25028, a by-law to repeal the Community Benefits Charges By-Law 22-158, effective June 1, 2025, be approved;
- (b) That staff BE DIRECTED to ~~report back to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee whether to introduce a new Community Benefits Charges Study and By-Law in conjunction with the next Development Charges Background Study Process required to enact a new Development Charges By-Law~~ re-evaluate the projects funded through Community Benefits Charges as part of the 2026 budget process to ensure alignment of these projects with Council's stated objective of delivering direct community benefit and neighbourhood betterment with Community Benefits Charges by exploring opportunities to reallocate Community Benefits Charges funding toward eligible growth-related social infrastructure projects currently funded by the property tax levy, and conversely, consider funding projects currently allocated CBCs through the levy and rate-supported budgets, where appropriate; and
- (c) That staff BE DIRECTED to report back to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee in Q3 2025 with recommendations for the development of a Community Benefits Charges Strategy and By-law, for potential implementation effective July 1, 2027 including the foregone revenue as a result of the changes to the Development Charges By-law.

Result: Amendment to Minute Item 8.5 of AFA 25-007 (Item 7.4), 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
VACANT - Ward 8 Councillor
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 - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Result: Motion on AFA 25-007 (Item 7.4; 7.4 (a) and 7.4 (b)), As Amended, 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
- VACANT - Ward 8 Councillor
- 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 - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 Notice of Vacancy for the Office of Councillor Ward 8

(Spadafora/Hwang)

That Report FCS25030 respecting the Notice of Vacancy for the Office of Councillor Ward 8, be received.

CARRIED

6.2 PW25035(a)

Street Tree Planting Program Improvements - Lessons Learned - Additional Information

(Jackson/A. Wilson)

That Report PW25035(a) respecting the Street Tree Planting Program Improvements - Lessons Learned - Additional Information, be received.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - CONTINUED**7.1 HFMS 25-002**

Sole Voting Member of the Hamilton Farmers' Market minutes of the meeting held on May 14, 2025

(i) (Spadafora/McMeekin)

That HFMS 25-002, being the minutes of the Sole Voting Member of the Hamilton Farmers' Market meeting held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 (Item 7.1), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

(ii) (Kroetsch/Hwang)

That Minute Item 8.1, respecting Report PED25094, Governance and Operational Model Recommendations – Hamilton Farmers' Market (City Wide) of the Sole Voting Member of Hamilton Farmers' Market minutes, **be amended**, as follows:

8.1 PED25094

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

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

- (a) That the Optimus SBR report on the Governance and Operational Review of the Hamilton Farmers' Market Corporation attached as Appendix A to Report PED25094, BE RECEIVED;
- (b) That the recommended governance and operating model for the Hamilton Farmers' Market to remain a Municipal Service Corporation and be guided by the recommendations attached as Appendix B to Report PED25094, BE APPROVED;
- (c) That staff BE DIRECTED to develop the legal and operational framework (or amendments to existing instruments as appropriate) required to support the implementation of the recommended governance and operating model, including resource and budget implications, together with a transition plan, and report back to General Issues Committee for approval;
- (d) ***That Council APPROVE a single source procurement for the implementation of the recommendations put forward by Optimus SBR as identified in Report PED25094, pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 – Non-Competitive Procurements, to be funded from Account #3621708900 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$200,000;***

- (e) ***That the Chief Corporate Real Estate Officer or their designate, BE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED to negotiate, enter into, and execute, any agreements, amendments, extensions, ancillary documents, and necessary associated documents with Optimus SBR with content acceptable to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development or designate and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and;***
- (f) ***That the Chief Corporate Real Estate Officer or their designate, BE AUTHORIZED to execute amendments to any Contracts executed and any ancillary documents as required with Optimus SBR with content acceptable to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development or designate and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;***
- (g) That staff BE DIRECTED to include the following recommendations as part of the implementation of the recommended governance and operational model for the Hamilton Farmers' Market:
 - (i) Ensure vendors still have a place on the Hamilton Farmers' Market Board by creating two non-voting seats for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Vendors Association on the Hamilton Farmers' Market Board;
 - (ii) Create an adequate number of Hamilton Farmers' Market Board Committees with at minimum having an Operations Committee;
 - (iii) Allow the Hamilton Farmers' Market Board to develop questions and participate in the interview process for recruiting new members;
 - (iv) Ensure all Hamilton Farmers' Market Staff positions continue to be employees of the City of Hamilton to ensure access to good benefits and pensions;
 - (v) Develop an implementation plan for the recommendations put forward by Optimus SBR as quickly as possible ***with the possibility of retaining Optimus SBR to complete this work rather than asking City staff to take it on;*** and,
 - (vi) Continue to appoint two members of Council to the Hamilton Farmers' Market Board.

The Council meeting was recessed at 10:31 a.m.

The Council meeting reconvened at 10:41 a.m.

The Council meeting was recessed at 10:45 a.m.

The Council meeting reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Result: Amendment to Minute Item 8.1, 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
VACANT - Ward 8 Councillor
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
NOT PRESENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
NO - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(iii) Minute Item 8.1 (g)(i) was voted on separately, as follows:

8.1 PED25094

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

(g) That staff BE DIRECTED to include the following recommendations as part of the implementation of the recommended governance and operational model for the Hamilton Farmers’ Market:

(i) Ensure vendors still have a place on the Hamilton Farmers’ Market Board by creating two non-voting seats for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Vendors Association on the Hamilton Farmers’ Market Board;

Result: Motion on Minute Item 8.1 (g)(i), CARRIED, by a vote of 10 to 4, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
VACANT - Ward 8 Councillor
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
NOT PRESENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
NO - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

NO - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
NO - Deputy Mayor - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Result: Motion on the balance of HFMS 25-002 (Item 7.1), As Amended, CARRIED, by a vote of 13 to 1, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
VACANT - Ward 8 Councillor
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
NOT PRESENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

**7.2 PWC 25-006
Public Works Committee minutes of the meeting held on May 20, 2025**

- (i) **(Pauls/Jackson)**
- (a) That PWC 25-006, being the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 (Item 7.2), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved; and
 - (b) That the following correspondence items, be received:
 - (i) Correspondence from Nicole Beume, J. Beume Real Estate Limited respecting Minute Item 11.8, Road Rehabilitation on Cheever Street, Connaught Avenue South, Douglas Avenue, East Avenue North, Keith Street, Niagara Street, St. Matthews Avenue (Item 7.2 (a)); and
 - (ii) Correspondence from Breanne Knowles respecting Minute Item 7.3, Report PW25034, 94 Kingsview Drive, Hamilton Encroachment Update (Item 7.2 (b)).

Deputy Mayor M. Wilson relinquished the chair to Councillor Spadafora in order to introduce the following amendment.

(ii) **(M. Wilson/Hwang)**

That Minute Item 7.4, respecting Report PW25035, Street Tree Planting Program Improvements - Lessons Learned of the Public Works Committee minutes, **be amended**, as follows:

7.4 PW25035

Street Tree Planting Program Improvements - Lessons Learned

That Report PW25035, respecting Street Tree Planting Program Improvements - Lessons Learned, be received, **and the following recommendation be approved:**

- (a) ***That staff be requested to report annually on the number of street trees planted annually per Ward, along with the number of deferrals, by Ward.***

Result: Amendment to Minute Item 7.4 of PWC 25-006 (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
- VACANT - Ward 8 Councillor
- 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
- NOT PRESENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Deputy Mayor M. Wilson assumed the chair.

Result: Motion on PWC 25-006 (Item 7.2; Item 7.2 (a) and 7.2 (b)), 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
- VACANT - Ward 8 Councillor
- 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
NOT PRESENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

**7.5 ECS 25-005
Emergency and Community Services Committee minutes of the meeting held
on May 22, 2025**

(Clark/Kroetsch)

That ECS 25-005, being the minutes of the Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, May 22, 2025 (Item 7.5), be received and the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

Result: Motion on ECS 25-005 (Item 7.5), 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
VACANT - Ward 8 Councillor
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
NOT PRESENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

**7.6 & PLC 25-007
12.4 Planning Committee Open and Closed Session minutes of the meeting held on
May 23, 2025**

(i) (Hwang/Tadeson)

(a) That PLC 25-007, being the Open Session minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Friday, May 23, 2025 (Item 7.6), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved;

- (b) That the Closed Session minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Friday, May 23, 2025 (Item 12.4), be approved, as presented and remain confidential; and
- (c) That the following correspondence item, be received:
 - (i) Correspondence from Karen and Steve Carlina and the Local Resident Group in Opposition to the 1494 Upper Wellington development proposal; Carolyn Houston; Janet Bard and Jim McCallum; Sophie Matsos; Dr. Peter Edmonson; Italo Di Pietro; Rick Pinder and Laura S. Chajet respecting Minute Item 12.1, Report LS25011, Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal for lands located at 1494 Upper Wellington Street for lack of decision on Zoning By-law Amendment (ZAC-24-020) Application (Ward 8) (Items 7.6 (a)(a) to 7.6 (a)(h) respectively).
 - (ii) Minute Item 12.2 was voted separately, as follows:

12.2 LS25014

Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal for Lands Located at 9451, 9517, 9569, 9579, 9593 & 9867 Dickenson Road and 1199 & 1205 Glancaster Road, Glanbrook, for Zoning By-law Amendment Applications (ZAH-22-021) and Draft Plan of Subdivision Application (25T-202203) (Ward 11)

- (a) That Report LS25014, dated May 23, 2025, respecting Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal for Lands Located at 9451, 9517, 9569, 9579, 9593 & 9867 Dickenson Road and 1199 & 1205 Glancaster Road, Glanbrook, for Zoning By-law Amendment Applications (ZAH-22-021) and Draft Plan of Subdivision Application (25T-202203) (Ward 11), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:
 - (i) That the directions provided to staff in closed session respecting Report LS25014, BE APPROVED;
 - (ii) That directions (a), (b), and (c) to staff in closed session respecting Confidential Report LS25014 remain confidential until made public as the City's position before the Ontario Land Tribunal; and,
 - (iii) That the balance of Confidential Report LS25014 REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

Result: Motion on Minute Item 12.2 of PLC 25-007 (Item 7.6), CARRIED, by a vote of 12 to 2, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
 NO - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
 YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

VACANT - Ward 8 Councillor
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
NO - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Result: Motion on the balance of PLC 25-007 (Items 7.6; 12.4; 7.6 (a)(a) to 7.6 (a)(h)), 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
VACANT - Ward 8 Councillor
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
NOT PRESENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(Spadafora/A. Wilson)

That Council move into Board of Health for consideration of the Public Health Sub-Committee minutes.

CARRIED

**7.7 PHSC 25-005
Public Health Sub-Committee minutes of the meeting held on May 20, 2025**

(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)

That PHSC 25-005, being the minutes of the Public Health Sub-Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 (Item 7.7), be received.

Result: Motion on PHSC 25-005 (Item 7.7), 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
VACANT - Ward 8 Councillor
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
NOT PRESENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(Spadafora/A. Wilson)

That the Board of Health rise as Council to report and confirm the actions taken in Board of Health.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no Items for Consideration.

MOTIONS

9.1 Ensuring Proactive Decision-Making and Strengthened Project Oversight

(Francis/M. Wilson)

That the motion respecting Ensuring Proactive Decision-Making and Strengthened Project Oversight, be referred to the June 11, 2025 General Issues Committee meeting:

WHEREAS transparency and accountability are essential to building and maintaining public trust in municipal governance; and

WHEREAS Council is committed to continuous improvement in the oversight and delivery of capital projects;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to draft or update existing policies for Council's consideration respecting timely disclosure to Council when project budgets may be at risk of being exceeded, ensuring proactive decision-making and strengthened project oversight.

CARRIED

9.2 Committee of Adjustment

(Jackson/Cassar)

WHEREAS, a member of the Committee of Adjustment has passed away creating a vacancy on the Committee of Adjustment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees BE REQUESTED to fill the citizen appointee vacancy on the Committee of Adjustment.

Result: Motion, 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
- VACANT - Ward 8 Councillor
- 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
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- YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notice of Motion

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 12.3 was not required in Closed Session; therefore, the matters were addressed in Open Session, as follows:

12.1 Closed Session Minutes – May 7, 2025

(Cassar/Spadafora)

That the Closed Session Minutes dated May 7, 2025 be approved, as presented, and remain confidential.

CARRIED

12.3 Appointments to the Fence Viewers for the 2022-2026 Council Term

(A. Wilson/Cassar)

WHEREAS, the *Line Fences Act, 1990*, requires that each Municipality appoint fence viewers to carry out provisions contained within the Act;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton received a request for arbitration under the *Line Fences Act, 1990*, on May 12, 2025;

WHEREAS, three members for the Fence Viewers need to be appointed expeditiously as the *Line Fences Act, 1990*, requires an arbitration date within 30 days of the receipt of a request for arbitration:

WHEREAS, Council on December 13, 2023, approved the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees' resolution, as follows:

WHEREAS, the recruitment for Fence Viewers did not generate enough applicants for the available positions; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Committee of Adjustment and the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee appointed for the 2022 - 2026 Council Term who have the knowledge of rural areas and experience with facilitating mediation and with reviewing land surveys would fulfil the requirements of a Fence Viewer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to formally ask the members of the Committee of Adjustment and the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee appointed for the 2022 - 2026 Council Term who have the knowledge of rural areas and experience with facilitating mediation and with reviewing land surveys to forward their expression of interest to Clerks staff for the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees' consideration.

WHEREAS, Donna May Lord, member of the Committee of Adjustment, Melvin Switzer, member of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee, and Allan Freeman, member of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee have expressed interest in participating on the Fence Viewers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the following individuals be appointed to the Fence Viewers for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Council Term commencing May 28, 2025, and until a successor is appointed:

- (i) Donna May Lord
- (ii) Mel Switzer
- (iii) Allan Freeman
- (iv) Robert Kominar
- (v) Ron Jones

- (vi) John Boerema
- (vii) Henrique Simonetti
- (viii) Jodi Crickmore
- (ix) Misha Cherubin

- (b) That staff be directed to prepare the requisite By-law pursuant to *Line Fences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. L.17.

Result: Motion, 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
- VACANT - Ward 8 Councillor
- YES - 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 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(Hwang/Tadeson)

That Council move into Closed Session at 11:29 a.m. to consider Item 12.5 respecting PW25038, Labour Disruption Update Hamilton Ontario Water Employees Association pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-Sections (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended; and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (d) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations.

Result: Motion, 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
- VACANT - Ward 8 Councillor
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- YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Council reconvened in Open Session at 1:00 p.m.

12.5 PW25038

Labour Disruption Update Hamilton Ontario Water Employees Association

(Spadafora/Cassar)

That PW25038 respecting the Labour Disruption Update Hamilton Ontario Water Employees Association, be received and remain confidential.

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
VACANT - Ward 8 Councillor
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BY-LAWS

(Spadafora/Jackson)

That Bills No. 25-106 to No. 25-119 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:

106 To Declare the Office of Councillor, Ward 8, to be Vacant
Ward: 8

107 To Amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended, Being a By-law To Regulate On-Street Parking
Schedule 6 - Time Limit Parking
Schedule 8 - No Parking
Schedule 12 - Permit
Schedule 13 - No Stopping
Wards: 3,4,8,12,13,14,15

- 108 To Permanently Close and Sell a Portion of the Assumed Alleyway Abutting 830 Barton Street East, Hamilton; Being Part of the Alleyway on Plan 619, Lying Between Prospect Avenue North and Leinster Avenue North, in the City of Hamilton; Being Part 1 on Reference Plan 62R-22476; Being All of PIN 17216-0157 (LT).
Ward: 3
- 109 To Designate Property Located at 1175 Main Street East, City of Hamilton as Property of Cultural Heritage Value
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- 110 To Designate Property Located at 801 Dunsmure Road, City of Hamilton as Property of Cultural Heritage Value
Ward: 4
- 111 Respecting: Removal of Part Lot Control
Part of Block 22 and Lots 1, 6, and 8, Registered Plan of Subdivision No. 62M-1302, Municipally Known as 48, 56, 76, and 80 Carlson Street, Stoney Creek
Ward: 9
- 112 Being a By-law to repeal By-laws 22-158 and 25-014
"City of Hamilton Community Benefits Charges By-law, 2022"
Ward: City Wide
- 113 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200 with respect to lands located at 515 Jones Road, Stoney Creek
Ward: 10
- 114 Amendment No. 1 to By-law 21-163 to Designate the Revitalizing Hamilton's Commercial Districts Community Improvement Project Area
Ward: City wide
- 115 Amendment No.1 to By-law 21-164 to Adopt the Revitalizing Hamilton's Commercial Districts Community Improvement Plan
Ward: City Wide
- 116 Amendment No. 1 to By-law 21-165 to Delegate Authority to the General Manager Planning and Economic Development for Certain Grants and Loans under the Revitalizing Hamilton's Commercial Districts Community Improvement Plan and Ontario Heritage Act
Ward: City Wide
- 117 To Adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 235 to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan Respecting 559 Garner Road East, Ancaster
Ward: 12
- 118 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 87-57 Respecting Lands Located at 559 Garner Road East, Ancaster ZAC-21-047
Ward: 12

119 To Confirm Proceedings of Council

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

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Trennum
City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk

Deputy Mayor Maureen Wilson