



## **GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES - GIC 25-008**

9:30 a.m.

June 11, 2025

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

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

**Absent:** Mayor A. Horwath – 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 C. Kroetsch called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

There were no ceremonial activities.

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

**(Pauls/A. Wilson)**

That the agenda for the June 11, 2025 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**(Nann/Hwang)**

The minutes of the May 21, 2025 (Item 5.1) meeting of the General Issues Committee, be adopted, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Please refer to the June 18, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.**

**6. DELEGATIONS**

**6.1 Tanner Bergsma, respecting the housing crisis in the region and the need for unity in the city to prioritize the people and citizens (In-Person)**

Tanner Bergsma, addressed the Committee respecting the housing crisis in the region and the need for unity in the city to prioritize the people and citizens.

**(McMeekin/Nann)**

That the delegation from Tanner Bergsma, respecting the housing crisis in the region and the need for unity in the city to prioritize the people and citizens, be received.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Andrew Selman, respecting the collapsing building at 1057 Barton Street East, and the danger it poses to the public (In-Person)**

Andrew Selman, addressed the Committee respecting the collapsing building at 1057 Barton Street East, and the danger it poses to the public.

**(Clark/Tadeson)**

That the Delegation from Andrew Selman, respecting the collapsing building at 1057 Barton Street East, and the danger it poses to the public, be received.

**CARRIED**

**6.3 Delegations respecting Report PED25148, Art Gallery of Hamilton (Item 8.3)**

(i) The following delegates addressed the Committee respecting Report PED25148, Art Gallery of Hamilton (Item 8.3):

6.3(a) David Hudson, Hamilton Arts Council (In-Person)

6.3(b) Gail Lord, Lord Cultural Resources (Pre-Recorded)

6.3(c) Shelley Falconer, Gary Graham, and Scott Galbraith, Art Gallery of Hamilton (In-Person)

**(M. Wilson/McMeekin)**

That the Delegation from Shelley Falconer, Gary Graham, and Scott Galbraith, Art Gallery of Hamilton, be permitted to address the Committee for an additional 5 minutes.

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

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

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

6.3(d) Laine Groeneweg, Smokestack Studio (In-Person)

6.3(e) Kierstyn Beattie and Amanda Otilino, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (Pre-Recorded)

6.3(f) Tom Wilson (In-Person)

**(ii) (McMeekin/A. Wilson)**

That the following delegations respecting Report PED25148, Art Gallery of Hamilton (Item 8.3), be received:

6.3(a) David Hudson, Hamilton Arts Council (In-Person)

6.3(b) Gail Lord, Lord Cultural Resources (Pre-Recorded)

6.3(c) Shelley Falconer, Gary Graham, and Scott Galbraith, Art Gallery of Hamilton (In-Person)

6.3(d) Laine Groeneweg, Smokestack Studio (In-Person)

6.3(e) Kierstyn Beattie and Amanda Otilino, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (Pre-Recorded)

6.3(f) Tom Wilson (In-Person)

**CARRIED**

**6.4 Delegations respecting Motion 9.1 - Feasibility of the Development of a New HSR Fare Program to Assist Disabled Riders from Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities Minutes ACPD 25-005 - May 13, 2025 (Item 8.5)**

- (i) The following delegates addressed the Committee respecting Motion 9.1 - Feasibility of the Development of a New HSR Fare Program to Assist Disabled Riders from Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities Minutes ACPD 25-005 - May 13, 2025 (Item 8.5):

6.4(a) Karl Andrus, HCBN (In-Person)

6.4(b) Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance (Virtually)

6.4(e) Hojay Byfield, ACORN Hamilton (In-Person)

6.4(f) Kayla Leet, ACORN Hamilton (In-Person)

6.4(g) David Antunes (In-Person)

6.4(h) Mary Love, Council of Canadians, Hamilton Chapter (In-Person)

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- 6.4(i) Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario (In-Person)
- 6.4(j) James Kemp (Virtually)
- 6.4(c) Marnie Schurter, ACORN Hamilton (Pre-Recorded)
- 6.4(d) Rachel Moore, ACORN Hamilton (Pre-Recorded)

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

That the following delegations respecting Motion 9.1 - Feasibility of the Development of a New HSR Fare Program to Assist Disabled Riders from Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities Minutes ACPD 25-005 - May 13, 2025 (Item 8.5), be received:

- 6.4(a) Karl Andrus, HCBN (In-Person)
- 6.4(b) Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance (Virtually)
- 6.4(c) Marnie Schurter, ACORN Hamilton (Pre-Recorded)
- 6.4(d) Rachel Moore, ACORN Hamilton (Pre-Recorded)
- 6.4(e) Hojay Byfield, ACORN Hamilton (In-Person)
- 6.4(f) Kayla Leet, ACORN Hamilton (In-Person)
- 6.4(g) David Antunes (In-Person)
- 6.4(h) Mary Love, Council of Canadians, Hamilton Chapter (In-Person)
- 6.4(i) Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario (In-Person)
- 6.4(j) James Kemp (Virtually)

**CARRIED**

**(iii) (Hwang/McMeekin)**

That the General Issues Committee recess meeting for 41 minutes until 12:30 p.m.

**CARRIED**

The General Issues Committee reconvened at 12:33 p.m.

**7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**7.1 PED14117(e)**

**Bayfront Industrial Area Strategy Action Plan – 2024 Update (City Wide)**

**(Nann/Hwang)**

That Report PED14117(e), respecting the Bayfront Industrial Area Strategy Action Plan – 2024 Update (City Wide), be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee Minutes BIAC 25-005 - May 30, 2025**

**(Hwang/Pauls)**

That the Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee Minutes BIAC 25-005 - May 30, 2025, be received.

**CARRIED**

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8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1 PW25036  
2025 Proposed Levels of Service Asset Management Plan (City Wide)

Ann Thomas, Acting Director of Corporate Assets Management; introduced Amber Dewar, Senior Program Analyst, Public Works who addressed the Committee with a presentation respecting Report PW25036, 2025 Proposed Levels of Service Asset Management Plan (City Wide).

(i) (M. Wilson/Cassar)

That Report PW25036, dated June 11, 2025, respecting the 2025 Proposed Levels of Service Asset Management Plan (City Wide) and the accompanying presentation be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the 2025 Proposed Levels of Service Asset Management Plan, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PW25036, BE APPROVED as required by Ontario Regulation 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure;
- (b) That the 2025 Proposed Levels of Service Asset Management Plan, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PW25036, subject to the approval recommendation (a), BE APPROVED to be posted in a designated area on the City’s website, as required under Ontario Regulation 588/17;
- (c) That the updated Corporate Asset Management Overview, attached as Appendix “B” to Report PW25036, BE RECEIVED;
- (d) That the Schedule for Updating Asset Management Plans, attached as Appendix “C” to Report PW25036, BE RECEIVED; and,
- (e) That the 2025 Proposed Levels of Service Asset Management Plan, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PW25036, BE FORWARDED to the Hamilton Police Service Board, the CityHousing Hamilton Board, and the Hamilton Public Library Board for information.

(ii) (M. Wilson/Cassar)

That Report PW25035, respecting 2025 Proposed Levels of Services Asset Management Plan **be amended** by adding an additional sub-section, as follows:

- (f) ***That Report PW25035, respecting 2025 Proposed Levels of Services Asset Management Plan be brought forward to a***

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***Special General Issues Committee meeting for information purposes only and for additional discussions with staff.***

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

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

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

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

**8.2 PED25167**

**Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Grant Application (LGP-25-01) 1518 (1540) Upper Wentworth Street, Hamilton (Ward 7)**

**(Pauls/A. Wilson)**

That Report PED25167, dated June 11, 2025, respecting Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Grant Application (LGP-25-01) 1518 (1540) Upper

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Wentworth Street, Hamilton (Ward 7), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Grant Application LGP-25-01, submitted by Hamilton East Kiwanis non-Profit Homes Inc., owner of the property 1518 (1540) Upper Wentworth Street, Hamilton BE APPROVED for a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Grant not to exceed \$1,139,630.00 for estimated construction costs to be provided over a maximum of five (5) years, in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Grant Agreement;
- (b) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department BE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED to execute a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Grant Agreement together with any ancillary documentation required, to give effect to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Grant for Hamilton East Kiwanis Non-Profit Homes Inc., owner of the property 1540 Upper Wentworth Street, Hamilton in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (c) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department BE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED to administer the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Grant Agreement including but not limited to: deciding on actions to take in respect of events of default and executing any Grant Amending Agreements, together with any ancillary amending documentation, if required, provided that the terms and conditions of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Grant, as approved by City Council, are maintained and that any applicable Grant Amending Agreements are undertaken in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

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

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Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson  
Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora  
Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

Deputy Mayor Kroetsch relinquished the Chair to Councillor Hwang in order to move Item 8.3, as follows:

**8.3 PED25148  
Art Gallery of Hamilton (City Wide)**

- (i) **(Kroetsch/McMeekin)**  
That Report PED25148, dated June 11, 2025, respecting Art Gallery of Hamilton (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendation be approved:
- (a) That staff BE DIRECTED to provide additional funding of up to \$1,500,000 to the Art Gallery of Hamilton, above the \$1,000,000 already budgeted through the City's Enrichment Fund, to be funded as follows: up to \$1,300,000 from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (Reserve #110046) and up to \$200,000 from the Municipal Accommodation Tax Reserve (Reserve #108072), contingent upon receipt and analysis of quarterly cash flow and financial statements from the gallery to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Corporate Services and General Manager, Planning and Economic Development;
  - (b) That a funding increase of \$801,093 to Corporate Facilities and Energy Management's operating budget to provide services, to the Art Gallery of Hamilton, BE CONSIDERED as part of the 2026 Tax budget;
  - (c) That a funding increase of \$1,725,556, adjusted annually for inflation, to flow through the Planning and Economic Department, Tourism and Culture Division, in quarterly transfers, to pay a portion of costs to support the care, preservation and exhibition of the Art Gallery of Hamilton's Art Collection, BE CONSIDERED as part of the 2026 Tax budget;
  - (d) That a funding increase of \$2,365,900 to the Corporate Facilities Capital block for capital works related to the Art Gallery of Hamilton, BE CONSIDERED as part of the 2026 Tax budget;
  - (e) That staff BE DIRECTED to prepare and execute a license agreement with the Art Gallery of Hamilton, incorporating the ongoing funding described in recommendations (b), (c), and (d) to come into effect January 1, 2026; and,

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- (f) That Confidential Appendix “C” attached to Report PED25148 respecting the Art Gallery of Hamilton, remain confidential.

**(ii) (Clark/Pauls)**

That Shelley Falconer, Art Gallery of Hamilton, be permitted to answer questions of Committee respecting Report PED25148, respecting the Art Gallery of Hamilton (City Wide).

**CARRIED**

**(iii) (Beattie/Pauls)**

That Report PED25148, respecting the Art Gallery of Hamilton (City Wide) (Item 8.3) and the related Correspondence (Item 8.3(a)), be DEFERRED to the July 9, 2025 General Issues Committee meeting to allow for receipt of the Art Gallery of Hamilton’s 2024 Audited Financial Statements including a full picture of their available lines of credit and bank balances.

**Result: DEFERRAL MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 5, as follows:**

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

Deputy Mayor Kroetsch assumed the Chair.

**8.4 FCS25031**

**Method of Filling the Ward 8 Vacancy on City Council (Ward 8)**

**(i) (Clark/McMeekin)**

- (a) That Report FCS25031, dated June 11, 2025, respecting Method of Filling the Ward 8 Vacancy on City Council (Ward 8), be received.

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(ii) **(A. Wilson/Nann)**

That Report FCS25031, dated June 11, 2025, respecting Method of Filling the Ward 8 Vacancy on City Council (Ward 8), ***be amended***, as follows:

- (a) That Report FCS25031, dated June 11, 2025, respecting Method of Filling the Ward 8 Vacancy on City Council (Ward 8), be received;
- (b) ***That the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to fill the vacancy for the Office of Councillor Ward 8, by Option B: Through By-election.***
- (c) ***That Council APPROVE the funding method for filling the vacancy from the Tax Stabilization Reserve 110046.***

**Result: MAIN MOTION, As Amended, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 1, as follows:**

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

**8.5 Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities Minutes ACPD 25-005 - May 13, 2025**

(i) **(Tadeson/A. Wilson)**

That the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities Minutes ACPD 25-005 - May 13, 2025, be received and the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

(ii) **(Clark/Tadeson)**

That the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities Minutes ACPD 25-005 - May 13, 2025 BE RECEIVED and REFERRED to HSR Staff for consideration and inclusion in their Report Back to Committee in November 2025.

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

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

**8.5(a) Correspondence respecting Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities Minutes ACPD 25-005 - May 13, 2025 (Item 8.5)**

**(A. Wilson/Tadeson)**

That the following correspondence respecting Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities Minutes ACPD 25-005 - May 13, 2025 (Item 8.5), be received:

- (i) Medora Uppal, YWCA Hamilton
- (ii) Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance
- (iii) Miriam Sager

**CARRIED**

**8.7 LS25012  
Insurance Renewal (City Wide)**

**(Pauls/A. Wilson)**

WHEREAS, the referral of Report LS25012 respecting Insurance Renewal (City Wide) to Council would reduce the length of the General Issues Committee meeting;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Report LS25012, respecting Insurance Renewal (City Wide), be REFERRED to the June 18, 2025 Council meeting for consideration.

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

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

## **11. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

### **11.4 LS23027(d) General Litigation Update (City Wide)**

#### **(A. Wilson/Hwang)**

WHEREAS, the deferral of LS23027(d), respecting General Litigation Update (City Wide) to the July 9, 2025 General Issues Committee meeting would reduce the length of the General Issues Committee meeting;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Report LS23027(d), respecting General Litigation Update (City Wide), be DEFERRED to the July 9, 2025 General Issues Committee meeting for consideration.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson

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

**8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (Continued)**

**8.6 HSC25026**

**Commemorating September 30th National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (City Wide)**

**(Cassar/Kroetsch)**

That Report HSC25026, dated June 11, 2025, respecting Commemorating September 30th National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendation be approved:

- (a) That a representative(s) of the Mayor and Council be requested participate in the City's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Event to speak about the meaning of the day and the City's reconciliation efforts;
- (b) That no other City events or Committee of Council meetings be held on September 30th;
- (c) That staff be directed to lower City flags to half-mast on September 30th in recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation; and,
- (d) That People Leaders allow and encourage staff to attend the City's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation event, where operationally feasible, without requiring the use of personal time.

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

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

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## 8.8 Amendments to the Outstanding Business List

(Cassar/Kroetsch)

That the Amendments to the Outstanding Business List, be approved, as follows:

### 8.8(a) Items Requiring a New Due Date:

Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2024 Annual Update and 2025

Objective Setting (HSC23028(f) / FCS23055(d) / PED23099(g)) (City Wide)

OBL Item: GIC-11/20/24-8.1(d)

Added: November 20, 2024 (Item 8.1)

Original Due Date: July 30, 2025 (as amended February 5, 2025)

Proposed New Due Date: Q3 2025

Section 447.1 Against GFL Stoney Creek Regional Facility

OBL Item: GIC-02/26/25-9.3

Added: February 26, 2025 (Item 9.3)

Original Due Date: End of Q2 2025

Proposed New Due Date: July 2025

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

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

## 9. MOTIONS

### 9.1 2026 Budget – Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Cap and Optimization Strategy

(Spadafora/Francis)

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

**Please refer to the June 18, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.**

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

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 5, as follows:**

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

**(i) (Tadeson/Pauls)**

That the General Issues Committee meeting of June 11, 2025, be permitted to extend past the 5:30 p.m. curfew, up to 6:30 p.m.

**Please refer to the June 18, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.**

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a 2/3 majority vote of 12 to 2, as follows:**

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

## **9.2 Feasibility of Regulating the Sale of Deterrent Sprays**

### **(Pauls/Jackson)**

WHEREAS, Section 10 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended provides that a municipality may pass by-laws respecting the health, safety and well-being of persons; and the protection of persons and property;

WHEREAS, Bear Spray or similar Animal Deterrent Sprays that contain capsaicin or its compounds as the active ingredient (collectively “Deterrent Sprays”) are intended for personal protection from wildlife or aggressive animals;

WHEREAS, Deterrent Sprays are legal products in Canada and are regulated by the Federal Pest Control Products Act and Ontario’s Pesticides Act but do not require a license to sell or otherwise limit the sale of Deterrent Sprays;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Police Services have reported an increase in incidents within the city of Hamilton involving the use of Deterrent Sprays for other than its intended purpose;

WHEREAS, this increase in the use of Deterrent Sprays is particularly among children and youth between the ages of 10 and 19 years of age, raising significant public safety concerns for the community; and,

WHEREAS, other municipalities in Canada have enacted local By-laws to further regulate the sale of Deterrent Sprays within their jurisdictions to address similar public safety concerns.

**Please refer to the June 18, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.**



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of developing a Municipal By-law to regulate the sale of Deterrent Sprays within the City of Hamilton, with the aim of enhancing public safety and reducing their misuse and report back to the General Issues Committee.

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

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

### **9.3 Ensuring Proactive Decision-Making and Strengthened Project Oversight**

**(Francis/Spadafora)**

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.

The following friendly amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder of the Motion.

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

**Please refer to the June 18, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed **to review and report back on** 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.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

#### **9.4 Review and Rationalization of Unfilled Council-Approved Positions**

##### **(Spadafora/Beattie)**

WHEREAS, over the current term, Council has approved a significant number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions based on departmental requests and service expansion plans;

WHEREAS, a substantial number of these positions have remained unfilled for extended periods of time, raising concerns about whether these roles are operationally essential or fiscally justified; and,

WHEREAS, ongoing vacancies suggest a misalignment between staffing approvals and actual organizational capacity or need, contributing to unnecessary base budget increases.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City Manager be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee (GIC) with a comprehensive review of all Council-approved FTEs from 2022 to present, including:
  - (i) position title, department, and year of approval;

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- (ii) whether the position has been filled or remains vacant;
  - (iii) vacancy duration;
  - (iv) impact (if any) of the unfilled position on service delivery; and,
  - (v) budgetary impact of carrying unfilled positions in the base budget;
- (b) That the City Manager be directed to identify and recommend for elimination:
  - (i) any approved FTEs that have remained vacant for more than 12 months without demonstrable service impact; and,
  - (ii) any roles that are no longer operationally required or can be absorbed through existing resources;
- (c) That the City Manager be directed to develop a policy whereby FTEs that remain unfilled for a continuous 12-month period are automatically flagged for Council review and potential removal from the budget; and,
- (d) That any savings from the elimination of unfilled or redundant positions be redirected to offset tax levy pressure.

The following friendly amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder of the Motion.

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City Manager be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee (GIC) with a comprehensive review of all Council-approved FTEs from 2022 to present, including:
  - (i) position title, department, and year of approval;
  - (ii) whether the position has been filled or remains vacant;
  - (iii) vacancy duration;
  - (iv) impact (if any) of the unfilled position on service delivery;
  - (v) budgetary impact of carrying unfilled positions in the base budget; and,
  - (vi) ***rationalization related to why the position remains unfulfilled;***
- (b) That the City Manager be directed to identify and recommend for elimination:
  - (i) any approved FTEs that have remained vacant for more than 12 months without demonstrable service impact; and,
  - (ii) any roles that are no longer operationally required or can be absorbed through existing resources;

**Please refer to the June 18, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.**

- (c) That the City Manager be directed to develop a policy whereby FTEs that remain unfilled for a continuous 12-month period are automatically flagged for Council review ***and report back to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee*** and potential removal from the budget; and,
- (d) That any savings from the elimination of unfilled or redundant positions be redirected to offset tax levy pressure.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**9.5 Councillor Travel to 2025 International Children's Games in Tallinn, Estonia**

**(i) (Pauls/Francis)**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton supports youth participation in the International Children's Games (ICG), which promote global friendship, healthy living, and cultural exchange through sport;

WHEREAS, the ICG provide Hamilton youth with the opportunity to represent their city on an international stage, fostering pride, leadership, and intercultural connections; and,

WHEREAS, Councillor Esther Pauls will be attending the 2025 ICG Summer Games in Tallinn, Estonia, from August 1 to August 8, 2025, as the City of Hamilton representative.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

**Please refer to the June 18, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.**

- (a) That international travel for Councillor Esther Pauls BE APPROVED and that up to \$3,000 be allocated from the Ward 7 Office Budget (Dept ID 300050) to cover the cost of airfare and incidentals for Councillor Esther Pauls to attend the 2025 International Children's Games in Tallinn, Estonia, as the City Representative; and,
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED and directed to execute any required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

That sub-section (a) to Councillor Travel to 2025 International Children's Games in Tallinn, Estonia, ***be amended***, as follows:

- (a) That international travel for Councillor Esther Pauls BE APPROVED and that up to \$3,000 be allocated from the ***General Legislative Budget (300100) Ward 7 Office Budget (Dept ID 300050)*** to cover the cost of airfare and incidentals for Councillor Esther Pauls to attend the 2025 International Children's Games in Tallinn, Estonia, as the City Representative; and,

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

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

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

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

**9.6 Review of Open Capital Projects and Works In-Progress Balances for Potential 2026 Net Levy Savings**

**(Spadafora/Beattie)**

WHEREAS, the City faces ongoing budgetary pressures and affordability concerns from residents;

WHEREAS, it is prudent to review capital projects that have been approved but remain uninitiated, with no spending to date, in order to identify opportunities for deferral, cancellation, or reallocation of funds; and,

WHEREAS, capital projects with open residual Work-in-Progress (WIP) balances older than two years may represent unused or underutilized funds that could be re-evaluated for more strategic use.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee no later than the end of August 2025 with:
  - (i) A list of all currently approved capital projects that have not yet started and/or have no spending against them, along with staff recommendations identifying:
    - (1) projects that could be deferred or cancelled to achieve 2026 net levy savings;
    - (2) projects where delay or cancellation would pose significant risk to the organization, operations, or service delivery; and,
    - (3) projects in which funds spent to date are equal to, or less than, 10% of the total budget; and,

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- (ii) A list of all open capital projects with residual WIP balances that are more than two years old, and a corresponding review with staff recommendations on:
  - (1) whether the remaining funds are still required;
  - (2) whether the funds can be repurposed to other priority needs; and,
  - (3) whether the balances can be closed and contribute toward 2026 net levy savings.

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

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

## **10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Councillor McMeekin introduced the following Notice of Motion:

### **10.1 Protecting Hamilton's Farmland**

WHEREAS, Ontario Farmers produce the best tasting, most nutritious and safest to consume food in the world;

WHEREAS, in our confusing economic tariff challenged world, we need to acknowledge that food security and food sovereignty is a national security issue. (NOTE: Food Security is the ability of individuals to receive adequate nourishment while Food Sovereignty refers to the ability of a country to supply its own food needs.);

WHEREAS, MPP's Bobbi Ann Brady and Mike Schreiner have jointly presented a Private Member Bill at the Ontario Legislature to protect Ontario farmlands through the establishment of an 'Ontario Food Belt.';

**Please refer to the June 18, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.**

WHEREAS, Ontario is losing 130 hectares (319 acres) of farmland every day and once this land is gone it is gone forever;

WHEREAS, the 319 acres of agricultural land lost every single day could produce: 24 million apples, 1.2 million bottles of quality Ontario VQA wines or 37 million strawberries;

WHEREAS, the Bill would make farmlands within a designated Food belt permanently protected from development;

WHEREAS, the Bill could improve land-use planning, improve soil health and encourage all farmland to be used in the production of food;

WHEREAS, the Agri- Food industry represents a \$50 BILLION contribution to Ontario's Gross Domestic Product and employs almost 900,000 people;

WHEREAS, Hamilton citizens engaged in overwhelming numbers related to their opposition to urban boundary expansion with the particular focus on the saving of farmland;

WHEREAS, the failure to protect our farmlands will ultimately send 'shock waves' through the economy;

WHEREAS, the Bill is supported by the Ontario Farmland Trust, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Christian Farmers and the National Farmers Union;

WHEREAS, the Bill will encourage farmers to create succession plans and to reinvest in their farms;

WHEREAS, the legislation will help to prevent further land degradation by protecting farm and arable land for future Ontarian's; and,

WHEREAS, the Bill would create a special task force of farmers, farm groups, agricultural experts, and land use planners to craft the Bill;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (a) The City of Hamilton applauds the efforts of MPP Bobbi Ann Brady and Mike Schreiner to protect Ontario Foodland;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton gives it's support to the Bill's intent for the Province of Ontario, to create an agricultural working group to more fully outline the contours of an Ontario Food belt;



- (c) That the City of Hamilton request, through our representative at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), that AMO support this Bill; and,
- (d) That the City of Hamilton offer support and encouragement to the Ontario Farmland Trust, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Christian Farmers, and the National Union of Farmers in their efforts to support the creation of an Ontario Food belt.

**11. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Continued)**

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 – May 21, 2025**

**(A. Wilson/Hwang)**

That the Closed Session minutes of the May 21, 2025 General Issues Committee meeting, be adopted and remain confidential.

**CARRIED**

**(i) (Tadeson/A. Wilson)**

That Committee move into Closed Session for Items 11.5 at 5:55 p.m. pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-Section (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (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 13 to 0, as follows:**

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

The General Issues Committee meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:01 p.m.

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Motions were approved in Closed Session to further extend the curfew of the General Issues Committee meeting of June 11, 2025, past the extended 6:30 p.m. curfew, up to 7:15 p.m.

**11.3 PED25157  
Hamilton Police Service Central Headquarters (Ward 1)**

This Item was withdrawn and will be on a future agenda.

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

**(McMeekin/Hwang)**

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

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

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

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela McRae  
Legislative Coordinator

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Deputy Mayor Cameron Kroetsch  
Chair, General Issues Committee

**Please refer to the June 18, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.**

