



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE  
BUDGET (2026)  
MINUTES GICB 25-010**

9:30 a.m.

Monday, November 24, 2025  
Council Chambers, City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

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

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**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Budget Chair M. Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES**

There were no ceremonial activities.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**(Francis/Cassar)**

That the agenda for the November 24, 2025 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Please refer to the December 3, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.**

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

**(McMeekin/Cooper)**

That the following minutes of the General Issues Committee (Budget), be adopted, as presented:

**5.1 GICB 25-008  
September 11, 2025**

**5.2 GICB 25-009  
November 17, 2025**

**CARRIED**

**6. DELEGATIONS**

Delegations on the 2026 Budget were heard on November 17, 2025 & there will be an additional Public Delegation opportunity on January 19, 2026.

**7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**7.1 FCS25050  
2026 Water Budget (City Wide)**

**(i) (Kroetsch/Horwath)**

That the ten-minute time limit for the staff presentations be extended, to allow a total of 1 hour and 15 minutes for both presentations.

**CARRIED**

**(ii)** Mike Zegarac, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, introduced Cari Vanderperk, Acting Director, Hamilton Water and Kirk Weaver, Director, Financial Planning, Administration and Policy, who provided the following presentations to Committee:

**7.1(a) Public Works Presentation - 2026 Water Budget -  
REVISED**

**7.1(b) Corporate Services Presentation - 2026 Water Budget**

**(iii) (McMeekin/Cassar)**

That Report FCS25050, respecting 2026 Water Budget (City Wide) and the accompanying staff presentations, be received.

**(Hwang/Kroetsch)**

That the General Issues Committee recess at 12:17 p.m. until 1:10 p.m.

**CARRIED**

The General Issues Committee reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

**Please refer to the December 10, 2025 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.**

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

- (a) That Report FCS25050, respecting 2026 Water Budget (City Wide) and the accompanying staff presentations, be received.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 6, as follows:**

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

- (b) That staff be directed to hold the General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting on November 28, 2025.

**Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 5, as follows:**

Yes	-	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
No	-	Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
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

**7.2 FCS25067  
Alectra Utilities Water, Wastewater and Storm 2025 Service Activity  
Report (City Wide)**

- (i) **(Jackson/A. Wilson)**  
That Report FCS25067, respecting Alectra Utilities Water,  
Wastewater and Storm 2025 Service Activity Report (City Wide), be  
received.

**CARRIED**

**8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no Items for Consideration.

**9. MOTIONS**

There were no Motions.

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no Notices of Motion.

**11. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

There were no Private & Confidential Items.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget)  
adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela McRae  
Legislative Coordinator

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Councillor Maureen Wilson  
Chair, General Issues Committee (Budget)