



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE  
BUDGET (2026)  
MINUTES GICB 26-001**

3:00 p.m.

Monday, January 19, 2026  
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), C. Cassar, B. Clark (Virtually), R. Cooper,  
M. Francis, T. Hwang, T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin,  
N. Nann (Virtually), E. Pauls (Virtually), and A. Wilson

**Absent:** Councillors J. Beattie, M. Spadafora & M. Tadeson – City Business

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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 3:00 p.m.

**2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES**

There were no ceremonial activities.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**(Cooper/McMeekin)**

That the agenda for the January 19, 2026 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**(i) (Kroetsch/Hwang)**

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

**Please refer to the January 21, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.**

**5.1 GICB 25-010**  
**November 24, 2025**

**5.2 GICB 25-011**  
**November 28, 2025**

**CARRIED**

**6. DELEGATIONS**

**6.1 Delegations Respecting the 2026 Budget**

**(i)** The following delegates addressed the Committee respecting the 2026 Budget:

- 6.1(a) Fred Bennink (In-Person)
- 6.1(b) Greg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (In-Person)
- 6.1(c) Sarah Glen, YWCA Hamilton; Brent McKnight, McMaster University; and Joelle Kabisoso, Sisters in Sync (In-Person)
- 6.1(f) Michelle Hamilton (In-Person)
- 6.1(g) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network (In-Person)
- 6.1(e) Hafeez Hussain (Virtually)
- 6.1(h) Kelly Straughan, Theatre Aquarius (In-Person)
- 6.1(j) Marc Davignon, ACORN (In-Person)
- 6.1(k) Lee Lloyd (In-Person)
- 6.1(l) Caitlin Craven, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (In-Person)
- 6.1(m) Nadine Ubl, Barton Village BIA (In-Person)
- 6.1(n) Miriam Sager (In-Person)
- 6.1(p) Jacqueline St. Pierre, Hamilton Community Benefits Network (HCBN) (In-Person)
- 6.1(q) Tracy MacKinnon, Westdale Village BIA, Stoney Creek BIA, and Locke Street BIA (Virtually)
- 6.1(r) Pierre Roy (In-Person)
- 6.1(t) Seth Floyd, ACORN (In-Person)
- 6.1(s) Anna Wienburg (Virtually)
- 6.1(v) James Quinn, Hamilton 350 Committee (In-Person)
- 6.1(z) Stephen DeCordova, and Stephanie Henry, McMaster Students Union (In-Person)
- 6.1(x) Evan Ubene (Virtually)
- 6.1(aa) Marnie Schurter, ACORN Hamilton (Pre-Recorded)
- 6.1(ab) Kim Madden (Pre-Recorded)

**(ii)** The following delegates were not present when called upon:

- 6.1(d) Carol Andrews (In-Person)
- 6.1(w) Chad Chabot, Fairly Frosted (Virtually)

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**(iii) (Cassar/Horwath)**

That the delegations respecting the 2026 Budget, be received, as follows:

- 6.1(a) Fred Bennink (In-Person)
- 6.1(b) Greg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (In-Person)
- 6.1(c) Sarah Glen, YWCA Hamilton; Brent McKnight, McMaster University; and Joelle Kabisoso, Sisters in Sync (In-Person)
- 6.1(e) Hafeez Hussain (Virtually)6.1(f)Michelle Hamilton (In-Person)
- 6.1(g) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network (In-Person)
- 6.1(h) Kelly Straughan, Theatre Aquarius (In-Person)
- 6.1(j) Marc Davignon, ACORN (In-Person)
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- 6.1(p) Jacqueline St. Pierre, Hamilton Community Benefits Network (HCBN) (In-Person)
- 6.1(q) Tracy MacKinnon, Westdale Village BIA, Stoney Creek BIA, and Locke Street BIA (Virtually)
- 6.1(r) Pierre Roy (In-Person)
- 6.1(s) Anna Wienburg (Virtually)
- 6.1(t) Seth Floyd, ACORN (In-Person)
- 6.1(v) James Quinn, Hamilton 350 Committee (In-Person)
- 6.1(x) Evan Ubene (Virtually)
- 6.1(z) Stephen DeCordova, and Stephanie Henry, McMaster Students Union (In-Person)
- 6.1(aa) Marnie Schurter, ACORN Hamilton (Pre-Recorded)
- 6.1(ab) Kim Madden (Pre-Recorded)

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Written Delegations Respecting the 2026 Budget**

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

That the written delegations respecting the 2026 Budget, be received, as follows:

- 6.2(a) Lyn Folkes
- 6.2(b) Amber Kosubovich, Waterdown Physiotherapy
- 6.2(c) Amanda Plantinga, The Sap on Wilson
- 6.2(d) Joan MacNeil, Senior

**CARRIED**

**7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There were no Items for Information.

**8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no Items for Consideration.

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**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 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela McRae  
Legislative Coordinator

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Councillor Maureen Wilson  
Chair, General Issues Committee (Budget)