



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
(OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET)
MINUTES GICB 26-005**

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 29, 2026
Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

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

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

(Cooper/Clark)

That the agenda for the January 29, 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) (Jackson/Beattie)

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

Please refer to the February 11, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

**5.1 GICB 26-003
January 27, 2026**

**5.2 GICB 26-004
January 28, 2026**

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS

Delegations on the 2026 Budget were received on November 17, 2025 & January 19, 2026.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

(a) (Jackson/McMeekin)

That the length of the presentations respecting the Item for Information, be extended indefinitely for today's meeting.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 15 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
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
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

7.1 Planning and Economic Development Department - 2026 Budget Presentation

(i) Arvin Prasad, General Manager of Planning and Economic Development, addressed the Committee with a presentation respecting the Planning and Economic Development Department - 2026 Budget.

Please refer to the February 11, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

- (ii) **(Hwang/Nann)**
That the presentation respecting the Planning and Economic Development Department – 2026 Budget, be received.

CARRIED

- (b) **(Cassar/Hwang)**
That the General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting recess for 29 minutes until 12:35 p.m.

CARRIED

The General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting reconvened at 12:36 p.m.

7.2 Public Works Department - 2026 Budget Presentation

- (i) Jackie Kennedy, General Manager of Public Works, addressed the Committee with a presentation respecting the Public Works Department - 2026 Budget.

- (ii) **(McMeekin/Beattie)**
That the presentation respecting the Public Works Department – 2026 Budget, 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 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator

Councillor Maureen Wilson
Chair, General Issues Committee (Budget)