



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 26-004

9:30 a.m.

April 1, 2026

Council Chamber (Hybrid)

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor M. Wilson - Personal

Deputy Mayor Tadeson 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/Pauls)

That the agenda for the April 1, 2026 meeting of Council, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no Ceremonial Activities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 March 4, 2026

(Hwang/Francis)

That the Minutes of the March 4, 2026 meeting of Council be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There were no items for Information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 CHHS 26-001

CityHousing Hamilton Shareholder minutes of the meeting held on March 3, 2026

(Beattie/Nann)

That CHHS 26-001, being the minutes of the CityHousing Hamilton Shareholder meeting held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 (Item 7.1), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

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
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- ABSENT - 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 - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

**7.2 PWC 26-004
Public Works Committee minutes of the meeting held on March 23, 2026**

(Nann/Cassar)

That PWC 26-004, being the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Monday, March 23, 2026 (Item 7.2), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

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
YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
ABSENT - 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 - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.3 & PLC 26-004

12.1 Planning Committee minutes of the meeting held on March 24, 2026

(i) (Hwang/Tadeson)

- (a) That PLC 26-004 being the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 (Item 7.3), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved;
- (b) That the Closed Session minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 (Item 12.1), be approved, as presented and remain confidential; and
- (c) That the following correspondence items, be received:
 - (i) Correspondence respecting PED26068 concerning Applications for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for Lands Located at 861 Highway No. 8, Stoney Creek (Ward 10) (Minute Item 8.1) from Property Management Office (269 Glover Rd; from P. Trifunovic, resident; P. Djeneralovic, resident; and B. Asanovic, Property Management Office (269 Glover Rd) (Item 7.3(a));

- (ii) Correspondence respecting Report PED23105(a) concerning Major Transit Station Areas and Protected Major Transit Station Areas – Proposed Official Plan Amendments for Provincial Review and Public Consultation (Minute Item 9.1) from M. Johnson, and M. Leblanc, Urban Solutions (Item 7.3(b)); and
 - (iii) Correspondence respecting Motion concerning Investigation of Renewable Energy Generation as a Secondary Use Associated with Agricultural Operations (Minute Item 10.1) from J. Gariepy (Item 7.3(c)).
- (ii) **Deferral of the Steelport Lands from the Phase 1 Official Plan Amendment of the Employment Area Review (Minute Item 9.6)**

(Nann/Hwang)

WHEREAS, in October 2024, the Planning Act definition of “Area of Employment” was revised and the Provincial Planning Statement definition of “Employment Area” was introduced, which explicitly prohibited new institutional and stand-alone commercial and office uses in employment areas;

WHEREAS, all planning decisions of municipalities must conform to the Planning Act and be consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, and the Official Plans of the City of Hamilton must be brought into conformity and consistency with these provincial planning documents;

WHEREAS, the current employment area land use designations of the Urban Hamilton Official Plan and Setting Sail (West Harbour) Secondary Plan all permit land uses no longer consistent with the definition of “employment area” in provincial planning documents, and consequently the City’s employment areas do not have the benefit of protection for long-term employment use;

WHEREAS, Phase 1 of the Employment Area Review, if approved, will amend the Official Plans of the City of Hamilton to achieve conformity with the Planning Act and consistency with the Provincial Planning Statement, by implementing a definition of “area of employment” consistent with those documents, and prohibiting new institutional and stand-alone commercial and office uses;

WHEREAS, Phase 2 of the Employment Area Review is designed to comprehensively review and inventory each parcel of land within the City’s employment areas, and determine which areas should continue to meet the provincial definition of “employment area”, while other areas will be removed from employment areas, and permit a broader range of employment and complementary uses, such as institutional, and stand-alone commercial and office uses;

WHEREAS, the Bayfront Industrial Area Strategy is a comprehensive strategy that establishes a vision that it will continue to be one of the City's major employment areas, home to a diverse range of economic activities that enhance the global competitiveness of the City and the Greater Golden Horseshoe, and will continue to accommodate a high number of jobs, and be planned to attract a wide range of innovative, and synergistic creative industries, green streets, green infrastructure, public art and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, Slate HWD Inc. has been developing a conceptual master plan to guide the development of the 800-ha former Stelco property (386 Wilcox Street) in the Bayfront Industrial Area, and in 2025 submitted a Draft Plan of Subdivision Application (25T-202403) to redevelop the property for new employment uses, municipal roads and public open spaces, retail and office uses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Appendix A of Report PED26034 **BE AMENDED** to exclude the lands within Draft Plan of Subdivision application 25T0292403 (386 Wilcox Street, Hamilton) (the subject site); and
- (b) That Recommendation a) of Report PED26034 **BE AMENDED** as follows:
 - (i) That City Initiative CI-25-F, respecting amendments to the Employment Area Designations of the Urban Hamilton Official Plan to amend policies and schedules to align the land use permissions with the Planning Act **BE APPROVED** on the following basis:
 - (1) That Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED26034, **as amended**, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be adopted by Council **BE PREPARED and PROVIDED to Council for adoption**.
 - ~~(2) That the proposed Amendment to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024~~
 - (ii) ***That the appropriate land use designations for the subject site be determined through Phase 2 of the City of Hamilton Employment Area Review, which will also involve a determination of whether the site or portions of the site should be included within the City's employment area.***

Result: Motion to *AMEND* PED26034 (Minute Item 9.6 of PLC 26-004) 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
YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
ABSENT - 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 - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(ii) Amendment to the Phase 1 Official Plan Amendment of the Employment Area Review (Minute Item 9.6)

(Jackson/Beattie)

WHEREAS, the property Owner of the lands at 575 Highland Road West, 655 Pritchard Road, and 1603 Rymal Road East received draft plan of subdivision approval (City File No. 25T-201402) and approval of a zoning by-law amendment (City File No. ZAC-14-006) in 2016;

WHEREAS, the approved site specific zoning that was established in 2016 permits a wide range of employment and supporting commercial uses;

WHEREAS, the Owner delayed the registration of the approved draft plan of subdivision in order to advance the construction and extension of Talon Road from the Upper Redhill Valley Parkway through the owners land and beyond to Pritchard Road at the City's request;

WHEREAS, the construction and extension of Talon Road required additional studies and approvals in order to cross a hydro corridor, as part of the City's request; and

WHEREAS, the construction and extension of Talon Road beyond the Owner's lands has created a significant delay in the development of its lands for the range of uses approved through the site-specific zoning.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Employment Areas Review Phase 1 Official Plan Amendment **BE REVISED** to remove the lands at 575 Highland Road West, 655 Pritchard Road, and 1603 Rymal Road East from the “Employment Areas” designation; and
- (b) That the lands at 575 Highland Road West, 655 Pritchard Road, and 1603 Rymal Road East shall continue to **BE REVIEWED** as part of the City’s Employment Areas Review Phase 2 process as a potential “Employment Areas” designation.

Result: Motion to *FURTHER AMEND* PED26034 (Minute Item 9.6 of PLC 26-004) 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
 YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
 YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 ABSENT - 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 - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
 YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
 ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(iii) The recommendations contained in Minute Item 9.1 (PED23105(a)) respecting Major Transit Station Areas and Protected Major Transit Station Areas – Proposed Official Plan Amendments for Provincial Review and Public Consultation (City Wide) were considered separately as follows:

- (a) That Report PED23105(a), dated March 24, 2026, respecting Major Transit Station Areas and Protected Major Transit Station Areas – Proposed Official Plan Amendments for Provincial Review and Public Consultation (City Wide), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:
 - (i) That the Major Transit Station Areas Report Addendum (February 2026), prepared by Dillon Consulting, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED23105(a), **BE RECEIVED**;
 - (ii) That the proposed Urban Hamilton Official Plan amendment, attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED23105(a) and the

proposed Former City of Hamilton Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix "C" to Report PED23105(a), **BE RECEIVED**;

- (iii) That Planning Division staff **BE DIRECTED** to send the proposed Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED23105(a) and the proposed Former City of Hamilton Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix "C" to Report PED23105(a) to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for review and comment, in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act;
- (iv) That Planning Division staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide a Communications Update to the Mayor and members of Council summarizing comments from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (if received) on the proposed Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED23105(a) and the proposed Former City of Hamilton Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix "C" to Report PED23105(a);
- (v) That Planning Division staff **BE DIRECTED** to:
 - 1. Schedule and give notice of a statutory Open House meeting to consider the draft Urban Hamilton Official Plan amendment and draft Former City of Hamilton Official Plan amendment, in accordance with the Planning Act;
 - 2. Prepare a draft Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment and draft Former City of Hamilton Official Plan Amendment in consideration of the feedback heard at the statutory Open House meeting and any comments received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and,
 - 3. Schedule and give notice of a combined statutory Public Meeting and Special Meeting, in accordance with sections 17 and 26 of the Planning Act, to consider the draft Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment and draft Former City of Hamilton Official Plan Amendment.
- (b) That the written submissions be received (Item 9.1(a)):
 - (i) Mike Collins-Williams, West End Home Builders' Association
 - (ii) Stephanie Mirtitsch, MHBC Planning.

Result: Motion CARRIED, by a vote of 10 to 4, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
NO - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
NO - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
ABSENT - 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
NO - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(iv) The recommendation contained in Minute Item 9.3 (PED26071) respecting Parking Penalty Increases (City Wide) was considered separately as follows:

That Report PED26071, dated March 24, 2026, respecting Fee and Process Review for Formal Consultation and “H” Holding Removal Applications (City Wide) **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**:

(a) That the proposed amendment to the Administrative Penalty By-law 17-225 and Table 3 of Schedule A of this By-law, which outlines fees associated with parking penalties attached, as Appendix “A” and Appendix “B” to Report PED26071 **BE APPROVED** and be prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

(Jackson/Cooper)

That Councillor Pauls **BE APPROVED** to speak a second time on Minute Item 9.3 of PLC 26-004.

CARRIED

The Deputy Mayor called the vote on the Motion.

Result: Motion on PED26071 (Minute Item 9.3 of PLC 26-004) CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 4, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
No - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
No - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
ABSENT - 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
No - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(v) The recommendations contained in Minute Item 10.1 being a Motion respecting Investigation of Renewable Energy Generation as a Secondary Use Associated with Agricultural Operations were considered separately as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton Zoning By-law regulates permitted uses within agricultural zones in order to protect agricultural lands, support active farm operations, and ensure appropriate land use compatibility;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 protects agricultural uses in prime agricultural areas and permits agriculture-related and on-farm diversified uses where they are compatible with surrounding agricultural operations and where the agricultural use of the property remains the principal use;

WHEREAS, protecting agricultural primacy is a key planning objective, and any additional use on agricultural land must ensure that the principal use of the property remains agricultural and that the land base available for agricultural production is not materially reduced;

WHEREAS, supporting farm viability is also a recognized planning objective, and farms may rely on diversified revenue streams to sustain agricultural operations, particularly where production is seasonal, crop-specific, or subject to fluctuating market conditions;

WHEREAS, diversified on-farm revenue opportunities, including renewable energy generation as a value-added economic contribution to the local grid,

may support the long-term financial sustainability of farms where agriculture remains the principal use of the land;

WHEREAS, emerging agricultural practices such as agrivoltaics allow solar panel installations to operate in conjunction with agricultural production, providing a dual-benefit of renewable energy generation and crop protection; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has declared a Climate Emergency and is committed to the Hamilton Community Climate Action Strategy and achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff be directed to investigate policy and zoning options for permitting renewable energy generation facilities associated with an active agricultural operation as an on-farm diversified secondary use that remains clearly subordinate to the principal agricultural use of the property within agricultural zones in Zoning By-law No. 05-200, provided that:
 - (i) the principal use of the property remains agricultural and agricultural production remains the dominant land use on the property; and
 - (ii) the secondary use does not materially reduce the land base available for agricultural production and does not limit the continued operation of the agricultural use as the principal use of the property;
- (b) That staff report back to the Planning Committee by Q3 2026 with recommendations respecting:
 - (i) appropriate zoning definitions and permissions that support both on-site use and contribution to the energy grid;
 - (ii) regulatory controls including setbacks, height, lot coverage, and other performance standards;
 - (iii) March 24, 2026 mechanisms to ensure agricultural use remains the principal use of the property;
 - (iv) how such permissions support the City's Net Zero targets and the long-term economic viability of local agricultural operations; and

- (v) consistency with the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024, the City of Hamilton Official Plan, and any other applicable policy framework; and
- (c) That staff consider whether any recommended changes could be brought forward through a future Zoning By-law housekeeping amendment, if deemed appropriate.

Deputy Mayor Tadeson relinquished the Chair to Councillor Beattie.

The following friendly amendment was accepted by Acting Chair Beattie, and the mover and seconder of the Motion:

That clause (c) of the Motion **BE AMENDED** to read as follows:

- (c) That staff consider whether any recommended changes could be brought forward through a future Zoning By-law housekeeping amendment, if deemed appropriate, ***after consultation with the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee.***

Result: Motion on PLC 26-004 (Minute Item 10.1 of PLC 26-004), 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
YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
ABSENT - 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 - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Deputy Mayor Tadeson reassumed the Chair.

- (vi) **Balance of Recommendations from the Planning Committee Minutes, PLC 26-004.**

Result: Motion on the balance of PLC 26-004 (Agenda Items 7.3, as amended, 12.1 and 7.3 (a)-(c)) 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
YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
ABSENT - 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 - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.4 & GIC 26-005

12.2 General Issues Committee Open and Closed Session minutes of the meeting held on March 25, 2026

(Beattie/Jackson)

- (a) That GIC 26-005, being the Open Session minutes of the General Issues Committee meeting held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 (Item 7.4), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved; and
- (b) That the Closed Session minutes of the General Issues Committee meeting held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 (Item 12.2), **BE APPROVED**, as presented and **REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**; and
- (c) That the following correspondence items, be received:
 - (i) Correspondence respecting Report HSC26023, Emergency Warming Centre Operation at Bennetto Community Centre (City Wide) (Minute Item 7.7 of GIC 26-004) from J. Bonner, The HUB Hamilton (Agenda Item 7.4 (a)); and
 - (ii) Correspondence respecting Review of Housing-Related Services Governance and Reporting Structures (Minute Item 9.2 of GIC 26-004) from G. Cubitt, Hamilton is Home (Agenda Item 7.4(b)).

Result: Motion on GIC 26-005 (Agenda Items 7.4, 12.2 and 7.4 (a) and 7.4 (b)) 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
YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper

YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 ABSENT - 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 - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
 YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
 ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.5 AFA 26-004

Audit, Finance and Administration Committee minutes of the meeting held on March 26, 2026

(i) (Beattie/Spadafora)

That AFA 26-004, being the minutes of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on Thursday, March 26, 2026 (Item 7.5), be received and the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

(ii) The recommendations contained in Minute Item 8.2 (PED26052) respecting Community Liaison Group – Immigrants and Refugees (City Wide) were considered separately as follows:

That Report PED26052, respecting Community Liaison Group – Immigrants and Refugees (City Wide), dated March 26, 2026, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation, **BE APPROVED**:

- (a) That the Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council **BE APPROVED** to serve as the City of Hamilton’s Community Liaison Group for Immigrants and Refugees.

Result: Motion on PED26053 (Minute Item 8.2 of AFA 26-004) 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
 YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
 YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 ABSENT - 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 - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(iii) Balance of Recommendations from the Audit Finance and Administration Committee Minutes, AFA 26-004

Result: Motion on the balance of AFA 26-004 (Agenda 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
YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
ABSENT - 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 - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.6 ECS 26-002

Emergency and Community Services Committee minutes of the meeting held on March 26, 2026

(i) (Clark/Pauls)

That ECS 26-002, being the minutes of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on Thursday, March 26, 2026 (Item 7.6), be received and the recommendations contained therein, **BE APPROVED**.

(ii) The recommendations contained in Minute Item 8.3 (HSC26017) respecting Seniors Advisory Committee's Transition to a Community Liaison Group (City Wide) were considered separately as follows:

That Report HSC26017, dated March 26, 2026, respecting Seniors Advisory Committee's Transition to a Community Liaison Group, **BE RECEIVED**, and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

(a) That the recommendation, as requested by the Seniors Advisory Committee and recommended by City staff, that the transition to the

Seniors Community Group to take effect January 1, 2027, **BE APPROVED**; and

- (b) That Long-Term Care Division staff **BE DIRECTED** to bring an Information Report outlining the Terms of Reference for the Seniors Community Liaison Group to the Emergency & Community Services Committee in November 2026.

Result: Motion on HSC26017 (Minute Item 8.3 of ECS 26-002), CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 2, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
NO - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
ABSENT - 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 - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(iii) Balance of Recommendations from the Emergency and Community Services Minutes

Result: Motion on the balance of ECS 26-002 (Agenda Item 7.6), 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
YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
ABSENT - 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 - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no Items for Consideration.

MOTIONS

9.1 Amendment to the Council Decision of November 19, 2025 respecting Item 9.2 of the November 10, 2025 Public Works Committee Minutes PWC 25-013, Report PW25013, Transit Standardization and Single Source Procurement of Services, Equipment and Parts (City Wide)

(Nann/Cassar)

WHEREAS, several of the legal names of the vendors listed in Appendix “A” to Report PW25013, need to be corrected in order to process the approved funding.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council decision of November 19, 2025 respecting Item 9.2 of the November 10, 2025 Public Works Committee Minutes PWC 25-013, Report PW25013, Transit Standardization and Single Source Procurement of Services, Equipment and Parts (City Wide), be amended to read as follows:

- 9.2 PW25013
Transit Standardization and Single Source Procurement of Services, Equipment and Parts (City Wide)

That Report PW25013, dated November 10, 2025, respecting Transit Standardization and Single Source Procurement of Services, Equipment and Parts (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendations, be approved:

- (a) That the standardization and single source procurement of the products, services and manufacturers identified in **REVISED** Appendix “A” and Appendix “B” attached to Report PW25013, and pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 – Non Competitive Procurement and Procurement Policy #14 – Standardization, BE APPROVED to support efficient and cost-effective transit operations, for a term of no more than five (5) years;
- (b) That the General Manager, Public Works Department, or their designate, BE AUTHORIZED to negotiate, enter into and execute any required Contract and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with the suppliers identified in **REVISED** Appendix “A” and Appendix “B” attached to Report PW25013 with content acceptable to the General Manager of

Public Works, and in the form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
and

- (c) That the General Manager, Public Works Department, or their designate, BE AUTHORIZED to amend any Contracts executed and any ancillary documents as required in the effect that suppliers identified in **REVISED** Appendix “A” or Appendix “B” attached to Report PW25013 undergoes a name change in the form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

(McMeekin/Cassar)

That Councillor Nann **BE APPROVED** to speak a second time on Agenda Item 9.1.

CARRIED

(Jackson/Cooper)

That Councillor Clark **BE APPROVED** to speak a second time on Agenda Item 9.1.

CARRIED

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

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
ABSENT - 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
ABSENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

9.2 Amendment to Item 2 of the Public Works Committee Report 23-017, respecting the Standardization of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for Parks Assets – Playgrounds, Spray Pads, Ball Diamonds, and Benches (PW23069) (City Wide) which was approved by Council on November 13, 2023

(Nann/Cassar)

WHEREAS, to correct Contract documents, it is necessary to amend Appendix “A” to the Public Works Committee Report 23-017, as follows:

- (i) Page 2, Vendor Name; Open Space Solutions Inc. changed to Openspace Solutions Inc.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Item 2, Appendix "A" of the Public Works Committee Report 23-017, respecting the Standardization of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for Parks Assets – Playgrounds, Spray Pads, Ball Diamonds, and Benches (PW23069) (City Wide), **BE AMENDED**, as follows:

- (a) That the Standardization of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for Parks Assets – Playgrounds, Spray Pads, Ball Diamonds and Benches (PW23069) (City Wide) identified in the attached Appendix "A" as **AMENDED**, to Public Works Committee Report 23-017 pursuant to Procurement Policy #14 - Standardization of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for Parks Assets – Playgrounds, Spray Pads, Ball Diamonds and Benches, Parks Division (PW23069) (City Wide) be approved;
- (b) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate, be authorized to negotiate, enter into, and execute any required Contracts and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with those suppliers identified in the attached Appendix with content acceptable to the General Manager, Public Works or designate, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (c) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate, be authorized to amend any Contracts executed and any ancillary documents as required in the event that a service provider, manufacturer, or distributor identified in the attached Appendix "A" undergoes a name change or a new distributor relationship in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
ABSENT - 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
ABSENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

9.3 Amendment to Item 4 of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 21-022, respecting Investing in City Roads and Sidewalks Infrastructure with Canada Community - Building Funds, which was approved by Council on December 15, 2021

(Spadafora/Jackson)

WHEREAS, the initial road projects selected by Ward 14 Councillor for the Investing in City Roads and Sidewalks Infrastructure with Canada Community - Building Funds (CCBF), which was approved by Council on December 15, 2021, be amended to include resurfacing and concrete repairs on Goldwin Street in Ward 14; and

WHEREAS, the remaining Ward 14 CCBF funds, be utilized to address road surface deficiencies by resurfacing to improve rideability, public safety, preservation of the road asset from further deterioration, reduce ongoing maintenance costs, and to overall improve the level of service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Item 4 of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 21-022, respecting Investing in City Roads and Sidewalks Infrastructure with Canada Community - Building Funds, **BE AMENDED**, as follows:

4. Investing in City Roads and Sidewalks Infrastructure with Canada Community - Building Funds (PW21073) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)
 - (a) That the Canada Community Building Fund investment of \$30 M be allocated to the list of projects in Appendix "B", **as amended**, by adding resurfacing and concrete repairs to Goldwin Street from Greencedar Drive to Golfwood Drive in Ward 14 to Appendix "B" (attached hereto), to Audit, Finance & Administration Committee Report 21-022;
 - (b) That three Public Works temporary full-time equivalents be hired for up to 24 months at an estimated cost of \$850,000 and funded from Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve 108020 to deliver the Canada Community-Building Fund projects; and
 - (c) That the Procurement Policy 4.9 Consulting and Professional Services requirements be waived to allow for the direct award of Roster Assignments above the \$150,000 threshold for consultancy work pertaining to the Canada Community-Building Fund projects.

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
YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

ABSENT - 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 - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

9.4 Re-alignment of Community Funding Commitments for Ancaster Memorial Arts Center Construction Project (Ward 12)

(Cassar/Hwang)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton engaged in a collaborative initiative with Ancaster Society for the Performing Arts Corporation (“AMAC”) to lead the local arts community in capital fund raising for redevelopment of the former Ancaster Memorial School to develop a community arts center that benefits the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton completed the renovation of the Ancaster Memorial Center in September of 2022 at a total cost of \$22.28M (Project ID 3541641602);

WHEREAS, through Report #PW19072, the AMAC was tasked with leading community efforts to raise \$5M towards the construction project, of which \$4M was to be raised through various community efforts including donations and \$1M was to be raised through the sale of naming rights and re-paid to the City in annual installments of \$100K annually over 10 years, and the City acknowledges receipt of \$3.5M towards the community funding portion of \$4M plus \$300K towards the \$1M, and the AMAC will continue to make payments to fully pay the total commitment of \$5M;

WHEREAS, through a Motion by Councillor Ferguson on August 12, 2022 the AMAC was tasked with accommodating an EarlyON Child and Family Centre location in return for a \$300K contribution from the Best Start Initiatives Reserve #112218 but due to AMAC’s contractual programming commitments and space limitations, an EarlyON Child and Family Centre could not be accommodated;

WHEREAS, the AMAC led successful efforts jointly with the City to apply for and was granted \$1.1 Million from the federal “Canada Culture Spaces Fund” and this effort has not yet been acknowledged as being a contribution towards the community funding commitment;

WHEREAS, the AMAC provided community funding to complete and pay directly for elements of the projects including for example landscaping, lighting, and staff costs during the delayed opening and such costs are estimated at \$917K; and

WHEREAS, the AMAC has approached the City for consideration of its costs and efforts made towards the success of the project and is agreeable to an amicable settlement of the matter.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Ancaster Society for the Performing Arts Corporation ("AMAC") in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor to affect the following terms and conditions:
 - (i) That the City of Hamilton acknowledges the efforts of the AMAC in successfully applying for a federal Culture Spaces Grant and receiving \$1.1M and these funds be acknowledged as forming part of the of community funding commitment and applied as follows:
 - (1) \$270K to be applied to project overages;
 - (2) \$300K be applied to the Best Start Initiatives Reserve #112218;
 - (3) That the balance of \$530K be distributed between the City (75%) or \$397.5K and to the Community Funding Commitment (25%) or \$132K;
 - (ii) That the AMAC have no further requirement to accommodate EarlyON Child and Family Centre at the Ancaster Memorial Arts Center;
 - (iii) The AMAC waives any and all future claims against the City related to the community funding commitment; and
- (b) In recognition of the AMAC's early notice of dispute to these matters, that the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services be authorized to waive any related interest accumulated on the AMAC account since 2022, estimated at \$56,328.77.

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
YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
ABSENT - 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 - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson

ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

9.5 Rapid Remediation of Illegal Dumping and Former Encampment Site Debris - REVISED

(Francis/Spadafora)

WHEREAS, multiple locations across the city have been identified with significant illegal dumping and debris associated with former encampments, negatively impacting the natural environment, public safety, and community well-being;

WHEREAS, timely remediation of these sites is critical, particularly in environmentally sensitive areas such as ravines and waterways;

WHEREAS, the current response timelines for cleanup are often prolonged, resulting in ongoing environmental degradation and community concern;

WHEREAS, seasonal conditions provide an opportunity to identify and access impacted areas prior to full vegetation; and

WHEREAS, the City maintains existing operational budgets, staff, and contractor resources for waste management, by-law enforcement, and environmental services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to immediately prioritize and retain an external contractor to immediately undertake cleanup and remediation of the following locations using existing resources and approved budgets:
 - (i) Red Hill Valley Parkway at Barton Street (Red Hill Creek);
 - (ii) Barton Street between Bow Valley Drive and Lake Avenue North, including the ravine area from the guardrail to the bottom; and
 - (iii) the area of Quigley Road and Albright Road.
- (b) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to expedite response timelines for illegal dumping and former encampment debris cleanup across the City, with a focus on environmentally sensitive areas;
- (c) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to report back to the Public Works Committee in Q3 2026 on:
 - (i) current service standards and response times for cleanup;
 - (ii) barriers to timely remediation, including staffing, equipment, or coordination issues; and
 - (iii) opportunities to improve response times within existing resources; and

- (d) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to engage with the Ministry of Transportation regarding debris and dumping concerns on provincially owned lands and report back on actions taken.

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
YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
ABSENT - 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 - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

9.5(a) Correspondence respecting Motion concerning Rapid Remediation of Illegal Dumping and Former Encampment Site Debris – REVISED

(A. Wilson/Spadafora)

That correspondence items 9.5(a)(1) through 9.5(a)(19), respecting Motion concerning Rapid Remediation of Illegal Dumping and Former Encampment Site Debris – REVISED (Agenda Item 9.5 (a)), **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

9.6 Naming of the Bridget on Jones Street – Stoney Creek to McDougall’s Bridge

(Francis/Beattie)

WHEREAS, the bridge on Jones Street in Stoney Creek is currently under reconstruction;

WHEREAS, the McDougall family has been a longstanding presence in the Stoney Creek community since approximately 1910;

WHEREAS, Lorne McDougall served as a Councillor for the former Village of Stoney Creek in the 1920s;

WHEREAS, the McDougall family historically owned lands surrounding and behind the bridge structure since approximately 1910;

WHEREAS, the family’s local legacy continued through multiple generations, including Robert McDougall in the late 1960s and Bob McDougall from 1997 to present, with McDougall’s Garage on King Street serving as a community fixture;

WHEREAS, Bob McDougall is retiring and selling the family business, marking the end of over a century of continuous family presence in the community; and

WHEREAS, the timing of the bridge reconstruction does not align with the regular schedule of the Facility Naming Sub-Committee, and this is the only practical opportunity to incorporate a commemorative name into the bridge structure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the naming of the bridge on Jones Street as “McDougall’s Bridge” in recognition of the McDougall family’s contributions to the Stoney Creek community **BE APPROVED**; and
- (b) That costs associated with concrete forming and related works to permanently incorporate the name into the bridge structure **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 5 Minor Maintenance Capital Project #4032311605 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$5,000.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 1, as follows:

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- ABSENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- ABSENT - 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 - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 Councillor Hwang advised that she would be bringing forward a motion to the next General Issues Committee meeting respecting Supporting the Role of Trustees in Maintaining an Accountable and Transparent Education System as follows:

WHEREAS School trustees have existed in Ontario since 1816 and play an essential role in delivering accountability, reflecting local priorities, and ensuring students receive necessary resources;

WHEREAS the democratic representation provided by trustees has been a central principle of Ontario's public education system since before Confederation;

WHEREAS in the Summer of 2025, the Government of Ontario appointed supervisors to various school boards, supplanting the role of elected trustees and creating concerns regarding lost transparency, accountability, and local representation;

WHEREAS trustees serve as essential points of contact for City Councillors to discuss pressing local issues relating to education and school sites, and provincially appointed supervisors are not a replacement for this local knowledge;

WHEREAS Bill 33, which received Royal Assent in November 2025, grants the Province overriding authority which may be used to eliminate the role of trustees in part or in whole; and

WHEREAS it is crucial for City Council to join other municipalities in reaffirming the importance of trustees to maintaining local representation for parents and students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (a) That Hamilton City Council **SUPPORTS** the role of locally-elected trustees in ensuring accountability, representing local priorities, and advocating for the needs of students;
- (b) That Hamilton City Council **REQUESTS** that the Province of Ontario initiate a robust, province-wide consultation on school board governance models before considering any decision that would alter the governance role of trustees; and
- (c) That this Motion **BE CIRCULATED** to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA), Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Members of Provincial Parliament representing ridings in the City of Hamilton, the Minister of Education, and the Premier of Ontario.

Council recessed at 12:40 p.m.

Council resumed at 1:16 p.m. Mayor Horwath assumed the Chair.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Members of Council used this opportunity to discuss matters of general interest.

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**(Nann/Pauls)**

That Council move into closed session to consider Items 12.3, being the closed session Minutes of the Audit Finance and Administration Committee meeting, held March 26, 2026; 12.4, respecting Lease of Property in the City of Hamilton (Ward 12); 12.5, respecting Interim and Permanent Measures to permit public access to Hamilton Piers, Beach Boulevard, Hamilton (Ward 5); and 12.6, respecting correspondence concerning Human Rights and Workplace Harassment pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (b), (c), (d), (f) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b), (c), (d), (f) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; labour relations or employee negotiations; as the subject matter pertains to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City or a local board purposes; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and as the subject matter pertains to a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the City or a local board.

CARRIED

Council moved into closed session at 2:02 p.m.

Council reconvened in Open Session at 3:55 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

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

Absent with

Regrets: Councillor M. Wilson (Personal)

12.3 Closed Session Minutes of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on March 26, 2026

(Spadafora/Nann)

That Closed Session Minutes AFA 26-004 **BE RECEIVED** and **REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**.

CARRIED

12.4 Lease of Property in the City of Hamilton (Ward 12)

(Cassar/A. Wilson)

That the directions provide to staff in Closed Session respecting Lease of Property in the City of Hamilton (Ward 12) **BE APPROVED** and **REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**.

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

12.5 Interim and Permanent Measures to permit public access to Hamilton Piers, Beach Boulevard, Hamilton (Ward 5)

(Francis/Jackson)

That the directions provided to Staff in Closed Session respecting Interim and Permanent Measures to permit public access to Hamilton Piers, Beach Boulevard, Hamilton (Ward 5), **BE APPROVED** and **REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**.

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

12.6 Human Rights and Workplace Harassment

(Kroetsch/Hwang)

That the correspondence Item respecting Human Rights and Workplace Harassment **BE RECEIVED** and **REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**.

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

BY-LAWS

(Tadeson/Beattie)

That Bills No. 26-058 to No. 26-070 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:

- 058 To Amend By-law No. 01-215 Being a By-law To Regulate Traffic Schedule 5 – Stop Control
Ward: 11, 15
- 059 To Amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended, Being a By-law To Regulate On-Street Parking Schedule 6 - Time Limit , Schedule 8 - No Parking, Schedule 12 – Permit, Schedule 13 - No Stopping, Schedule 15 - Comm Veh LZ, Schedule 20 - School Bus LZ
Wards: 2,3,4,7,9,10,12,13,14,15
- 060 To Establish City of Hamilton Land Described as Part of Block 109 on Plan 62M-1250, designated as Part 1 on Plan 62R-22664 as Part of Columbus Gate
Ward: City Wide

- 061 To Permanently Close and Sell a Portion of Public Highway Abutting 191 Victoria Avenue South, Hamilton; Being Part of Lots 3, 4, & 5 and Part of the Alleyway (closed by By-Law 4803), on the East side of Victoria Avenue, on Registered Plan 217, and Part of Lot 12, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Barton, in the City of Hamilton; Designated as Part 4 on Plan 62R-22444; Being PART of PIN 17595 0003 (LT)
Ward: 3
- 062 Respecting: Removal of Part Lot Control Block 83, Registered Plan 62M-1298, for lands municipally known as 124, 128, 132, 136, 140, 144, 148, 152, and 156 Awrey Terrace and 35, 39, 43, 47, 51, 55, 59, 63, and 67 Blain Drive, Glanbrook
Ward 11
- 063 To Set Optional Property Classes Within the City of Hamilton for the Year 2026
Ward: City Wide
- 064 To Set and Levy the Rates of Taxation for the Year 2026
Ward: City Wide
- 065 To Establish Tax Ratios and Tax Reductions for the Year 2026
Ward: City Wide
- 066 To Amend By-law 17-225, as amended, being a By-law to Establish a System of Administrative Penalties
Ward: City Wide
- 067 To Amend By-law No. 24-055, as amended, Being the Renovation Licence and Relocation By-law
Ward: City Wide
- 068 To Adopt: Official Plan Amendment No. 250 to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan Respecting 861 Highway No. 8
Ward: 10
- 069 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200 with respect to lands located at 861 Highway No. 9, Stoney Creek
Ward: 10
- 070 To Confirm Proceedings of Council

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Trennum
City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk

Mayor Andrea Horwath