



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 14, 2013

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Deputy Mayor M. Pearson (Chair)
Mayor B. Bratina
Councillors B. Clark C. Collins, J. Farr, L. Ferguson, T. Jackson, B. Johnson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, B. Morelli, J. Partridge and R. Pasuta

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor S. Duvall – Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Councillor R. Powers – AMO/Queens Park

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Language Line Enhancement (Report FSC13020) (City Wide) (Item 4.1)

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That Report FCS13020, respecting the Language Line Enhancement, be received.

CARRIED

2. Building Services Program Enhancement (PED13030) (City Wide) (Item 4.2)

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That Report PED13030, respecting the Building Services Program Enhancement, be received.

CARRIED

3. Supercrawl Funding Request (PED13033) (Ward 2) (Item 4.3)

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That Report PED13033, respecting the Supercrawl Funding request, be received.

CARRIED

4. Innovation Factory – Year Two Funding (PED13040) (City Wide) (Item 4.4)

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That Report PED13040, respecting the Innovation Factory – Year Two Funding, be received.

CARRIED

5. Road and Sidewalk Safety Maintenance Program Enhancement (PW13010) (City Wide) (Item 4.5)

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That Report PW13010, respecting the Road and Sidewalk Safety Maintenance Program Enhancement, be received.

CARRIED

6. Rural Roadside Grass Mowing Program Enhancement (PW13011) (City Wide) (Item 4.6)

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That Report PW13011, respecting the Rural Roadside Grass Mowing Program Enhancement, be received.

CARRIED

7. Storm Water Facility Maintenance Program Enhancement (PW13012) (City Wide) (Item 4.7)

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That Report PW13012, respecting the Storm Water Facility Maintenance Program Enhancement, be received.

CARRIED

8. Urban Boulevard Grass Mowing Program Enhancement (PW13013) (City Wide) (Item 4.8)

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That Report PW13013, respecting the Urban Boulevard Grass Mowing Program Enhancement, be received.

CARRIED

9. 2013 Pressures for Ontario Works Discretionary Benefits and the Housing Stability Benefit (CS13009) (City Wide) (Item 4.9)

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That Report CS13009, respecting the 2013 Pressures for Ontario Works Discretionary Benefits and the Housing Stability Benefit, be received.

CARRIED

10. Outreach Recruitment Coordinator Enhancement (HUR13001) (City Wide) (Item 4.11)

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That Report HUR13001, respecting the Outreach Recruitment Coordinator Enhancement, be received.

CARRIED

11. 2013 Council Referred Items Update (FCS13024) (Item 4.12)

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That Report FCS13024, respecting the 2013 Council referred items update, be received.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following change to the agenda:

- (i) Item 4.10 – Vehicle Station Attendant 2013 Operating Budget (CS13010) (City Wide), has been withdrawn from the agenda

(Pearson/Johnson)

That the agenda for the February 14, 2013 General Issues Budget meeting be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

3.1 January 31, 2013

(Morelli/Collins)

That the minutes of the January 31, 2013 General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 5)

(i) 2013 Council Referred Items and Requested Enhancements (Item 5.1)

Mike Zegarac, Acting General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, began the presentation respecting the 2013 Council referred items and requested enhancements. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Items are NOT included in the preliminary budget pending Council's consideration
- Council consideration and possible approval of the enhancements will take place during budget deliberations scheduled to commence February 28th
- 27 items referred by Council to the 2013 budget process
- If all Council Referred Items are approved:

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| Gross Impact | \$ 5,144,552 |
| Net Impact | \$ 4,985,452 |
| Annualized FTE | 16.15 |
| Total Tax Impact | 0.6% |
| 2014 Additional Net Impact | \$ 544,990* |

- The 2013 impact reflects part year commencement of some initiatives with an additional pressure created in 2014 from annualization.
- 4 requested items submitted to the 2013 budget process:

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| Gross Impact | \$ 697,000 |
| Net Impact | \$ 206,000 |
| Annualized FTE | 8.00 |
| Total Tax Impact | 0.03% |
| 2014 Additional Net Impact | \$ 201,000* |

- * The 2013 impact reflects part year commencement of some initiatives with an additional pressure created in 2014 from annualization.

Tim McCabe, General Manager of Planning & Economic Development, continued the presentation, respecting the Planning and Economic Development Department's budget items.

Joe-Anne Priel, General Manager of Community Services, continued the presentation, respecting the Community Services Department's budget items.

Brent Browett, Paramedic Chief/EMS Director, continued the presentation, respecting the Emergency Medical Services' budget items.

Dorothy Barr-Elliott, Director of Family Health, continued the presentation, respecting the Public Health Services' budget items.

Gerry Davis, General Manager of Public Works, continued the presentation, respecting the Public Works Department's budget items.

Staff withdrew the following enhancement from the 2013 budget process:

- o City Wide – Corporate Green Cart Program (PW12004(a) and PW11096(b), June 18/12) (\$40,000)

Chris Murray, City Manager, continued the presentation, respecting the budget items for the City Manager's Office, which specifically addressed Legal Services and the Human Resources Department.

(Pearson/Ferguson)

That the presentation, respecting the 2013 Council Referred Items and Requested Enhancements, be received.

CARRIED

A full copy of the presentation is available on line at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(ii) 2013 Tax Budget - Corporate Financials and Non-Program Revenues (Item 5.2)

Mike Zegarac, Acting General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, provided the presentation, respecting the 2013 Tax Budget – Corporate Financials and Non-Program Revenues. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Expenses and Revenues that do not fall within a specific operating department Includes non-program expense and revenue items such as:
 - Corporate Financials include: Corporate contingencies, budgeted gapping savings, Flamboro Slot revenue, retiree benefits.
 - Non-Program Revenues include: Property tax related revenues and provisions (supps, write-offs), Horizon Utilities Corporation dividend and Provincial Offences Act, Investment revenues.
- Non-Departmental Budget Highlights:
 - 2012 budget included \$1M employee related reduction item which has been removed. Savings (about \$600k) realized in departmental budgets.
 - This impact is largely offset by reductions in prior year contract and JE contingencies (-\$600,000).
 - Slot revenues increased \$300,000 per new revenue formula agreement.
 - Other Items increasing about \$122k largely due to phase-out of cost allocations to rate budget (approved in 2010)

(Pearson/Ferguson)

That the presentation, respecting the 2013 Tax Budget – Corporate Financials and Non-Program Revenues, be received.

CARRIED

A full copy of the presentation is available on line at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

(Pearson/Clark)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Pearson, Chair
Deputy Mayor

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk