



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

REPORT 13-018

9:30 a.m.

Friday, September 13, 2013

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Deputy Mayor J. Farr (Chair)
Mayor R. Bratina
Councillors B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall, L. Ferguson,
B. Johnson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, J. Partridge,
M. Pearson, R. Powers,

Absent with Regrets: Councillors B. Morelli – Personal
Councillors T. Jackson, R. Pasuta – Vacation
Councillor T. Whitehead – City Business

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 13-018 FOR INFORMATION AS FOLLOWS:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

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

None

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 4)

(i) 2013 Capital Budget

Mike Zegarac provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the 2014 Tax-Supported Capital Budget and spoke to the following:

- Overview
 - Objectives of the 2014 tax-supported capital budget
 - Ward meetings summary
 - Budgeting assumptions
 - Preliminary 2014 capital levy (assuming 0.5% levy increase); optional 1% levy increase for Council's consideration
 - 2014 and 2014-2023 Preliminary tax-supported capital spending and funding forecasts (gross and discretionary)
 - Tax-supported debt forecast and comparators
 - 2014 significant capital pressures
- 2014 Capital Budget process
- Value of City Assets
- Ward Meetings feedback
- 2014 Capital Budget preparation
- Preliminary 2014 Capital levy
- Preliminary discretionary funding sources
- Preliminary discretionary Capital budget
- Preliminary Capital funding sources (2014-2023)
- Gross tax Capital expenditures
- Discretionary Capital history
- Gross Tax Capital funding Sources
- 2014 Budget forecasts
- Budgeted vs. actual debt forecast
- Debt forecast – tax
- Debt forecast – tax and rate
- 2014 significant pressures

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available for viewing on the City of Hamilton website.

The presentation respecting the 2014 Tax-Supported Capital Budget, was received.

Councillor Ferguson requested staff to provide information with respect to the City's debt retirement schedule and the status of projects funded.

Staff was directed to provide a list of supplemental projects that may be funded if the levy is increased by an additional .5% (additional \$3.6 million).

The following motion was put forward by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councilor Merulla:

That Council move forward with government relations where Councillors appear before Ministers with the Mayor.

The above-noted motion was not voted on, but rather, discussion of this matter will continue at a future meeting of the General Issues Committee.

(e) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor J. Farr
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk