



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES 13-022(a)  
9:30 a.m.  
Friday, December 6, 2013  
Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West**

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

**Absent with Regrets:** Councillor B. Morelli – Illness

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<b>1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA</b>
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**TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR**

- 3.2 Report FCS13082/PW130865 – 2014 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget – Appendix G-4, Reference #4(u) – 150mm Fire Rated Magnetic Flow Meter – 2014 Proposed Fee should read “\$10,397.40”, not “\$110,397.40”

**ADDED CORRESPONDENCE**

- 3.2(a) Correspondence from Mr. Mark Giavedoni, Solicitor, on behalf of McMaster University, respecting the 2014 proposed budget for water, wastewater and stormwater fees
- 3.2(b) Correspondence from Mr. Mark Giavedoni, Solicitor on behalf of the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, respecting the 2014 proposed budget for water, wastewater and stormwater fees

**REPORT FROM NOVEMBER 28 GIC MEETING**

- 3.1 2014 Tax-Supported Capital Budget (FCS13096)  
(Tabled by the General issues Committee on November 28, 2013)

## NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1 Spring Valley Arena, Ancaster – Funding for Renovation/Construction of Dressing Rooms  
(Referred to Capital Budget meeting by GIC on December 4, 2013)

**(Pearson/Powers)**

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

## 3. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

### 3.1 **Horizon Utilities Water and Wastewater 2013 Service Activity Report (FCS13081) (City Wide)**

Eileen Campbell, Vice President of Customer Service at Horizon Utilities, appeared before the Committee. With the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Campbell spoke to the following:

- Highlight of successes as a result of the partnership with the City of Hamilton
- Rate restructuring partner
- Expanding customer service in 2014.

**(Jackson/Pearson)**

That the presentation from Eileen Campbell, Vice President of Customer Service, respecting Horizon Utilities Water and Wastewater 2013 Service Activity Report be received.

**CARRIED**

**(Pasuta/Jackson)**

That Report FCS13081 respecting “Horizon Utilities Water and Wastewater 2013 Service Activity Report” be received.

**CARRIED**

### 3.2 **2014 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget (FCS13082/PW13085) (City Wide)**

Dan McKinnon, Director of Hamilton Water, and John Savoia, Senior Policy Advisor, provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the 2014 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget.

Mr. McKinnon acknowledged Julia Wagner and Dave Alberton for their efforts in producing the Rate Book and the presentation being provided to the Committee.

Mr. McKinnon spoke to the following:

- Program overview
- Inventory of Assets
- Sectional Update
  - Organizational chart and complement – 2013
  - Staff Roles/Responsibilities – 2013 Accomplishments/2014 Goals
- Water and Wastewater Engineering
  - Ferguson Pumping Station
  - Windemere Basin
  - 2013 Key Accomplishments and Successes
  - 2014 Outlook
- Clean Harbour Program
  - Branding
  - Real Time Control
  - Primary Clarifiers/Chlorine Contact Tank
- Randle Reef
  - 2013 Key Accomplishments and Successes/2014 Outlook
- SERG
  - Infrastructure Enhancements/Future Initiatives
  - Stormwater
- Hamilton Water Priority Program
  - 3P Program – Program Flow Chart
  - 2013 Highlights/2014 Outlook
  - 3P Program Expenditure
  - Biosolids – Land Application Program – Summary
  - Water and Wastewater Planning and Capital
  - Unaccounted for Water
- Staff Complement
  - Hamilton Water – Staffing Trends
- Operating Budget
  - Proposed 2014 Operating Budgets
  - Assets Useful Life
  - Total Expenditures
  - Revenues and Reserves

**(McHattie/Farr)**

That staff report back to the Public Works Committee on options and costs to fast track the remediation of illegal cross-connections due to the significant E-Coli levels in the Chedoke Creek downstream. **CARRIED**

Mr Savoia provided revenue and consumption information and spoke to the following:

- Rate revenue trend
- Residential – ICI/Multi-residential consumption comparison

- Residential water consumption
- Comparison of average cost per household
- Rate increase mitigation
- How does Hamilton compare
- Municipal comparison combined rate increases
- 2014 Rate Increase Comparisons
- Financing Strategy
- Affordability – 2012 Water/WW as a % of Household Income
- ICI/Multi-res Consumption/Composition
- ICI Cost Comparison (2013 \$)

**(Ferguson/Pearson)**

That the presentation from Dan McKinnon, Director of Hamilton Water, and John Savoia, Senior Policy Advisor, with respect to the 2014 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget be received.

**CARRIED**

Mike Zegarac recognized the work of John Savoia for all of his work and recognized the scope of his knowledge relative to water, wastewater and stormwater. With the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Zegarac picked up on the positive messaging relative to the rate increase, and spoke to the following:

- 2014 Budget Summary
- 2014 Capital Program/Capital Funding
- 2014-2023 Capital by Program
- 2014-2023 Capital Funding
- Capital Financing Operating Impact
- Capital Budget Forecast
- 10-year Capital Forecast 2013 vs 2014
- Debt Forecast
- Debt Forecast 2013 vs 2014
- Projected Debt Charges
- Debt Charges as a % of Total Revenues
- Reserve Forecast
- Capital and Reserve Forecast
- Forecast Risks

A copy of the PowerPoint presentations provided on this issue is available for viewing on the City of Hamilton website.

**(Farr/Whitehead)**

That the presentation from Mike Zegarac, respecting the 2014 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget be received.

**CARRIED**

**(Ferguson/Partridge)**

- (a) That the metered water consumption charges for residential properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the following rates, as of January 1, 2014:

Monthly Water Consumption (m3)	Rate (\$/m3)
0 – 10	0.65
10 +	1.29

- (b) That the metered water consumption charge for commercial, industrial, institutional, and multi-residential (bulk meter) properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the rate of \$1.29 per cubic metre, as of January 1, 2014;

- (c) That daily water fixed charges for properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the following rates, as of January 1, 2014:

Meter Size	Daily Rate
15 mm	\$0.29
16 mm	\$0.29
20 mm	\$0.29
25 mm	\$0.73
38 mm	\$1.45
50 mm	\$2.32
75 mm	\$4.64
100 mm	\$7.25
150 mm	\$14.50
200 mm	\$23.20
250 mm	\$33.35
300 mm	\$49.30

- (d) That the wastewater/storm treatment charges for residential properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the following rates, effective January 1, 2014:

Monthly Water Consumption (m3)	Rate (\$/m3)
0 – 10	0.66
10 +	1.32

- (e) That the wastewater/storm treatment charge for all commercial, industrial, institutional, and multi-residential (bulk meter) properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the rate of \$1.32 per cubic metre, effective January 1, 2014;

- (f) That daily wastewater/storm fixed charges for properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the following rates, effective January 1, 2014:

Meter Size	Daily Rate
15 mm	\$0.29
16 mm	\$0.29
20 mm	\$0.29
25 mm	\$0.73
38 mm	\$1.45
50 mm	\$2.32
75 mm	\$4.64
100 mm	\$7.25
150 mm	\$14.50
200 mm	\$23.20
250 mm	\$33.35
300 mm	\$49.30

- (g) That the non-metered annual water rate be imposed at the flat rate of \$461.62 per annum, effective January 1, 2014;
- (h) That the non-metered annual wastewater/storm rate be imposed at the flat rate of \$467.60 per annum, effective January 1, 2014;
- (i) That the combined non-metered annual water and wastewater/storm rate be imposed at the flat rate of \$929.22 per annum, effective January 1, 2014;
- (j) That the Private Fire Line rates be imposed at the following rates, effective January 1, 2014:

Connection Size (mm)	Monthly Rate
25	\$ 3.00
38	\$ 6.90
50	\$ 12.00
75	\$ 27.00
100	\$ 48.00
150	\$ 108.00
200	\$ 192.00
250	\$ 192.00
300	\$ 192.00

- (k) That the 2014 Water, Wastewater & Storm Proposed User Fees and Charges be imposed as per Appendix "G", as amended, to FCS13082/PW13085, effective January 1, 2014;

- (l) That the 2014 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Management Rate Supported Operating Budget in the amount of \$ 178,403,366 be approved as per Appendix "A" to FCS13082/PW13085;
- (m) That the long-term financing plan for the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater programs and related rate increases required to meet sustainable financing, as identified in the 2014-2023 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Management Rate Supported Operating Budget forecast (Appendix "A" to FCS13082/PW13085) be approved in principle;
- (n) That the 2014 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Management Rate Supported Capital Budget and Financing Plan in the amount of \$ 154,401,000 be approved as per Appendix "H" to FCS13082/PW13085;
- (o) That the 2014-2023 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Management Rate Supported Capital Budget forecast and financing plan (Appendix "I" to FCS13082/PW13085) be approved in principle;
- (p) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare, for Council approval, all necessary by-laws respecting the 2014 water and wastewater/storm user fees, charges and rates set out in recommendations (a) through (k) of Report FCS13082/PW13085;
- (q) That, in addition to any amendments required pursuant to subsection (p), the Sanitary Surcharge and Wastewater Abatement By-law No. 03-272 be amended to implement changes related to the Wastewater Abatement Program application process and to limit any approved retroactive rebates to the date the application is submitted to the City as described in Report FCS13082/PW13085.

**(Ferguson/Partridge)**

That Appendix G-4, Reference #4(u) – 150mm Fire Rated Magnetic Flow Meter – 2014 Proposed Fee to Report FCS13081/PW13085 be amended by deleting "\$110,397.40" and replacing it with "\$10,397.40".

**Amendment CARRIED  
Motion as amended CARRIED**

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**(Pearson/Whitehead)**

That the correspondence from Mr. Mark Giavedoni, Solicitor, on behalf of McMaster University and the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, respecting the 2014 proposed budget for water, wastewater and stormwater fees be received. **CARRIED**

**CAPITAL BUDGET (from November 28 GIC Meeting)**

**3.1 2014 Tax-Supported Capital Budget (FCS13096)**

**(Partridge/Jackson)**

That Report FCS13096 respecting the 2014 Tax-Supported Capital Budget, tabled by the Committee on November 28, 2013, be lifted.

**CARRIED**

Councillor C. Collins distributed a list of 19 Recommended 2014 Capital Budget Reductions. The following is the disposition of each of the reductions:

**(a) Social Housing Building Assessments – 6731441302**

**(Collins/Jackson)**

(i) That the funding source for the Social Housing Building Assessment project in the amount of \$500,000 be changed to Social Housing Program Reserves to reduce the 2014 Tax Levy Impact;

(ii) That staff report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee during the 2014 calendar year with a plan that seeks a long term solution to maintenance and repair costs. **CARRIED**

**(b) Retail Commercial Land Inventory Update – 8141459900**

**(Collins/Clark)**

That the \$225,000 request for Retail Commercial Land Inventory Update be referred to a future year's Capital budget process to reduce the 2014 Tax Levy Impact. **CARRIED**



**(c) Streetscape Litter Containers – 5121490520**

**(Clark/Jackson)**

That the amount of \$100,000 for the Streetscape Litter Containers be removed from the 2014 Capital Budget to reduce the 2014 Tax Levy Impact. **CARRIED**

**(d) Public Art – James and Hunter Street – 7101058700**

**(Collins/Farr)**

That the \$150,000 in the Work-in-Progress funding for Public Art – James and Hunter Streets, be closed and the funds be reallocated to the 2014 Capital Budget to reduce the 2014 Tax Levy Impact and the project be referred to the 2015 Capital Budget process for consideration. **CARRIED**

**(e) MRF Roof Repair and Replacement – 5121390412**

**(Collins/Whitehead)**

That the \$125,000 available budget for the MRF Roof Repair and Replacement project be reallocated to the 2014 Capital Budget to reduce the 2014 Tax Levy Impact. **CARRIED**

**(f) Waste Research and Development – 5121455137 and 5121255137**

**(Collins/Ferguson)**

That the 2014 request in the amount of \$100,000 be referred to the 2015 budget process, and that \$70,000 from the 2012 Work-in-Progress - 5121255137 and \$100,000 from the 2014 Project - 5121455137 for a total of \$170,000 be reallocated to the 2014 Capital Budget to reduce the 2014 Tax Levy Impact. **CARRIED**

**(g) Gage Park Tropical House – 4451451004**

**(Collins/Whitehead)**

That the \$365,000 for the Gage Park Tropical House be “Parked” to allow for an opportunity to consult with the Ward Councillor. **CARRIED**

**(h) Green Cart Implementation – 5120594528**

**(Collins/Jackson)**

That the available balance of \$1,200,000 in the Green Cart Implementation Work-in-progress project be reallocated to the 2014 Capital Budget to reduce the 2014 Tax Levy Impact. **CARRIED**

**(i) SWMMP Planning and Approvals – 5121195525**

**(Collins/Duvall)**

That the available balance of \$156,000 in the SWMMP Planning and Approvals Work-in-Progress project be reallocated to the 2014 Capital Budget to reduce the 2014 Tax Levy Impact. **CARRIED**

**(j) CUP Lifecycle Retrofit – 3540841620**

**(Collins/Pearson)**

That the CUP Lifecycle Retrofit Work-in-Progress project be closed and that remaining balance of \$420,000 be reallocated to the 2014 Capital Budget to reduce the 2014 Tax Levy Impact. **CARRIED**

**(k) Eastport Drive Trail – 4400756700**

**(Collins/Clark)**

That the Eastport Drive Trail Work-in-Progress project be closed and that remaining balance of \$70,000 be reallocated to the 2014 Capital Budget to reduce the 2014 Tax Levy impact. **CARRIED**

**(l) 2255 Barton Street East – Leasehold Improvements – 6501441100**

**(Ferguson/Collins)**

That the \$90,000 2014 Capital budget request for Leasehold Improvements – 2255 Barton Street East, be “Parked”, and that staff be directed to bring a report to the General Issues Committee with options. **CARRIED**

**(m) Public Art – 7101058705**

**(Collins/Clark)**

That the 2014 capital budget request be reduced from \$171,000 to \$71,000 in the 2014 Capital Budget to reduce the 2014 Tax Levy Impact and to allow staff in the Culture Division to catch up to past years' contributions. **CARRIED**

**(n) Bike Lanes – 4041417124**

**(Collins/Duvall)**

That the budget request be reduced from \$300,000 to \$200,000 in the 2014 Capital Budget to reduce the 2014 Tax Levy Impact and to allow staff an opportunity to keep pace with prior years' budget contributions. **CARRIED**

**(o) Traffic Management System – Linc; Video Detection and Intelligent Transportation; Traffic Signal Communication System**

**(Collins/McHattie)**

(i) That the following items be “Parked” pending a report from staff to the Public Works Committee:

(aa) Traffic Management System – Linc – 4041420110  
(\$75,000)

(bb) Video Detection and Intelligent Transportation –  
4041457411 (\$600,000)

(cc) Traffic Signal Communication System – 4041420016  
(\$1,000,000)

(ii) That the City Manager be directed to enter into discussions with Metrolinx to pursue funding opportunities, and that the results of those discussions be included in the report to be presented to the Public Works Committee. **CARRIED**

**(p) Public Health Time/Inventory Management – 6771457200**

**(Powers/Clark)**

That the \$70,000 required for the Public Health Time/Inventory Management be deleted from the 2014 Capital Budget to reduce the 2014 Tax Levy impact **CARRIED**

**(q) Hamilton Police Service Projects**

**(Clark/Ferguson)**

That the \$430,000 submitted by Hamilton Police Service in 2014 Capital Budget projects be referred to 2014 Operating Budget process for discussion at the time the HPS presents their 2014 budget. **CARRIED**

**(r) Elfrida Urban Boundary Expansion – Background Studies**

**(Whitehead/Clark)**

That the \$500,000 allocated to the Elfrida Urban Boundary Expansion – Background Studies, be “Parked” pending a report to the Planning Committee outlining timelines for the works to be completed as well as the status of this matter at the O.M.B.

**CARRIED**

**(s) Total Realized Savings to the Capital Budget - \$3,386,000**

**(Collins/Farr)**

That the total savings to the 2014 Capital Budget as a result of the approved savings, in the amount of \$3,386,000 be applied to reduce the 2014 Tax Levy Impact. **CARRIED**

**Traffic Signal LED Lighting Upgrade**

Councillor Collins brought to the Committee's attention an amount of \$1,200,000 for the Traffic Signal LED Lighting Upgrade Project which utilizes Work-in-Progress funding transferred from the 2012 Annual Resurfacing Account.

**(Collins/Powers)**

- (a) That the 2014 Tax Supported Capital Levy in the amount of \$90,177,000, as amended, be approved;
- (b) That the 2014 Tax Capital Budget & Financing Plan in the amount of \$287,818,000, as amended, attached hereto as Appendix "A", be approved;
- (c) That the Tax Supported Discretionary Net Capital Funding Forecast 2014 – 2023, as amended, and attached hereto as Appendix "B" which assumes a 0.0% levy increase for 2014 and 0.5% levy increase in each year from 2015 to 2023 be approved, in principle, and re-visited by Council each budget year;
- (d) That the operating and FTE impacts of the 2014 capital budget, excluding "Parked" projects", estimated to be \$1,166,400, and 7.13 FTE's, attached hereto as Appendix "C", as amended, be incorporated into the 2015 Tax Supported base Operating Budget;
- (e) That the Operating and FTE impacts of the "Parked" projects, totaling \$535,500 and 6.00 FTE's, attached hereto as appendix "C" as amended, only be incorporated into the 2015 Tax-Supported Base Operating Budget pending Council's approval of the project(s);
- (f) That staff investigate options to mitigate the financial impact identified in Recommendations (d) and (e) during the 2015 tax supported operating budget process. **CARRIED as amended**

**4.1 Spring Valley Arena, Ancaster – Funding for Renovation/  
Construction of Dressing Rooms**

**(Ferguson/Powers)**

That \$400,000 of the \$1 million of the unallocated funds in the 2014 discretionary capital budget presented at the October 18, 2013 Capital Budget Workshop General Issues Committee meeting be approved to renovate and construct the dressing rooms at Spring Valley Arena in Ancaster. **CARRIED**

The Motion CARRIED on the following recorded vote:

Yeas:	Clark, Pearson, Ferguson, Powers, Partridge, Johnson, Whitehead, Duvall, Collins, McHattie
Total Yeas:	10
Nays:	Farr
Total Nays:	1
Absent:	Bratina, Pasuta, Jackson, Merulla, Morelli
Total Absent:	5

<b>4. ADJOURNMENT</b>
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**(Pearson/Partridge)**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m. **CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted

Councillor B. Johnson  
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs  
Legislative Co-ordinator  
Office of the City Clerk