



General Issues Committee BUDGET REPORT 13-002

9:30 a.m.

January 24, 25, 28, 30 and 31, 2013

February 12, 14, 15, 21 and 28, 2013

March 7 and 21, 2013

April 4, 2013

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 13-002 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

- 1. Volunteer Committee 2012 Budget Requests (Items 5.1.1 to 5.1.5 – February 28)**
 - (a) 2012 Budget Requests – Volunteer Advisory Committees (FCS12099) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.1(a) to (f))**

That the Volunteer Advisory Committee 2013 base budget submissions for the following Volunteer Advisory Committees, be approved:

- (i) Advisory Committee on Immigrants and Refugees in the amount of \$3,500
- (ii) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Advisory Committee in the amount of \$3,890
- (iii) Aboriginal Advisory Committee in the amount of \$3,500
- (iv) Hamilton Mundialization Committee in the amount of \$5,890
- (v) Status of Women Committee in the amount of \$3,500
- (vi) Committee Against Racism in the amount of \$3,890

(b) Hamilton Cycling Committee (PW12098) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.2(a))

- (i) That the Hamilton Cycling Committee 2013 base budget submission in the amount of \$8,000, be approved;
- (ii) That in addition to the base funding, that a one-time budget allocation for 2013 of \$2,000, funded by the Volunteer Committee Reserve, be approved.

(c) Clean City Liaison Committee (PW12095) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.2(b))

That the Clean City Liaison Committee's 2013 base budget submission in the amount of \$18,250 be approved.

(d) Hamilton Veterans Committee (PED12205) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(a))

- (i) That the Hamilton Veterans Committee 2013 base budget submission in the amount of \$11,590 be approved;
- (ii) That in addition to the base funding, that a budget allocation of \$8,410, funded by an increase to the tax levy, be approved.

(e) Seniors Advisory Committee (FCS12091) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(b))

That the Seniors Advisory Committee's 2013 base budget submission in the amount of \$1,500 be approved.

(f) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) (CS12039) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(c))

- (i) That the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) 2013 base budget submission in the amount of \$3,890 be approved;
- (ii) That in addition to the base funding, that a one-time budget allocation of \$2,500 funded from the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Reserve, be approved.

(g) Food & Shelter Advisory Committee (CS12041) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(d))

That the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee's 2013 base budget submission in the amount of \$500 be approved.

(h) Tenant Advisory Committee (CS12041) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(e))

That the Tenant Advisory Committee's 2013 base budget submission in the amount of \$1,000 be approved.

**(i) Arts Advisory Commission (AAC) (PED12217) (City Wide)
(Item 5.1.4)**

(i) That the Arts Advisory Commission's 2013 base budget submission in the amount of \$9,000 be approved;

(ii) That in addition to base funding, that a one-time allocation of \$1,500 for 2013, funded from the Arts Advisory Commission Reserve, be approved.

**(j) Hamilton Historical Board (HHB) (PED12216) (City Wide)
(Item 5.1.5)**

(i) That the Hamilton Historical Board's 2013 base budget submission in the amount of \$14,340 be approved;

(ii) That in addition to the base funding, a one-time allocation of \$5,370 for 2013, funded from the Hamilton Historical Board Reserve, be approved.

**2. 2013 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Boards and Agencies (FCS13011)
(City Wide)**

That the 2013 net operating levy for Boards and Agencies at \$187,753,580 (exclusive of capital financing) be approved as per Appendix "A" attached hereto.

3. 2013 Tax-Supported Operating Budget (FCS13011)

A. Planning & Economic Development Department

That the Planning & Economic Development operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-1, page 7, \$22,261,450 inclusive of amendments, as per Appendix "B" attached hereto, be approved.

B. Public Health Services Department

(i) That the Public Health Services operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-2, page 39, \$10,490,820 inclusive of amendments, as per Appendix "B" attached hereto, be approved;

- (ii) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to execute all 2013 Federal and Provincial Program Service Level Funding Agreements and any ancillary agreements required to give effect thereto and Contracts for Public Health Services as provided for in Appendix 2-2 to report FCS13010. This also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly/year end reporting.

C. Community Services Department

- (i) That the Community Services operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-3, page 71, \$129,998,570 inclusive of amendments, as per Appendix "B" attached hereto, be approved;
- (ii) That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized and directed to execute all 2013 Federal and Provincial Program Service Level Funding Agreements and any ancillary agreements required to give effect thereto and Contracts for Community Services as provided for in Appendix 2-3 to report FCS13010. This also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly/ year end reporting.

D. Hamilton Emergency Services Department

- (i) That the Fire Department operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-3, Page 112, \$80,337,850, inclusive of amendments, as per Appendix "B" attached hereto, be approved;
- (ii) That the Paramedic Service operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-3, Page 116, \$17,241,250, inclusive of amendments, as per Appendix "B" attached hereto,, be approved.

E. Public Works Department

That the Public Works operating budget, (Book 2), Appendix 2-4, page 123, \$189,978,680 inclusive of amendments, as per Appendix "B" attached hereto, be approved.

F. City Manager Department

That the City Manager operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-5, page 152, \$10,085,014 inclusive of amendments, as per Appendix "B" attached hereto, be approved.

G. Corporate Services Department

That the Corporate Services operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-6, page 175, \$19,916,720 inclusive of amendments, as per Appendix "B" attached hereto, be approved.

H. Legislative

That the Legislative operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-7, page 201, \$4,095,850 inclusive of amendments, as per Appendix "B" attached hereto, be approved

I. Corporate Financials/Capital Financing/Non Program Revenues

(i) That the Corporate Financials operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-7, page 203 and 209, \$3,790,240, inclusive of amendments, as per Appendix "B" attached hereto, be approved.

(ii) That the Capital Financing operating budget \$90,177,000 be approved.

(iii) That the Non Program Revenues operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-7, page 213, -\$39,248,950, Inclusive of amendments, as per Appendix "B" attached hereto, be approved.

J. 2013 Tax Levy

That the City Solicitor and Corporate Counsel be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, for the purposes of establishing the tax levy.

4. Eligibility and Registration for Accessible Transportation Services (PW03128(f)) (City Wide) (Item 6.4 – March 21)

(a) That the General Manager of Public Works be directed to implement Year 2 of the Accessible Transportation Services (ATS) program enhancement submission, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PW03128f;

(b) That the 2013 budget submission in the amount of \$2,300,000, respecting the multi-year implementation of Council's revised Eligibility and Registration Policy, be revised to \$1,400,000, in accordance with Table 1, included in the Executive Summary of Report PW03128(f);

- (c) That the remaining budget for this service enhancement be allocated through the annual budget process based on applicant demand and other relevant factors at the time of consideration with the understanding that implementation is to be completed no later than January 2017.

5. City of Hamilton Tax Bill Inserts – Provincial Downloading (April 4)

That staff be directed to include the amount of annual Provincial downloading costs on the tax bills and inserts for the purpose of explaining the impact of Provincial downloading on the City of Hamilton.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(A) RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED DURING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS REFLECTED IN APPENDICES OF FINAL BUDGET REPORT:

February 28

(a) 2013 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Boards and Agencies (FCS13011) (City Wide)

- (i) That the budgets for the following Boards and Agencies be deferred to a future budget deliberations meeting:

(aa)	Hamilton Police Services	\$140,219,590
(bb)	H.E.C.F.I.	\$ 3,247,140
(cc)	Community Partnership Program	\$ 3,212,200

- (ii) That the 2013 net operating levies for Boards and Agencies in the amount of \$41,592,270, be approved as per Appendix "A", as amended.

(b) 2013 Tax-Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations (FCS13010) (City Wide)

- (i) That Appendix "A" to Report FCS13010, being the 2013 Tax-Supported Operating Budget Amendments, be amended by removing Item A8 – Cancellation of Winterfest, in the amount of (\$36,000);
- (ii) That the balance of the Items listed in Appendix "A" to Report FCS13010, as amended, with a net levy decrease of (\$5,168,793), be approved;

- (iii) That the balance of the recommendations in Report FCS13010, inclusive of Appendix "B" – 2013 Council Referred Enhancements, and Appendix "C" – 2013 Requested Enhancements, be deferred to a future budget deliberations meeting.

March 7

(c) Contribution for the Innovation Factory

That Item B4 of Appendix "B" to Report FCS13010, as amended, Contribution for the Innovation Factory – second year operational funding, with a gross impact of \$50,000 and zero net levy impact, be approved and funded from the Economic Development Investment Reserve Fund

(d) Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion

That Item B9 of Appendix "B" to Report FCS13010, as amended, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (HCCI) additional funding request, with a gross impact of \$25,000 and zero net impact, be approved.

(e) Customer Service, Access and Equity – Language Line Enhancement Pilot (Interpretation Service)

- (i) That Item C6 of Appendix "C", as amended, to Report FCS13010, being Customer Service, Access & Equity – Language line enhancement pilot (interpretation service), with a gross impact of \$10,000, net impact of \$10,000, be eliminated from the 2013 Requested Enhancements.
- (ii) That staff be directed to monitor this program and report back to the General Issues Committee prior to the 2014 budget deliberations.

(f) 2013 Requested Enhancements

That Appendix "C", as amended, to Report FCS13010, 2013 Requested Enhancements, be approved.

March 21

(g) 2013 Tax-Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations (FCS13010) (City Wide) (See Item 5.3 of February 28 GIC Agenda)

That the following additional amendments totaling (\$1.897M), be approved:

- (i) Corporate Finance – Increased gapping savings based on 6-year average, including draft 2012
- (ii) Community Services – Caseload reduction based on updated caseload savings
- (iii) Community Services – Recreation food services efficiencies
- (iv) Community Services – Recreation aquatics staffing efficiencies
- (v) Winter Control based on 2012 budget

April 4

(h) Hamilton Police Service

That the City of Hamilton supports a 2013 Hamilton Police Service budget of \$140,414,620, inclusive of capital financing costs, representing a 3.52% increase over the 2012 approved budget.

(Approved by the General Issues Committee on April 3, 2013)

(i) H.E.C.F.I.

That the Hamilton Entertainment and Convention Facilities Inc. (HECFI) budget for 2013 (Item 3 of Appendix “A” to Report FCS13011) be maintained at \$3,247,140.

(j) Community Partnership Program

That the Community Partnership Program budget for 2013 (Item 20 of Appendix “A” to FCS13011) in the amount of \$3,212,200, be approved.

(k) Boards and Agencies (FCS13011) (City Wide)

That the 2013 net operating levies for Boards and Agencies at \$187,753,580 (exclusive of capital financing), as per Appendix “A” to Report

Mayor Bratina advised that he wished to be recorded OPPOSED to the Hamilton Police Services Budget component only.

(l) 2013 Tax-Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations (FCS13010) (City Wide)

(i) Appendix “B” – 2013 Council Referred Enhancements

- (aa) That Council-Referred Enhancement Item B1 – Tourism and Culture: City of Hamilton Gage Park Concert Series Funding, with a net levy impact of \$25,000, be approved.

Councillors L. Ferguson and M. Pearson indicated that they wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to this item.

- (bb) That Council-Referred Enhancement B2 – Economic Development – Commercial Corridor Housing Loan and Grant Program, with a net levy impact of \$15,000, be approved.

Councillors L. Ferguson and M. Pearson indicated that they wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to this item.

- (cc) That Council-Referred Enhancement B6 – Tourism and Culture: landscape Maintenance for Grounds and Public Parks surrounding National Historic Sites under the City's Stewardship, with a net levy impact of \$50,000, be approved.

Councillors L. Ferguson and M. Pearson indicated that they wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to this item.

- (dd) That Council-Referred Enhancement B22 – Red Hill Business Park Transit Service, with a net levy impact of \$127,000, be approved.

Councillor L. Ferguson indicated that he wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to this item.

- (ee) That Council-Referred Enhancement B23 – Increased Assistance to Ward Councillors (Wards 7 and 8), with a net levy impact of \$98,270, be approved.

- (ff) That Council-Referred Enhancement B24 – Increased Assistance to Ward Councillors (Wards 1-6 and 9-15) be approved as amended, with an upset limit of \$20,000 in one-time funding from the Unallocated Capital Reserve for the creation of six workstations for the purpose of periodic temporary administrative staffing.

- (gg) That Council-Referred Enhancement B27 – Equipment Lease for 2014 Municipal Election, with a net levy impact of \$150,000, be referred back to staff for a report to the General Issues Committee with more detailed information.

- (hh) (i) That Council-Referred Enhancement B30 – Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee request for increase of \$5,000 be drawn from the Economic Development Investment Fund Reserve Account No. 112221;
- (hh) (ii) That the source of funding for the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be reviewed for the 2014 budget.

(B) STAFF DIRECTIONS BY MOTION:

February 15

(a) BMX Bike Track at Heritage Green Sports Park

That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of installing a BMX (pedal) bike track at Heritage Green Sports Park.

February 28

(b) Implications of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)

- (i) That staff be directed to report back at a future General Issues Committee meeting on the implications of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and fuel costs at is relates to transit rates, including the area rating implications and equitable balance of fare increases vs. levy;
- (ii) That the report also include ridership numbers over the last three years, and show potential revenue generation that would result from incremental transit fare increases.

(c) Provincial Downloading (February 28)

That staff be directed to bring a report back to the General Issues Committee which details the City's financial obligations as a result of downloading, reassessment, Heads and Beds and PILS to provide an understanding of how and why the budget starts in a deficit situation each and every year.

(d) Restricting Assessment Growth through Assessment Appeals

That staff be directed to bring a report back to the General Issues Committee outlining what measures can be taken, both through internal staff resources, through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and inquiries of other municipalities, to address and challenge issues that are detrimental to municipalities with respect to restricting assessment growth through assessment appeals.

March 7

(e) Customer Service, Access and Equity – Language Line Enhancement Pilot (Interpretation Service)

That staff be directed to monitor the Customer Service, Access and Equity – Language Line Enhancement Pilot (Interpretation Service) program and report back to the General issues Committee prior to the 2014 budget deliberations.

March 21

(f) Parking Meter Rates (PED13050) (City Wide)

That staff be directed to bring a report back to the General Issues Committee clarifying the actual and projected figures as detailed in Report PED13050 with respect to the parking revenues.

(C) RECORDED VOTES

March 7

(a) Municipal Funding for 2013 James Street North Supercrawl Event in Downtown Hamilton (March 7)

Whereas the James Street North Supercrawl has become the premier special event in Hamilton's Downtown Core, with the 2012 Festival attendance of 80,000 people;

And Whereas 20,000 people, or one-quarter of the total attendance, originated from outside Hamilton's municipal boundaries;

And Whereas the estimated economic impact of the Super-crawl event was approximately \$6 million, with a return on investment by the City of over 11,000, when matched with the economic impact.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

- (i) That the 2013 James Street North Supercrawl be sponsored by the City of Hamilton in the amount of \$125,000;
- (ii) That the funding source for this sponsorship commitment be identified as the Economic Development Investment Fund Account No. 112221;
- (iii) That within 90 days after the event has been held, a senior representative of the James Street North Supercrawl present to the General Issues Committee a summary of its economic benefits to the City of Hamilton;
- (iv) That staff from the Corporate Services Department identify a source of sponsorship funding from a corporate source as opposed to a departmental reserve for future James Street North Supercrawl events.

The Motion was **DEFEATED** on the following tie vote:

Yeas:	Jackson, Collins, Merulla, Farr, McHattie
Total Yeas:	5
Nays:	Pearson, Ferguson, Pasuta, Partridge, Johnson
Total Nays:	5
Absent:	Bratina, Clark, Powers, Whitehead, Duvall, Morelli
Total Absent:	6

April 3

(b) 2013 Hamilton Police Services Operating Budget

Whereas the Council of the City of Hamilton recognizes the community's 'ability to pay' as a guiding budget principle through the 2010-2014 term of office;

And Whereas there is a growing concern within the current economic climate, for the fiscal challenges that face our city;

And Whereas Council has established, during this term of office, a budget target of as close to a zero percent increase as possible with boards, agencies, internal departments and all emergency service divisions;

And Whereas Council firmly believes that the Hamilton Police Service has consistently proven its ability to address the public safety needs of our residents and businesses;

And Whereas Council believes that the maintenance of the current level of police service has proven to be very successful and responsive to the needs of the Hamilton community;

And Whereas Council does not support the Police Service Board request of 3.71% as it includes 20 new officers (representing .38 percent of the 2013 budget request, with an additional .75 percent budget pressure in 2014) and the unsustainable use of Reserves (representing .18 percent of the 2013 budget request);

And Whereas a 3.52% increase will provide a sustainable and affordable budget that assumes no reduction in complement and service.

Therefore be it resolved:

That the City of Hamilton supports a 2013 Hamilton Police Service budget of \$140,414,620, inclusive of capital financing costs, representing a 3.52% increase over the 2012 approved budget.

The Main Motion, as amended, **CARRIED** on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: McHattie, Farr, Morelli, Merulla, Collins, Jackson, Duvall,
Whitehead, Powers, Ferguson, Pearson
Total Yeas: 11
Nays: Bratina, Partridge, Johnson, Clark
Total Nays: 4
Absent: Pasuta
Total Absent: 1

April 4

(c) 2013 Tax Levy

The Motion to approve the establishment of the tax levy **CARRIED** on the following recorded vote:

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

(D) ITEMS REFERRED BACK TO STAFF

April 4

Equipment Lease for 2014 Municipal Election

The Council-Referred Enhancement B27 – Equipment Lease for 2014 Municipal Election, with a net levy impact of \$150,000, was referred back to staff for a report to the General Issues Committee with more detailed information.

(E) ITEMS DEFERRED

March 21

The Council-Referred Enhancement B29 – Community Partnership Program – 2% increase to fund deficit in special Event Police Funding, in the amount of \$64,243 was deferred pending the outcome of the Grants Sub-Committee meeting scheduled for April 9, 2013.

(F) DELEGATION REQUESTS

March 7

The Committee approved a delegation request from John Slobodzian, Ministry of Transportation, to appear at the March 20, 2013 meeting of the General Issues Committee respecting the Niagara to Greater Toronto Area Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study – Phase 1.

March 21

The Committee received a delegation from Joey Coleman respecting the 2013 City of Hamilton Budget.

(G) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

February 21

The following public delegations were received:

- (a) Bill Tufts, Fair Pensions For All
- (b) Andy MacLaren, Chair, Waterdown/Mill Street Heritage Committee
- (c) Stan Haworth
- (d) Don McLean
- (e) Bill Simmons, Vice Chair, Beasley Neighbourhood Association
- (f) Roman Sarachman
- (g) Bob Green Innes

- (h) Jim Sweetman
- (i) Larry Pomerantz, Hamilton Civic League

(H) REPORTS RECEIVED:

The following Reports were received:

February 14

- (a) Language Line Enhancement (FCS03020) (City Wide) (Item 4.1)
- (b) Building Services Program Enhancement (PED13030) (City Wide) (Item 4.2)
- (c) Supercrawl Funding Request (PED13033) (Ward 2) (Item 4.3)
- (d) Innovation Factory – Year Two Funding (PED13040) (City Wide) (Item 4.4)
- (e) Road and Sidewalk Safety Maintenance Program Enhancement (PW13010) (City Wide) (Item 4.5)
- (f) Rural Roadside Grass Mowing Program Enhancement (PW13011) (City Wide) (Item 4.6)
- (g) Storm Water Facility Management Program Enhancement (PW13012) (City Wide) (Item 4.7)
- (h) Urban Boulevard Grass Mowing Program Enhancement (PW13013) (City Wide) (Item 4.8)
- (i) 2013 Pressures for Ontario Works Discretionary Benefits and the Housing Stability Benefit (CS13009) (City Wide) (Item 4.9)
- (j) Outreach Recruitment Coordinator Enhancement (HUR13001) (City Wide) (Item 4.11)
- (k) 2013 Council-Referred Items Update (FS13024) (Item 4.12)

February 28

- (a) 2012 Assessment Growth (FCS13021) (City Wide)
- (b) 2013 Reassessment Impacts (FCS13022) (City Wide)
- (c) Reserve Funding and Contributions by Category (FCS13026) (City Wide)

March 7

- (a) 2012 Draft Tax and Rate Operating Year-End Variance (Unaudited) (FCS13025) (City Wide)

March 21

- (a) Parking Meter Rates (PED13050) (City Wide)
- (b) Living Wage Update (CS10092(b)) (City Wide)

- (c) Transit Fares (PW13025) (City Wide)

April 4

- (a) Hamilton Paramedic Service (CS13021)

(I) MOTIONS

January 24

- (a) A motion respecting Public Access On-Line Mapping Service was forwarded to the General Issues Committee and subsequently approved by Council on February 13, 2013 as Item 13 of General Issues Committee Report 13-003.

January 30

- (b) A motion respecting "Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund" was forwarded to Council on January 31, 2013 and subsequently approved as Motion 7.1.

January 31

- (c) A motion respecting "Hamilton Entertainment and Convention Facilities Inc. (HECFI) Request for Proposals Negotiations" was forwarded to the February 13, 2013 meeting of City Council and subsequently approved as Motion 7.4.

February 12

- (d) A motion respecting "Independent External Review of HECFI Operations – Phase III Contract Negotiations" (CM11013(e)) was forwarded to the February 13, 2013 meeting of City Council and subsequently approved as Motion 7.8.

March 7

- (e) A motion respecting "2013 Requested Enhancements – four (4) FTE's for Building – Additional FTE's to Address Increase in Building Permit Activity (Item C1 of Appendix "C", as amended, to Report FCS13010), was forwarded to the March 27, 2013 meeting of City Council and subsequently approved as Motion 7.3.

(J) NOTICES OF MOTION

January 24

A Notice of Motion respecting "Public Access On-Line Crime Mapping Service" was forwarded to the General Issues Committee on February 13, 2013 and approved as Item 13 of General Issues Committee Report 13-003.

January 28

A Notice of Motion respecting "Policing Costs for Hamilton Entertainment District" was forwarded to the General Issues Committee on February 13, 2013 and subsequently withdrawn (Information Item (h)(iv) of General Issues Committee Report 13-003).

(K) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

January 24

Correspondence from Glenn DeCaire, Chief of Police, advising that the 2013 Hamilton Police Services Budget will not be presented at the January 24, 2013 General Issues Committee meeting, was received.

(L) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

January 30

The Committee moved into Closed Session pursuant to sub-section 8.1(f) of the City of Hamilton Procedural By-law and Section 239.2 of the Municipal Act as the subject matter pertained to the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose respecting the Our Voice Our Hamilton project.

Upon reconvening in Open Session, there was no action to report.

March 7

The Committee moved into Closed Session pursuant to sub-section 8.1(c) of the City of Hamilton Procedural By-law and Section 239.2 of the Municipal Act as the subject matter pertained to personal matters about an identifiable individual(s), including municipal or local board employees, respecting an on-going investigation.

Upon reconvening in Open Session, there was no action to report.

April 4

The Committee moved into Closed Session pursuant to sub-section 8.1(b) of the City of Hamilton Procedural By-law and Section 239.2 of the Municipal Act as the subject matter pertained to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees respecting Hamilton Paramedic Service.

Upon reconvening in Open Session, there was no action to report.

(M) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 1:39 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2013.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor M. Pearson
Deputy Mayor – January

Councillor R. Pasuta
Dep

Councillor B. Johnson
Deputy Mayor – March

Councillor L. Ferguson
Deputy Mayor – April

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Co-ordinator
January-April, 2013

Reference of Budget Meetings

January 24-25	Boards and Agencies
January 28	Corporate Overview
January 30	Departmental Overview – Public Works
January 31	Departmental Overview – City Manager/Corporate Services
February 12	Departmental Overview – Planning and Economic Development/Public Health Services/HECFI
February 14	2013 Council-Referred Items and Requested Enhancements 2013 Tax Budget – Corporate Financials and Non-Program Revenues
February 15	Departmental Overviews – Community Services/Hamilton Emergency Services
February 21	Public Delegations/Hamilton Police Services budget
February 28, March 7, 21 and April 4	Budget Deliberations

**Summary of Operating Budget for 2013 for Boards and Agencies
Excluding Capital Financing**

#	Board/Agency	2013 NET Preliminary \$ (Budget Book)	2013 Amendments	2013 NET Budget \$ Approved by GIC
City Boards:				
1	Hamilton Police Services	141,370,900	(1,668,930)	139,701,970
2	Hamilton Public Library	28,038,610	0	28,038,610
3	H.E.C.F.I.	3,247,140	0	3,247,140
	Sub Total	172,656,650	(1,668,930)	170,987,720
Conservation Authorities:				
4	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority	523,430	(9,960)	513,470
5	Grand River Conservation Authority	243,110	5	243,115
6	Conservation Halton	183,700	0	183,700
7	Hamilton Conservation Authority	3,579,300	(9,980)	3,569,320
	Sub Total	4,529,540	(19,935)	4,509,605
HCA: Contracted Services				
8	Total for Contracted Services	546,560	(6)	546,554
Grants:				
9	Art Gallery of Hamilton	910,110	(3)	910,107
10	Boris Brott - Approved Grant	90,110	(1)	90,109
11	Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit Inc.	126,810	0	126,810
12	Ham Philharmonic Orchestra	113,700	(5)	113,695
13	HWCA - Festival of Friends	85,270	1	85,271
14	Opera Hamilton	126,930	(2)	126,928
15	Theatre Aquarius	73,530	4	73,534
16	Hamilton Waterfront Trust	155,340	4	155,344
17	Royal Botanical Gardens	599,210	(4)	599,206
	Sub Total	2,281,010	(6)	2,281,004
Other Items:				
19	MPAC	6,216,500	(3)	6,216,497
20	Community Partnership Program	3,212,200	0	3,212,200
	Sub Total	9,428,700	(3)	9,428,697
Total for All Boards and Agencies		189,442,460	(1,688,880)	187,753,580

**CITY OF HAMILTON
2013 TAX SUPPORTED OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

<u>Department</u> <u>Description</u>	FTE	Preliminary Budget	Net Levy Adjustment	Levy Increase \$	Residential Impact	
					Muni	Total
Operating Levy Impact Preliminary Budget - Budget Book (Jan. 28 GIC)					3.5%	2.9%
GIC AMENDMENTS APPROVED:						
April 4th GIC						
PED				25,000		
PED				15,000		
PED				50,000		
PW				127,000		
Legislative	2.00			98,270		
Legislative				0		
B&A				0		
April 3rd GIC						
Police				(517,620)		
Mar 21st GIC - Approved Amendments						
Corp Fin/Non-Prog				(400,000)		
CSD				(147,000)		
CSD	-3.95			(131,000)		
CSD	-3.11			(219,000)		
PW				(1,000,000)		
Mar 7th GIC - Approved Enhancements						
PED				0		
CSD				0		
PED	4.00			0		
PW				0		
PW				0		

**CITY OF HAMILTON
2013 TAX SUPPORTED OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	FTE	Preliminary Budget	Net Levy Adjustment	Levy Increase \$	Residential Impact				
						Muni	Total			
Feb 28th GIC - Appendix "A" to FCS13010 Amendments						CONTINUED				
Police	Hamilton Police Services (Budget @ 3.9%)				(1,151,310)					
B&A	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority				(9,957)					
B&A	Hamilton Conservation Authority				(9,980)					
Legislative	Veteran's Advisory Committee				8,410					
PED	Airport Contract				(30,000)					
PED	Increase Parking meter rates to reduce \$500k liability currently funded by reserve				0					
PED	Draw additional funds from the Development Stabilization Reserve				(50,000)					
PED	Minor reductions for various accounts in several Divisions based on 2012 actual expenditures				(25,000)					
PHS	CINOT reduction based on review of 2012 year end numbers				(160,000)					
CSD	Farmer's Market	-1.00			(56,000)					
CSD	Mortgage renewals				(44,000)					
PW	AODA based on activity in 2012				(900,000)					
PW	Bio-diesel				(278,000)					
PW	McMaster Lease				(500,000)					
PW	Safety program				(200,000)					
PW	Winter Season - continuous average to include 2012				(800,000)					
CMO	Increase the capital recovery				(48,850)					
CMO	Reduction in contractual services and salary/benefits				(20,686)					
Corp Serv	Minor reductions for various accounts - Information Services				(32,680)					
Corp Serv	Decrease Contractual services				(41,790)					
Corp Serv	Lease and service contracts				(18,950)					
Corp Fin/Non-Prog	Update to Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Max				(50,000)					
Corp Fin/Non-Prog	Raise penalty and interest from 1% to 1.25%.				(750,000)					
B&A	Minor adjustment for GIC approved B&A levies				(13)					
		-2.06				\$ (7,268,156)	-1.1%	-0.9%		
AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL TOTAL TAX IMPACT						6,968.72	\$ 727,278,084	22,207,444	2.4%	2.0%
Average Residential Reassessment-related tax impact									0.1%	-0.1%
AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL TOTAL TAX IMPACT (inclusive of reassessment)									2.5%	1.9%