



MINUTES

BUDGET COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014 – 11:27 AM

COUNCIL CHAMBER

SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE

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MEMBERS PRESENT	Councillor Jim Tovey	Ward 1
	Councillor Pat Mullin	Ward 2 (Chair/Acting Mayor)
	Councillor Chris Fonseca	Ward 3
	Councillor Bonnie Crombie	Ward 5
	Councillor Ron Starr	Ward 6
	Councillor Nando Iannicca	Ward 7
	Councillor Katie Mahoney	Ward 8 (Departed at 12:08 pm)
	Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9 (Departed at 12:30 pm)
	Councillor Sue McFadden	Ward 10
	Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11
MEMBERS ABSENT	Mayor Hazel McCallion	(Other Municipal Business)
	Councillor Frank Dale	Ward 4 (Other Municipal Business)
STAFF PRESENT	Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer	
	Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer	
	Ed Sajecki, Commissioner, Planning and Building	
	Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works	
	Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services	
	Mary Ellen Bench, City Solicitor	
	Crystal Greer, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk	
	Diana Rusnov, Manager, Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk	
Sacha Smith, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk		

CALL TO ORDER - 11:27 AMDECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - NilAPPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (Councillor Iannicca)

DEPUTATIONS

- A. Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, and Craig Millar, Acting Director, Finance with respect to the 2015-2018 Business Plan and 2015 Budget Outlook.

Mr. Kent spoke to the highlights for 2014 which include investments in the Westacres Outdoor Pool, Mississauga Transitway, LRT, MiWay, stormwater systems, traffic management centre and Library system, River Grove and Meadowvale Community Centres. He further noted initiatives, future directions and master plans that have been advanced during 2014.

Mr. Millar spoke to the forecasted rates for GDP growth, City borrowing and investments for 2014-2018. He explained the challenges and opportunities identified for the 2015-2018 Budget and Business Plan. To maintain current service levels the operating budget is forecasted to increase by \$9.1 million. Other operating pressures include costs for streetlighting, utility increases, diesel increase for Transit and increasing hydro rates. However, efficiencies could translate to a cost savings of \$7.3 million in 2015. Mr. Millar advised that a City budget increase of 5.1% would be required to support new initiatives and revenues, a capital infrastructure & debt repayment levy, assessment growth and to maintain current service levels.

Councillor Starr enquired about the relationship between the City's debt and income received from investments. Mr. Kent advised that staff could look into it.

In response to a question from Councillor Crombie, Mr. Millar advised that the special levies for the Emerald Ash Borer Program and UTM are included in the base, as there will be no incremental increase in the cost for 2015. He further explained that hydro rates are increasing and the cost pressures would have been greater if there were no investments into the LED Street Lighting Program.

In response to a question from Councillor Tovey, Janice Baker, City Manager noted that the blended tax rate with the Region of Peel may be approximately an increase of 2.3%.

RECOMMENDATION

That the PowerPoint presentation dated June 25, 2014, by Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer and Craig Millar, Acting Director, Finance, entitled "2015-2018 Budget Outlook" and presented to the Budget Committee at its meeting on June 25, 2014, be received.

Received (Councillor Tovey)

Recommendation BC-0001-2014

B. Item 1 Bob Levesque, Manager, Works Maintenance & Operations and Geoff Wright, Director, Works Operations & Maintenance

Mr. Levesque spoke to the report and provided an overview of the Winter Maintenance Program. He noted that the changes to the winter maintenance contract would include a 7 year commitment, updated operational hours of service, added blower attachments for sidewalk machines, revised operations and equipment for efficiency and added equipment for dual purposes.

Mr. Levesque noted that staff are seeking direction on the level of service for secondary sidewalks. The cost is estimated for an average winter at \$3.0 million which equates to a 0.8% tax rate increase in 2015. Mr. Levesque highlighted potential issues that should be considered with providing secondary sidewalk service.

Mr. Levesque advised that the new GPS/AVL Fleet Management System with new technology would help to identify streets that are missed for snow removal and provide more efficient service. He noted that a new snow storage site would reduce snow storage requirements at Dunton Park.

Mr. Levesque responded to questions from Committee and explained that there are inspections and calls from residents to replace damaged sod. He advised that with a 7 year commitment for the winter maintenance contract, contractors can get newer equipment and the City can provide better service.

Members of Committee noted support for the contract renewal of the GPS/AVL Fleet Management System, reduction in costs in moving to a 7 year term of commitment for the winter maintenance contract and the need for a new storage facility. Discussion ensued with respect to changing the service level for secondary sidewalks. It was suggested that extending the priority area should be reviewed. Mr. Levesque, Mr. Wright and Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works advised that expanding the priority area has not been reviewed and noted that time would be needed to properly define the criteria to determine the streets.

In response to questions, Mr. Levesque noted that the Windrow Clearing Program application period would start in August. Mr. Powell noted that staff are reviewing the matter of an early spring cleanup as requested by the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee (MCAC). Mr. Wright noted that staff would provide a response to MCAC and take the discussion further on the storage requirements and the movement of equipment at the Yards.

In response to questions, Mr. Levesque explained the need for 2 full-time positions associated with secondary sidewalk maintenance service. Mr. Wright noted that there are discussions with Canada Post regarding the reduction of door to door delivery service and as part of that discussion it would include winter maintenance around their facilities. Staff will take it as direction to send Canada Post correspondence prior to the Winter season regarding their obligations.

The costs of the Be a Good Neighbour Program was requested to come back for information.

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. Winter Maintenance Operations

Corporate Report dated June 6, 2014 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to winter maintenance operations.

Parts 1 and 2 of the recommendation were voted on separately.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to award a seven-year contract for the 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 winter seasons to the vendors as outlined in Appendix 2 of the Corporate Report dated June 6, 2014 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works Department for the provision of winter maintenance services.

Approved (Councillor Starr)

2. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to renew the existing contract as a single source for a period of seven years to Webtech Wireless Inc. in the estimated amount of \$2.1 million for the provision of GPS/AVL and Software as a Service for the Fleet Management System.

Approved (Councillor Carlson)

3. That a new project for the (PN14192)West Credit Snow Storage site be established with a gross budget of \$480,000, recovery of \$24,000 and net budget of \$456,000.
4. That the West Credit Temporary Snow Storage Site project be funded from the Capital Reserve Fund (Account #33121) for \$456,000.

Approved (Councillor Iannicca)
Recommendation BC-0002-2014

Councillor Mahoney departed the meeting at 12:08 pm.
Councillor Saito departed the meeting at 12:30 pm

CLOSED SESSION – Nil

ADJOURNMENT - 12:45 PM