



MINUTES

BUDGET COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015 – 9:09 AM

continuing

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015 – 9:03 AM

COUNCIL CHAMBER

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MEMBERS PRESENT	Mayor Bonnie Crombie	(CHAIR)
	Councillor Jim Tovey	Ward 1
	Councillor Karen Ras	Ward 2
	Councillor Chris Fonseca	Ward 3
	Councillor Carolyn Parrish	Ward 5
	Councillor Nando Iannicca	Ward 7
	Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8
	Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11
MEMBERS ABSENT	Councillor Sue McFadden	Ward 10 (As per Resolution 0009-2015)
	Councillor Ron Starr	Ward 6
	Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9 (Personal)
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 Craig Millar, Director Finance and Treasurer 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	

The minutes reflect the order of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER - 9:09 AM

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Crombie requested that the agenda be revised to consider the corporate reports before the service area presentations.

The Committee indicated that for “Other Service Presentations” the following take place:

Arts and Culture
Environment
Land Development Services

Amended/Approved (Councillor Mahoney)

DEPUTATIONS

- A. Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer with respect to the 2015-2018 Business Plan Update

Mr. Kent provided an update that the assessment growth was changed to 0.7% as a result the City’s portion of the tax bill would be 1.3% and the Region of Peel would be at 0.9% so the overall increase would be 2.2% increase for residential taxes. He spoke further to the Budget Committee presentations and process.

Received

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. Municipal Act Reporting Requirements Under Ontario Regulation 284/09

Corporate Report dated December 16, 2014 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer with respect to the reporting requirements in accordance with *Ontario Regulation 284/09*.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report dated December 16, 2014 entitled “*Municipal Act* Reporting Requirements Under Ontario Regulation 284/09” from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer be received.

Received (Councillor Fonseca)
Recommendation BC-0003-2015

2. New Building Canada Fund Overview and Recommend 2015 Projects

Corporate Report dated December 16, 2014 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer with respect to the New Building Canada Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report entitled, “New Building Canada Fund Overview and Recommended 2015 Projects” dated December 16, 2014, from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer be received for information.
2. That the recommended list of 2015 projects be approved for submission to the New Building Canada Fund – Provincial Territorial Infrastructure Component (NBCF-PTIC) for funding consideration, subject to confirmation of eligibility after the Province announces program details.

Approved (Councillor Tovey)
Recommendation BC-0004-2015

3. Ice Storm Recovery Update

Corporate Report dated December 5, 2014 from the Commissioner of Community Services to provide an update on the Ice Storm Recovery.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report dated December 5, 2014 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled “Ice Storm Recovery Update” be received for information.

Received (Councillor Parrish)
Recommendation BC-0005-2015

4. 2014 Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update

Corporate Report dated December 8, 2014 from the Commissioner of Community Services to provide an update on the 2014 Emerald Ash Borer.

Councillor Fonseca commented that she received inquiries about the availability of mapping regarding the tree replacements for Emerald Ash Borer. Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services advised that this matter could be addressed during the service area presentations.

Councillor Parrish complimented Community Services staff on their work to save the trees.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report dated December 8, 2014 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled “2014 Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update” be received for information.

Received (Councillor Fonseca)

Recommendation BC-0006-2015

5. Conversion of Full-Time Contract Staff to Permanent Status

Corporate Report dated December 11, 2014 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer with respect to the conversion of full-time contract staff to permanent status.

RECOMMENDATION

That the six full-time contract positions identified in Appendix 1 of the Corporate Report dated December 11, 2014 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer entitled “Conversion of Full-Time Contract Staff to Permanent Status” be converted to full-time permanent positions at a cost of \$67,332 as incorporated in the recommended 2015 Operating Budget.

Approved (Councillor Mahoney)

Recommendation BC-0007-2015

6. Greater Toronto Hamilton Area Fare Card – PRESTO Device Reliability on MiWay Buses

Corporate Report dated December 15, 2014 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to the Presto fare system.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report entitled Greater Toronto Hamilton Area Fare Card – PRESTO – Device Reliability on MiWay Buses dated December 15, 2014 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works be received for information.

Received (Councillor Iannicca)

Recommendation BC-0008-2015

7. Transit Fare Discounts for Seniors and Low Income Residents

Corporate Report dated December 10, 2014 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to Transit fare discounts for seniors and low income residents.

Councillor Parrish commented that the City should offer a discounted senior fare of \$1.00 which is similar to the City of Brampton. Councillor Iannicca expressed concern that other groups in need would not receive a discounted fare. Councillor Carlson suggested a program similar to the snow removal program. Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works noted that there would have to be a discussion with Finance staff to determine the most efficient way to do implement this. Geoff Marinoff, Director, Transit advised that the pilot project at the Region of Peel should have results during the summer. Direction was given to staff to review this matter.

Councillor Parrish requested a breakdown of the cost of \$925,000 annually for the senior \$1.00 fare and the rationale and costing for the City of Brampton. She requested that staff report back to Budget Committee on this matter. Councillor Fonseca requested additional information on the Halton Region's model and if they will be providing a program through the PRESTO Card.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report entitled Transit Fare Discounts for Seniors and Low Income Residents dated December 10, 2014 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works be received and that staff be directed to review options for senior fare discounts and report back to Budget Committee.
2. That upon completion of the 9 month Low Income Pilot Program with the Region of Peel, that staff provide a further report to Budget Committee of program results and findings.

Approved (Councillor Iannicca)
Recommendation BC-0009-2015

8. Participation in Communities in Bloom

Corporate Report dated December 12, 2014 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to participation in Communities in Bloom.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Corporate Report dated December 12, 2014 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Participation in Communities in Bloom" be received for information.

Received (Councillor Fonseca)
Recommendation BC-0010-2015

DEPUTATIONS

C. Service Area Presentations

Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services presented by Tim Beckett, Fire Chief

Members of Committee raised the following issues, following the presentation:

- The possibility of the fire trucks being sent to other countries they may have use for them like the transit buses.
- There are cases where the increase of year over year for positions were higher than the typical 4%.
- The possibility of an opportunity for co-location with the Region of Peel paramedics and Fire Services in the Lorne Park/ Clarkson area.

- Comments with respect to debt for capital assets that funds the life of the asset is not bad debt. As we go forward some assets may need to be amortized and paid for over the lifecycle.
- The status of the proposed Cawthra/ Dundas Streets fire station and the opportunity for residents who have questions/suggestions regarding fire plans examinations process and efficiencies for residents and the City.
- The use of social media to communicate to the public and partnering with allied agencies.
- The challenges for vertical response times for fire or medical calls and the possible pressure it may have on future budget.
- Concerns were expressed if the net operating budget continues to increase at 4% and the impact on the budget due to union negotiations.

Mr. Beckett, Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services and Janice Baker, City Manager responded to the Committee's comments and questions.

During discussion of this item, the Committee directed staff to provide the following:

- Provide a memorandum with a further breakdown of 90th percentile with the type of incidents outside of the response time.
- Provide the percentage of the total calls that require a vertical response.

Received (Councillor Parrish)

Mississauga Transit presented by Geoff Marinoff, Director, Transit

Members of Committee raised the following issues, following the presentation:

- The need for public washrooms closer at bus terminals i.e. Westwood Mall.
- There needs to be more details with respect to budget request #1276 and how it fits into the overall marketing strategy.
- Collecting information in the customer satisfaction survey from youth.
- The importance that any concerns or issues regarding the Hanlan Project go to the Hanlan Subcommittee at the Region of Peel.
- The strategies that the City uses to get people to make the conscious choice to take transit.
- The importance of reviewing the barriers to prospective customers through the customer satisfaction survey i.e. washrooms.
- The usage of the bus bays at Islington and Kipling Stations and the feasibility of operating at Islington Station in the future.
- More loading stations for the PRESTO card are needed.
- The location of another downtown transit terminal.
- Securing funding for the LRT.
- The demand for an express route along Burnhamthorpe Road to the subway.

Mr. Marinoff and Andy Harvey, Director, Engineering and Construction responded to the Committee's comments and questions. During discussion of this item, the Committee directed staff to provide the following:

- Provide a projection of costs to include washrooms as various terminals are upgraded or renovated. Also advise on what the costs would be to add washrooms near the bus terminal at Westwood Mall.
- Provide a further breakdown of budget request #1276 – MiWay Service Growth.

Received (Councillor Starr)

- B. David Fisher, Resident with respect to the 2015 Mississauga Transit Budget.

Mr. Fisher spoke to the 2015 Mississauga Transit budget and noted that the lack of access to public washrooms at some of the bus terminals. He further noted that the focus of the transit budget should be on increasing ridership between other municipalities, increase service hours, changing the Square One Transit Terminal from a central hub, adding more buses to the transit system and a more aggressive budget.

Received (Councillor Fonseca)
Recommendation BC-0002-2015

- C. Service Area Presentations

Recreation presented by Howie Dayton, Director, Recreation

Members of Committee raised the following issues, following the presentation:

- The potential of more revenue for the City by including additional docks.
- Ensuring that the City receives value for money with the Innovation Grant.
- The possibility of turning away kids due to affordability because of the City's high cost recovery for programs.
- The life expectancy of ice rinks and the profitability of single pad ice rinks versus double pad ice rinks.
- Revenue from ice rentals.
- The offering and awareness of the swim to survive and play in the park programs.
- Communication to area residents to clarify where they can go for customer service with respect to Glenforest Pool.

Mr. Dayton and Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services responded to the Committee's comments and questions. During discussion of this item, the Committee directed staff to provide the following:

- Review the potential of revenue opportunities by including additional docks.
- Provide a financial cost recovery for a single pad ice rinks versus double pad ice rinks.
- Respond on the life expectancy of golf carts and at what point is the fleet sold.
- Circulate the revised Community Service's capital budget request to Members of Council due to the amended amount for park 459 for the conceptual design and public engagement

Received (Councillor Mahoney)

Mississauga Library presented by Rose Vespa, Director, Library Services

Received (Councillor Tovey)

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Subsection 239 (3.1) of the Municipal Act, Councillor Carlson moved the following motion:

Whereas the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, requires Council to pass a motion prior to closing part of a meeting to the public;

And whereas the Act requires that the motion states the act of the holding of the closed meeting and the general nature of the matter to be considered at the closed meeting;

Now therefore be it resolved that a portion of the Budget Committee meeting to be held on January 12, 2015 shall be closed to the public to deal with the following matters:

A. Education Session – Stormwater Charge

This motion was voted on and carried at 12:11 pm.

Item # 1 – Education Session – Stormwater Charge

Jeremy Blair, Storm Drainage Programming Engineering provided background on the Stormwater Financing Study, the stormwater program service levels, fee structure and implementation timeline. Mr. Blair and Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works responded to questions from Committee.

RECESS – 1:40 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015 BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Committee resumed its meeting at 9:03 am

The following recommendation resulted from the In Camera session on January 12, 2015:

RECOMMENDATION

That the education session regarding the stormwater charge be received for information.

Received (Councillor Tovey)

Recommendation BC-0011-2015

Mayor Crombie noted that the Education session regarding union negotiations should be referred to the Budget Committee meeting on January 19, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

That the In Camera item regarding labour relations or employee negotiations - 2015 union negotiations; employee compensation and Director level compensation be referred to the Budget Committee meeting on January 19, 2015.

Referred (Councillor Iannicca)

Recommendation BC-0012-2015

DEPUTATIONS

C. Service Area Presentations

Roads, Storm Drainage, and Watercourses presented by Geoff Wright, Director, Works Operations and Maintenance and Helen Noehammer, Director, Transportation and Infrastructure Planning

Members of Committee raised the following issues, following the presentation:

- Continue to take advantage of coordinated opportunities to include improving cycling infrastructure and to ensure connecting the network.
- Concerns were expressed with respect to the timing to purchase land for municipal parking and have a municipal parking authority. There was a suggestion to consider tax increment financing.
- Provide a grant that is equal to the stormwater charge for the three (3) Mississauga Legion Clubs and the Army, Navy and Air force Veteran's Club.

- Timing and implementation of the advanced transportation management centre.
- The 5 FTE positions for stormwater and the funding of these positions going forward. In addition the web designer FTE position and the possibility of Communications staff doing this.
- The Tour de Mississauga should be a 3rd party event because it is becoming too large and this should be shared with the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee.

Mr. Wright, Ms. Noehammer, Janice Baker, City Manager, Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works responded to the Committee's comments and questions. During discussion of this item, the Committee directed staff to provide the following:

- Provide details on the silver cycling service.
- Provide a breakdown of projects for each year for the next four (4) years and note whether the budget is from rehabilitation or development charges.

RECOMMENDATION

That the three (3) Mississauga Legion Clubs and the Army Navy & Airforce Veteran's Club be provided a grant to be exempted from the future Stormwater Charge.

Approved (Councillor Carlson)
Recommendation BC-0013-2015

Parks and Forestry presented by Gavin Longmuir, Manager, Forestry and Laura Piette, Director, Parks and Forestry

Members of Committee raised the following issues, following the presentation:

- The results of the treatment of Emerald Ash Borer and the future of Ash trees.
- Information and marketing to residents regarding private and City trees affected by Emerald Ash Borer.
- The possibility of a partnership with CVC for a nursery.
- The feasibility of using LED lights in City parks.
- The Humber College Student Placement Program to work with the City Arborists.
- The need for standardized garbage bins in City Parks.
- The need for a shelter system in City parks to address the changing demographics in the City.
- Consideration for long term projects for field hockey facilities.
- Consideration for a covered facility for bocci.

Mr. Longmuir and Ms. Piette responded to the Committee's comments and questions. During discussion of this item, the Committee directed staff to provide the following:

- Staff to review what trees would do well in a larger geographic area and include it on the City website.

Received (Councillor Iannicca)

Facilities and Property Management presented by Raj Sheth, Director, Facilities and Property Management

Received (Councillor Carlson)

ADJOURNMENT – 11:30 AM