



MINUTES

BUDGET COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015 – 9:04 AM

COUNCIL CHAMBER
SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE
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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 Ron Starr	Ward 6
	Councillor Nando Iannicca	Ward 7
	Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8
	Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9
	Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11
MEMBERS ABSENT	Councillor Sue McFadden	Ward 10 (As per Resolution 0009-2015)
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	

CALL TO ORDER – 9:04 AMDECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Crombie declared a conflict of interest before discussion of Item 6.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (Councillor Iannicca)

DEPUTATIONS

A. Cameron McCuaig, resident with respect to the City's budget.

Mr. McCuaig spoke to the online budget questionnaire and expressed his views with respect to evaluating the values for the budget, the vision, the City Manager's Message, the budget executive summary and the priorities.

Members of Committee thanked Mr. McCuaig for his comments.

Received (Councillor Ras)

Recommendation BC-0018-2015

B. Frank Stendardo and Aldo Costantino, Mississauga Bocce Club with respect to funding for bocce courts.

Mr. Stendardo and Mr. Costantino requested that Budget Committee consider an indoor bocce court in Mississauga as the population is expanding, shade and washroom facilities are needed.

Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services noted that staff do not have indoor bocce courts on the forecast but it can be included on the workplan to review it in 2015.

Councillors Iannicca and Fonseca spoke to the matter and noted that staff could work with Mr. Stendardo and Mr. Costantino to review a suitable location. Councillor Fonseca requested that staff look into the fee structure in Toronto and Woodbridge who have a fee structure for the ongoing maintenance or facility fee with organizations.

Councillor Starr enquired about cricket areas and requested that staff look into it. Mr. Mitcham advised that there are 2 additional cricket locations for Wards 5 and 10.

Councillor Parrish noted that more needs to be done for seniors and suggested that a private partnership could help to build the facility and the City maintain it. Councillor Fonseca further spoke to the importance of the location of the bocce courts. Councillor Saito noted that in addition to the request, that the feasibility to include a bocce court in the air structure for soccer in Churchill Meadows should be reviewed.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the deputation by Frank Stendardo, Aldo Costantino and Dante Antidormi, Mississauga Bocce Club with respect to funding for indoor bocce courts.
2. That a committee be struck with Mayor Crombie as Honourary Chair, Councillor Fonseca as Co-chair, any other member of Council who chooses to participate, and appropriate City staff and that a report come back to General Committee in April/May 2015 on the parameters of indoor bocce courts.

Approved (Councillor Iannicca)
Recommendation BC-0019-2015

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. GTAA Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Update

Corporate Report dated January 16, 2015 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer to provide an update on the GTAA payment in lieu of taxes.

Mayor Crombie enquired if there would be an opportunity to revisit or change the way things are done today. Janice Baker, City Manager explained that it is governed by Provincial legislation and there has been no action by the Province to make any changes.

Councillor Parrish commented on the PILT for the airport and noted that there should be a motion to request the Provincial Government to revoke legislation regarding the PILT as the City loses revenue. Ms. Baker advised that the City has advocated for changes and noted that the City could reach out to other municipalities so it is a joint effort to advocate for changes to the legislation. Councillors Saito and Fonseca spoke in support

of a motion coming forward with respect to changes to the legislation and noted that staff would need to review what the implications would be.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer dated January 16, 2015 be received for information.
2. That staff from Revenue and Legal Services be directed to prepare a motion for Council to request that the Minister of Finance for Ontario make changes to Ontario legislation regarding the GTAA Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT).

Approved (Councillor Parrish)

Recommendation BC-0020-2015

2. Budget Committee Responses from January 12th and 13th meetings

Memorandum dated January 20, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services providing responses pertaining to Fire and Emergency Services, Arts and Culture and Recreation.

Councillor Parrish enquired about a grant to the Living Arts Centre, in-kind services for Malton Canada Day and the timing of golf cart replacements. Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services advised that the grant for the Living Arts Centre was for a specific program and not for their infrastructure. Paul Damaso, Acting Director, Culture advised that staff would need a proposal with the budget outline for Malton Canada Day and staff can review to see what could be done within the context of the program. Mr. Mitcham explained that the 3 year threshold for golf cart replacements is tied to the battery life, the significant maintenance costs and the bid award is for the net costs of the carts.

In response to a question from Councillor Starr, Mr. Mitcham advised that the revenue from the golf cart rentals is very good.

RECOMMENDATION

That the memorandum dated January 20, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services providing responses pertaining to Fire and Emergency Services, Arts and Culture and Recreation, be received for information.

Received (Councillor Parrish)

Recommendation BC-0021-2015

4. Budget Committee Follow Up for Roads Capital Budget Detail for 2015 to 2018

Memorandum dated January 15, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works to provide a detailed explanation on the 2016 Major Roads Capital Budget Program.

Councillor Saito requested staff to work with the developer for the extension of Argentinia Road to move it up to an earlier date for a better link with the widening of Ninth Line. Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works advised that staff would follow up with the developer.

Councillor Carlson enquired about the widening of Creditview Road. Mr. Powell advised that it is subject to the results of the Environment Assessment.

Councillor Parrish requested that the widening of McLaughlin Road be deferred to the 2017 budget to provide time to consult with the residents.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the memorandum dated January 15, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to the 2016 Major Roads Capital Budget Program, be received.
2. That the \$4.8 million for the McLaughlin Road widening from Bristol Road to the north limit be deferred to the 2017 capital budget.

Deferred (Councillor Parrish)

Recommendation BC-0022-2015

5. Bicycle Friendly Community – Silver Designation

Memorandum dated January 14, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works to provide additional information on the Bicycle Friendly Community Silver Designation.

Members of Committee spoke to the matter and noted the importance for cycling educational material and money to be included in the 2015 budget for the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee or Cycling Office to address this matter.

RECOMMENDATION

That the memorandum dated January 14, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works regarding the Bicycle Friendly Community Silver Designation, be received for information.

Received (Councillor Fonseca)
Recommendation BC-0023-2015

At this time Mayor Crombie declared a conflict of interest with Item 6 and departed the Council Chamber at 10:40 am.

6. Mayor's Salary

Letter dated January 20, 2015 from Mayor Bonnie Crombie with respect to freezing the Mayor's salary at the current 2014 rate for the remainder of the Council term.

RECOMMENDATION

That notwithstanding By-law 0511-2002, Mayor Crombie forgo taking any economic adjustment awarded to full time non-union staff during the 2015 – 2018 Term of Council.

Approved (Councillor Tovey)
Recommendation BC-0024-2015

7. Tour de Mississauga

Councillor Fonseca to update Budget Committee on discussion at the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee (MCAC) on January 13, 2015 with respect to the Tour de Mississauga.

Councillor Fonseca provided an update on the discussion with MCAC regarding the Tour de Mississauga event.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee (MCAC) review third party models for the Tour de Mississauga at the next scheduled meeting; and
2. That the 2015 season be a transition year with MCAC and City staff to plan and host the 2015 Tour and prepare a business plan for 2016 that incorporates a third party model.

Approved (Councillor Fonseca)

Recommendation BC-0025-2015

3. Follow up to Budget Committee Request for Financial Breakdown of Budget Request (BR) #1276 MiWay Service Growth

Memorandum dated January 15, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to a more detailed breakdown of the financial information contained in BR# 1276.

Members of Committee spoke to consideration a \$1.00 fare for seniors during off-peak hours. Discussion ensued with respect to the benefits and concerns of implementing the reduced bus fare for one group in need. Geoff Marinoff, Director, Transit advised that it is estimated that the reduced fare could amount to \$1 to \$1.4 million in lost revenue for off-peak hours. Discussion ensued with respect to the cost of implementing the reduced fare. It was noted that a decision should wait until a report comes forward with additional information at the next Budget Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Memorandum dated January 15, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to a more detailed breakdown of the financial information contained in BR# 1276 be received.

Received (Councillor Tovey)

Recommendation BC-0026-2015

RECOMMENDATION

That the matter regarding a seniors discount transit fare be deferred for staff to provide a report at the February 3, 2015 Budget Committee meeting.

Deferred (Councillor Saito)

Recommendation BC-0027-2015

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Starr spoke to transportation projects in other cities in Canada where the city was able to contribute significant funding along with provincial funding. Janice Baker, City Manager advised that some cities have a wide range of revenue tools they can levy. Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works noted that other municipalities receive more money from the provincial gas tax. Discussion ensued with respect to other municipalities and the funding received from the federal and provincial governments for projects.

ADJOURNMENT - 11:28 AM