
Budget Committee

Date

November 23, 2015 and continuing on November 24, 2015

Time

9:03 AM

Location

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Civic Centre, 300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, ON L5B3C1

Members

Mayor Bonnie Crombie	(Chair)
Councillor Jim Tovey	Ward 1
Councillor Karen Ras	Ward 2
Councillor Chris Fonseca	Ward 3
Councillor John Kovac	Ward 4
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 Sue McFadden	Ward 10
Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015 MEETING**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Bonnie Crombie	(Chair)
Councillor Jim Tovey	Ward 1
Councillor Karen Ras	Ward 2
Councillor Chris Fonseca	Ward 3
Councillor John Kovac	Ward 4
Councillor Carolyn Parrish	Ward 5 (Departed at 11:57am)
Councillor Ron Starr	Ward 6
Councillor Nando Iannicca	Ward 7
Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8
Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9 (Departed at 12:09pm)
Councillor Sue McFadden	Ward 10
Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11

MEMBERS ABSENT

Nil

STAFF PRESENT

Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer
Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer
Paul Mitcham, Commissioner of Community Services
Ed Sajecki, Commissioner of Planning and Building
Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works
Crystal Greer, Directive of Legislative Services and City Clerk
Diana Rusnov, Manager of Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015 MEETING**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Bonnie Crombie	(Chair)
Councillor Jim Tovey	Ward 1 (Arrived at 9:13am)
Councillor Karen Ras	Ward 2
Councillor Chris Fonseca	Ward 3
Councillor John Kovac	Ward 4
Councillor Carolyn Parrish	Ward 5
Councillor Ron Starr	Ward 6
Councillor Nando Iannicca	Ward 7 (Departed at 12:00pm)
Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015 BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES**1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:03 AM****2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Approved (Councillor McFadden)

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil**4. DEPUTATIONS**

4.1 Economic Outlook - Andrew Grantham, Economist, CIBC World Markets with respect to 2016 economic predictions and the economic outlook for Canada, Ontario, and the Greater Toronto Area.

Mr. Grantham spoke to the position of Mississauga in the Canadian economy and noted it is well positioned. However, there was a big loss in the manufacturing capacity in Canada due to the high Canadian dollar. There has been a decline in unemployment to about 1% in the last year. Mr. Grantham spoke further to the housing market and noted that there is a risk for potential oversupply in the rental market due to slowing immigration.

Members of Committee raised the following issues/concerns:

- Concerns were expressed about the impact to the City's budget for purchasing goods from the U.S. and the low Canadian dollar.
- It was noted that the potential oversupply in the rental market should be flagged for the Planning and Building Department and Legal Staff for OMB hearings.
- The possible decline in the housing market and how it relates to net immigration in the Region of Peel.
- The auto industry in relation to Canadian manufacturing and focusing more on development and less on production.

Gary Kent and Janice Baker responded to the Committee's comments and questions.

Received (Councillor Starr)
Recommendation BC-0049-2015

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

- Provide more information on the gap for rental housing, attainable housing and types of housing.

4.2 Budget Overview -Jeffrey J. Jackson, Director of Finance and Treasurer

Mr. Jackson spoke to the budget engagement, the City's financial position, efficiencies, cost savings and the City's infrastructure. He provided an overview of the proposed 2016 operating and capital budget. He further noted the new initiatives, special levies, forecasted debt issuance and the proposed total increase to the tax bill.

Members of Committee raised the following issues/concerns:

- Discussion regarding the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) that is collected by the airport.
- The message needs to be clear to residents that the amount that was taxed for stormwater (1.6%) will be removed from the tax bill and now collected in the Stormwater Levy.
- The impact of economic adjustments to the salaries of non-union staff.
- It was suggested that it would be helpful to present an overview of the proposed budget numbers or cost breakdown for the tele town hall meeting.
- Concerns with how the stormwater program transfer is displayed because it appears that the residents will no longer be paying for stormwater.
- It was suggested that in future staff could get feedback on the budget allocator tool from students on how tax dollars are spent, the budgeting process and how it relates directly to them.

Jeff Jackson, Director, Finance, Gary Kent and Janice Baker responded to the Committee's comments and questions

Received (Councillor McFadden)
Recommendation BC-0050-2015

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

- Planning and Building staff to benchmark with other municipalities building permit timelines with a view to review the feasibility to provide an express permit process at an additional cost.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

6.1 2016 Budget Engagement Results

Corporate Report dated November 12, 2015 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer with respect to the 2016 budget engagement results.

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2016 Budget Engagement Results report dated November 16, 2015 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer be received for information.

Received (Councillor Saito)
Recommendation BC-0051-2015

4. DEPUTATIONS

4.3. Stormwater Program Budget Presentation – Helen Noehammer, Director, Transportation & Infrastructure Planning

Ms. Noehammer presented the Stormwater Program and noted the service level issues, trends and an overview of the Stormwater Charge. She further noted the financial plan, 2016 staffing requests and the 2016 capital program.

Members of Committee raised the following issues/concerns:

- Concerns were expressed about the number of permanent and contract staff required for the Stormwater Program.
- Discussion ensued with respect to the impact of the Stormwater Program if it was on the tax bill and clarification on the funding of the FTE positions for the Program.

Received (Councillor Kovac)
Recommendation BC-0052-2015

Helen Noehammer, Martin Powell, Janice Baker responded to the Committee's questions and comments.

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

- Provide a breakdown of the 13.3 staff that are identified for the Stormwater Program planning and operations.
- Provide a communications plan for the Lisgar residents to be informed of the Lisgar stormwater projects.

Councillor Parrish departed the meeting at 11:57 am.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD – 15 Minute Limit

Chris Mackie, MIRANET referred to the budget overview deputation and enquired about the reductions to the new initiatives. Jeff Jackson, Director, Finance and Janice Baker, City Manager and CAO explained that it was due to a refinement of the numbers between June 2015 to present. Mr. Mackie enquired about the Stormwater Program,

specifically the Stormwater Charge. Ms. Baker explained the financing model, the stormwater revenue accrual and program budget.

Received (Councillor Tovey)
Recommendation BC-0053-2015

Councillor Saito departed the meeting at 12:09 am.

RECESS - 12:15 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015 BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Committee resumed its meeting at 9:05 am.

Mayor Crombie advised that the Closed Session matter regarding the 2016 Total Compensation would be considered at the November 25, 2015 Council meeting.

7. Service Area Presentations**7.1 Service Area Presentations****Mississauga Fire & Emergency Services presented by Tim Beckett, Fire Chief**

Members of Committee raised the following issues/concerns:

- Concerns were expressed with respect to the response times and meeting target times.
- Concerns with respect to the new staffing requests such as a Division Chief. Clarification was requested for the difference between Emergency Planner, Emergency Management Officer and the existing position of Manager, Emergency Management. Further concerns that there may be an overlap in the service areas.
- It would be helpful to provide a rationale for the staffing requests.
- The importance of acquiring land to build fire stations and that hopefully there will be a report on land acquisition in the next budget cycle.
- Discussion regarding vehicle upgrades and retired vehicles.
- Concerns about the number of training for major emergencies.
- Concerns regarding the Plans Examinations position and how other municipalities handle this position and if it is done outside of the Fire Department.

Received (Councillor Starr)
Recommendation BC-0054-2015

Tim Beckett and Janice Baker responded to the Committee's questions and comments.

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

- Provide more information on the staffing needs and review the City of Brampton or the Region of Peel for benchmarking.
- Provide the number of calls and the breakdown of the type of calls for Fire.
- Provide a breakdown of the complaints
- Requested information on the salary of transit and fire mechanics.

Recreation presented by Shari Lichterman, Director, Recreation

Members of Committee raised the following issues/concerns:

- The importance of building washroom facilities in parks.
- Consideration that the Tourism Coordinator position be a 2-year pilot to ensure the position is needed before converting it to permanent.
- Concerns that the salary amount for the tourism position is high. Staff to carefully review if the contract position is a fair wage.
- Concern that there is not enough funding for lifecycle repairs for physical infrastructure.
- Concerns regarding the Meadowvale 4 Rinks Arena for the lack of a warm-up facility and no heat in certain areas of the building.
- Discussion with respect to the Community Grant Expansion Program. Concerns were expressed that this funding could support the lifecycle repairs for facilities. In addition, it was expressed that the policy and criteria should be in place for the program first.

Shari Lichterman, Paul Mitcham, Gary Kent and Janice Baker responded to the Committee's comments and questions.

Received (Councillor Starr)
Recommendation BC-0054-2015

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

- Provide a breakdown of the cost for the Ontario Summer Games staff.
- Review the Play in the Park Program to consider expanding the program.
- Staff to review if the councillors' discretionary budget could be used to match funds for ward projects.
- Remove the Community Grant Expansion Program from the 2016 budget. Staff to create a policy regarding this matter in 2016 and funds can be transferred from the contingency fund if required. Once the policy is approved, the Program can be included in the 2017 budget.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED**6.3 Recreation – Arena Rental Rates – Supplementary Report (Page 63)**

Corporate Report dated November 12, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services providing a supplementary report with respect to arena rental rates.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Arena Rental Rates from May 1, 2016 through to April 30, 2017 be increased as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Corporate Report dated November 12, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled, "Recreation – Arena Rental Rates – Supplementary Report".
2. That all necessary bylaws be enacted.

Approved (Councillor Mahoney)
Recommendation BC-0055-2015

Councillor Iannicca departed the meeting at 12:00 pm.

Public Question Period

Axil Breuer, MIRANET asked questions with respect to the Fire Services budget. Mayor Crombie responded to the questions and noted the mandated response time, efficiencies that have been implemented and negotiated agreements with the Fire union. Janice Baker, City Manager and CAO noted the negotiated agreements with Fire and suggested that Mr. Breuer should be meet with the Fire Chief and the Commissioner, Community Services.

Received (Councillor Starr)
Recommendation 0056-2015

ADJOURNMENT – 12:19 PM