



MINUTES

BUDGET COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2013 –
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Hazel McCallion	(CHAIR)
Councillor Jim Tovey	Ward 1
Councillor Pat Mullin	Ward 2
Councillor Chris Fonseca	Ward 3
Councillor Frank Dale	Ward 4
Councillor Bonnie Crombie	Ward 5
Councillor Nando Iannicca	Ward 7
Councillor Katie Mahoney	Ward 8
Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9
Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Ron Starr	Ward 6 (Other Municipal Business)
Councillor Sue McFadden	Ward 10

STAFF PRESENT:

Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer
Mary Ellen Bench, City Solicitor
Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer
Wendy Law, Deputy City Solicitor
Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services
Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works
Ed Sajecki, Commissioner, Planning and Building
Wesley Anderson, Business Advisor, Parks and Forestry
Susan Burt, Director, Culture
Michael Cleland, Manager, Recreation Services
Howie Dayton, Director, Recreation
Diana Rusnov, Manager, Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk

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**NOTE: The Committee changed the order of the Agenda during the meeting.
These Minutes reflect the order of the meeting.**

CALL TO ORDER – 10:12 a.m.

DECLARATIONS OF (DIRECT OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST – Nil

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (Councillor B. Crombie)

DEPUTATIONS

- A. Item 6 David A. Huctwith, President, Mississauga Southwest Baseball Association, with respect to sport field rates.

Mr. Huctwith discussed the Corporate Report and its recommendations, last year's changes to sport field rates, cost recovery rates for sport fields, the Pricing Study and its limits, the five-year plan for sport field rates vis-à-vis weekend and lit sport field rate increases and baseball groups, inflationary impacts on sport field rates, the lack of service level increases, and the impact of the proposed sport field rates on the future number of tournaments and accompanying economic benefits to the City's hotels, restaurants, and retailers. He expressed concern regarding the municipal comparisons in the Corporate Report, the need to increase registration fees for players due to the proposed rate increases, and the weekend rainout tracking process. Mr. Huctwith said that he offered to review cost and maintenance standards with staff to identify efficiencies and that only cursory information was shared. He requested that staff provide him with detailed financial information regarding sport field rates and that the Committee refer the Corporate Report to staff so that they can do more consultations with baseball groups.

Councillor Mullin discussed Mr. Huctwith's request to meet with staff to discuss possible efficiencies and past meetings between staff and baseball groups to discuss the proposed rate increases. Mr. Huctwith responded to Councillor Mullin's questions and said that the baseball groups first discussed the proposed rate increases with staff on August 19, 2013.

- B. Item 6 Robert (Bert) Dagnon, President, Mississauga North Baseball Association, with respect to sport field rates.

Mr. Dagnon discussed the Mississauga North Baseball Association (MNBA) and its size and user fees to the City last year, the Corporate Report and its recommendations vis-à-vis expected impacts on the MNBA (e.g., its ability to sponsor players from community organizations and higher registration fees for players), the proposed rate increases and the number of tournaments in the City in the immediate and long-term future and associated

economic benefits, and the impact of increased tournament rates in St. Catharines. He expressed concern regarding the municipal comparisons in the Corporate Report, noting that many of the baseball diamonds in Burlington, Oakville, and Brampton are provincial or national quality and do not compare with the City's diamonds. Mr. Dagnon added that the proposed rate increases in the five-year plan for sport field rates will likely affect the MNBA's registration rates and may jeopardize its overall future. He asked that the Corporate Report be referred to staff to ensure that they have done everything possible to ensure that the proposed rate increases are reasonable and realistic for baseball groups.

Committee members raised various issues including:

- The importance of the MNBA's sponsorship of players from various community organizations and its high number of tournaments in recent years;
- Parking-related issues during baseball and other sports games in the City;
- The economic benefits to the City's hotels, restaurants, and retailers from tournaments and higher tournament rates vis-à-vis the Sports Tourism Strategy;
- The feasibility of referring this matter to staff for further consultations with Mr. Huctwith and Mr. Dagnon and considering this issue at the next Council meeting;
- The quality and maintenance levels of the City's baseball diamonds vis-à-vis the municipal comparisons in the Corporate Report and associated financial impacts;
- The importance of cost recovery for sport fields and cost recovery targets for sport fields now and into the future and associated impacts on sports groups;
- The rationale for increasing tournament rates and the possibility of phasing in and/or adjusting some of the proposed rate increases (e.g., tournament rates) in order to diminish the overall financial impacts on players and sports groups;
- The need for the Committee to be equitable regarding all proposed fee increases and to charge user fees for sports fields, recreational services and programs, and other matters in order to keep property taxes as reasonable as possible;
- The discrepancies regarding the proposed rate increases in the Corporate Report and the figures used by Mr. Huctwith and Mr. Dagnon in their deputations;
- The City's sport field rates versus those in neighbouring municipalities;
- The need for users to contribute to operating, versus capital, costs for sport fields, as the maintenance and operating costs are ongoing rather than a one-time cost;
- The concerns expressed by youth baseball groups that the proposed rate increases for lit sport fields is too high;
- The tendency of some baseball groups to not turn off the lights at lit facilities at the end of their games, particularly when the City was paying the hydro costs;
- The possibility of staff requiring sports groups to provide the City with audited financial statements as required through the City's culture grants process; and
- The need for staff to provide Mr. Huctwith and Mr. Dagnon with detailed financial information regarding sport field rates and the proposed rate increases so that they can meet with staff to discuss possible efficiencies and cost savings.

Mr. Cleland, Mr. Dayton, and Mr. Dagnon responded to the Committee's above-noted comments and questions.

The Committee dealt with Item 6 at this time.

6. Sport Field Rates

Corporate Report dated September 26, 2013 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to sport field rates.

Deferred/Referred (Councillor P. Saito)
Recommendation BC-0005-2013

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. 2014 General Fees and Charges By-Law Amendments

Corporate Report dated October 3, 2013 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer with respect to 2014 General Fees and Charges By-Law amendments.

Councillor Saito requested clarification on the Committee of Adjustment fee increase in Legal Services on page 3 of Appendix 1 of the Corporate Report, stating that the Committee approved different fees for different types of Committee of Adjustment applications in 2012. She asked if there was another matter on the agenda or due to come before the Committee in the near future regarding the Committee of Adjustment's fees.

Ms. Bench clarified that the fee is a Committee of Adjustment fee charged to developers by Legal Services staff. Mr. Kent said that he would follow up on the status of the Committee's approval in 2012 of different fees for applications to the Committee of Adjustment. Ms. Rusnov said that a Corporate Report on the Committee of Adjustment's fees would be considered by the Committee during its meetings in November 2013.

Approved (Councillor P. Saito)
Recommendation BC-0006-2013

2. Recreation Program Fees and Rental Rates

Corporate Report dated September 12, 2013 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to recreation program fees and rental rates.

Councillor Mullin discussed the decline in meeting room rentals and asked staff how the City's fees compare to other municipalities and the private sector. Mr. Dayton discussed the overall decline in meeting room rentals and the City's facilities and meetings rooms and associated rates vis-à-vis those in the private sector and related issues.

Approved (Councillor N. Iannicca)
Recommendation BC-0007-2013

3. Parks and Forestry Fees and Charges

Corporate Report dated September 4, 2013 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to parks and forestry fees and charges.

Councillor Saito discussed the “Requested maintenance on city owned trees” fee on page 6 of Appendix 1 of the Corporate Report and asked staff for clarification about the fee, how often it is used, who pays the fee, and its overall purpose. Mr. Anderson discussed the fee, its frequency, and its purpose, stating that it is used less than 100 times annually.

Approved (Councillor P. Saito)
Recommendation BC-0008-2013

4. Culture Program Fees and Rental Rates

Corporate Report dated September 16, 2013 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to culture program fees and rental rates.

The Chair discussed Mississauga Celebration Square, its technology, and the need to upgrade its technology in the years ahead. She said that she had discussed the Square’s capital replacement costs with Mr. Mitcham and Ms. Burt and noted the importance of recovering some of the capital replacement costs via user fees. The Chair also spoke about the Square’s total operating costs, the possibility of the City increasing booth-related rental rates, and the need for the Committee to receive a detailed analysis from staff regarding the Square’s operating and capital costs in the near future and the impact of eventually levying parking fees at the Civic Centre during evenings and weekends.

Councillor Saito discussed page 5 of Appendix 2 of the Corporate Report and suggested that the listing for the Community Access Fund be removed and that only the Capital Improvement Fund be included, as the Community Access Fund is now collected by the City rather than by the Meadowvale Theatre Advisory Board. She asked whether the culture program fees and rental rates were sent to the Meadowvale Theatre Advisory Board. Councillor Saito suggested that tickets for events in the Square include a specific line item for capital improvements and discussed the Meadowvale Theatre’s use of the Community Access/Capital Improvement Funds. In response, the Chair said that the City now charges fees to groups who request to use specialized equipment for their events.

Councillor Crombie discussed the City’s filming-related revenues and overall desirability as a filming location in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). She asked whether the City’s filming-related fees are in line with other municipalities, particularly those in the GTA.

Ms. Burt said that she would remove the listing for the Community Access Fund as per Councillor Saito’s request. She added that the culture program fees and rental rates have not yet been shared with the Meadowvale Theatre Advisory Board, but can be shared with them during their next Board meeting. Ms. Burt discussed new fees for the Square and filming-related locations, desirability, revenues, and fees in the City and GTA.

Approved (Councillor B. Crombie)
Recommendation BC-0009-2013

5. Cemetery Fees and Charges

Corporate Report dated September 4, 2013 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to cemetery fees and charges.

Approved (Councillor N. Iannicca)
Recommendation BC-0010-2013

7. Transportation and Works Fees and Charges By-Law

Corporate Report dated September 27, 2013 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to the Transportation and Works Fees and Charges By-Law.

Mr. Powell said that the last sentence in the Report Highlights section on page 2 of the Corporate Report was incorrect so an amended page was distributed to the Committee. Specifically, the following sentence (“The new fees will generate additional \$90,000 and the proposed increases in existing fees will generate additional \$102,000 in revenue”) was replaced with “The fees will generate \$102,000 in revenue for 2014.”

Approved (Councillor K. Mahoney)
Recommendation BC-0011-2013

8. Amendments to the *Planning Act* Processing Fees and Charges By-Law 253-12, As Amended

Corporate Report dated September 26, 2013 from the Commissioner of Planning and Building with respect to amendments to the *Planning Act* Processing Fees and Charges By-Law 253-12, as amended.

Ms. Rusnov said that Committee of Adjustment fees are addressed in this Corporate Report and, specifically, page 1 of Appendix 1 of the Corporate Report. Councillor Saito requested clarification on the justification for increasing fees for minor variance residential applications by \$100 when equivalent fees for multi-residential applications from developers are not proposed to be increased. She also discussed the Committee’s 2012 recommendation on Committee of Adjustment fees and said that it would be useful to review what was approved. Mr. Kent discussed the matter and said that staff would prepare a Corporate Report on this matter for consideration at the next Council meeting on October 30, 2013. Councillor Saito suggested that the Committee’s consideration of the Committee of Adjustment’s fees be deferred and referred to staff for clarification.

Approved/Referred/Deferred (Councillor P. Saito)
Recommendation BC-0012-2013

The Chair asked Chris Mackie, MIRANET Municipal Finance Committee, if he wanted to address the Committee regarding any agenda items. Mr. Mackie thanked the Chair and responded that he did not wish to address the Committee at this time.

CLOSED SESSION – Nil

ADJOURNMENT – 11:19 a.m. (Councillor C. Fonseca)

REPORT 3-2013

TO: MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The Budget Committee presents its third report for 2013 and recommends:

BC-0005-2013

That the Corporate Report dated September 26, 2013 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Sport Field Rates" be deferred to the next Council meeting on October 30, 2013 to enable Recreation staff to meet with David A. Huctwith, President, Mississauga Southwest Baseball Association, and Robert (Bert) Dagnon, President, Mississauga North Baseball Association, to discuss their concerns regarding the Corporate Report and proposed changes to sport field rates.

BC-0006-2013

1. That the new and revised fees outlined in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 attached to the Corporate Report dated October 3, 2013 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer entitled "2014 General Fees and Charges By-Law Amendments" be approved; and
2. That a by-law be enacted, effective January 1, 2014, to establish and require payment of various fees and charges under the authority of the *Municipal Act* that incorporates all existing general fees and charges and the recommended revisions, as outlined in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 attached to the Corporate Report dated October 3, 2013 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer entitled "2014 General Fees and Charges By-Law Amendments" and that By-Law 240-12, as amended, be repealed.

BC-0007-2013

1. That the rates for Arenas and Hershey SportsZone Dome and Fieldhouse, as listed in Schedule "A" to By-Law 0305-2011, be extended for the period January 1, 2014 through May 1, 2014;
2. That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised, and existing fees and charges for Arenas and the Hershey SportsZone Dome and Fieldhouse, from May 1, 2014 through to April 30, 2015, as outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report dated September 12, 2013 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Recreation Program Fees and Rental Rates";
3. That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised, and existing fees and charges for meeting rooms, Garry W. Morden Centre, pools, Civic Centre, Central Library, Cawthra Estate, sundries, and minor centres from January 1, 2014 through to December 31, 2014, as outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report dated September 12, 2013 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Recreation Program Fees and Rental Rates"; and
4. That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised, and existing fees and charges for Recreation Program Fees from the start of the spring session 2014 through to the end of the winter session of 2015, as outlined in Appendix 2 attached to the Corporate Report dated September 12, 2013 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Recreation Program Fees and Rental Rates."

BC-0008-2013

That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised, and existing Facility Rentals and Services fees and charges for park permits and additional fees for the period of September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015 and Marinas, Forestry, and other Parks fees for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014, as outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report dated September 4, 2013 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Parks and Forestry Fees and Charges."

BC-0009-2013

1. That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised, and existing Pre-Registered Culture Program Fees from the start of the spring session 2014 through to the end of the winter session of 2015, as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Corporate Report dated September 16, 2013 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Culture Program Fees and Rental Rates"; and
2. That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised, and existing Drop-in Culture Program and Rental Rates from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, as outlined in Appendix 2 of the Corporate Report dated September 16, 2013 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Culture Program Fees and Rental Rates."

BC-0010-2013

That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised, and existing fees and charges for cemeteries for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, as outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report dated September 4, 2013 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Cemetery Fees and Charges."

BC-0011-2013

1. That the Transportation and Works Department fees and charges, as listed in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report dated September 27, 2013 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works entitled "Transportation and Works Fees and Charges By-Law" be approved; and
2. That a by-law, effective January 1, 2014, be enacted to establish new, revised, and existing fees and charges for the Transportation and Works Department, as outlined in the Corporate Report dated September 27, 2013 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works entitled "Transportation and Works Fees and Charges By-Law" and that By-Law 250-12 be repealed.

BC-0012-2013

1. That the *Planning Act* processing fees and charges, as listed in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report dated September 26, 2013 from the Commissioner of Planning and Building entitled "Amendments to the *Planning Act* Processing Fees and Charges By-Law 253-12, As Amended" be approved, with the exception of the fees and charges for the Committee of Adjustment which are referred to staff for further clarification and deferred to the next Council meeting on October 30, 2013; and
2. That a by-law, effective January 1, 2014, be enacted to establish new, revised, and existing fees and charges for the Planning and Building Department, Corporate Services Department, and Transportation and Works Department, with the exception of the fees and charges for the Committee of Adjustment which are referred to staff for further clarification and deferred to the next Council meeting on October 30, 2013, as outlined in the Corporate Report dated September 26, 2013 from the Commissioner of Planning and Building entitled "Amendments to the *Planning Act* Processing Fees and Charges By-Law 253-12, As Amended" and that By-Law 253-12 be repealed.