



MINUTES

GENERAL COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015 – 9:04 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBER – 2nd FLOOR – CIVIC CENTRE
300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, L5B 3C1

PRESENT:

Mayor Bonnie Crombie	
Councillor Jim Tovey	Ward 1 (Arrived at 9:40 am)
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 (Departed at 11:03 am)
Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8
Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9
Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11

ABSENT:

Councillor Sue McFadden	Ward 10 (As per Resolution 0009-2015)
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STAFF:

- Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer
- Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer
- Paul Mitcham, Commissioner of Community Services
- Martin Powell, Commissioner of Transportation and Works
- Ed Sajecki, Commissioner of Planning and Building
- Mary Ellen Bench, City Solicitor, Legal Services
- Crystal Greer, Directive of Legislative Services and City Clerk
- Diana Rusnov, Manager of Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk
- Sacha Smith, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services Division

The minutes reflect the order of discussion.

CALL TO ORDER - 9:04 AM

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councillor Fonseca advised that a revised Appendix 2 to Item 3 was distributed.

Amended/Approved (Councillor Iannicca)

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

PRESENTATIONS - Nil

DEPUTATIONS

A. Item 4 Jessica McEachren, Acting Forestry Manager and Ian Hanou, Plan–It-Geo

See discussion under Item 4.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by Jessica McEachren, Acting Forestry Manager and Ian Hanou, Plan–It-Geo be received and that the deputation and subject corporate report be referred to the Environmental Advisory Committee for information.

Received/Referred (Councillor Carlson)

Recommendation 0019-2015

Councillor Tovey arrived during the deputation at 9:40 am.

B. Item 5 Geoff Wright, Director, Works Operations and Maintenance and Al Sousa, Manager, Traffic Engineering and Operations

See discussion under Item 5.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by Geoff Wright, Director, Works Operations and Maintenance and Al Sousa, Manager, Traffic Engineering and Operations be received.

Received (Mayor Crombie)

Recommendation GC-0021-2015

MATTERS CONSIDERED4. 2014 Urban Forest Canopy Update

Corporate Report dated January 8, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services to provide an update on the 2014 Urban Forest Canopy.

Mr. Hanou spoke to the Urban Forest Canopy and noted the findings of existing and potential tree canopy in the City. He reviewed the recommendations from the study and commented on a comparison of the City's urban forest canopy with other municipalities.

In response to questions, Mr. Hanou noted that the effects of Emerald Ash Borer and the Asian Long-Horned Beetle would reduce the tree canopy to an average of 16%. He spoke to planting the right species in the right situations and noted that the canopy calculator could assist in determining the net result. In terms of cutting trees down, there are times it is important to do so but it is important to encourage minimizing cutting trees.

Councillor Fonseca suggested that the two page fact sheet referenced in the presentation should be sent to members of Council. Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services noted that staff would review how to reach out to residents with respect to tree plantings and further noted there would be a review of a multi-year plan to identify the tree losses and the tree planting plan to come back to General Committee.

Councillor Carlson suggested that the deputation be referred to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

In response to a question from Councillor Fonseca, Ms. McEachern noted that Emerald Ash Borer was found on another species that is not native to Ontario. No information has been provided if it has been attacking another species and having a life cycle on it.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report dated January 8, 2015 from Commissioner of Community Services entitled "2014 Urban Forest Canopy Update" be received for information.

Received (Councillor Carlson)

Recommendation GC- 0020-2015

5. 2015 Pan Am/ Parapan Am Games Transportation Delivery Progress Report

Corporate Report dated January 15, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to 2015 Pan Am/ Parapan Am Games Transportation Delivery Progress report.

Michael Cleland, Area Manager, Sports Tourism advised that a public information session was arranged with TO 2015 for March 4, 2015 where all supporting agencies would send representatives to answer general questions from businesses and residents.

Mr. Sousa provided a progress update on the transportation delivery plans for the Pan Am /Parapan Games. He noted the following next steps: test/refine the transportation plans, finalize local traffic management, develop public information campaign and pursue funding for eligible transportation delivery costs.

In response to questions from members of Committee, Mr. Sousa explained that the Region of Peel would ask the on-site representative at the Unified Transportation Coordination Centre (UTCC) questions and would communicate back and forth with the City. Mr. Wright advised that the transportation plan to get spectators and athletes to the Milton venue would be brought forward at an upcoming meeting. Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services noted that staff would include Mississauga's travel information to the different venues in the Experience Mississauga package. Mr. Wright commented on negotiations regarding cost recovery which have been positive to date. He further noted that the accessible parking requirements would be handled at the venue level.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Corporate Report dated January 15, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works entitled "Pan Am / Parapan Am Games - Transportation Delivery Progress Report" be received for information.
2. That the City of Mississauga's participation in the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) Off-Peak Deliveries (OPD) Pilot during the Games be endorsed.

Approved (Mayor Crombie)

Recommendation GC-0022-2015

1. Recommended Grant Allocations for the 2015 Arts and Culture Grant Program

Corporate Report dated January 12, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to recommended grant allocations for the 2015 Arts and Culture Grant Program.

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2015 Arts and Culture grant allocations as outlined in the corporate report “Recommended Grant Allocations for the 2015 Arts and Culture Grant Program”, dated January 12, 2015, from the Commissioner of Community Services, be approved.

Approved (Councillor Tovey)

Recommendation GC-0023-2015

2. Recommended Grant Allocations for the 2015 Cultural Festivals and Celebrations (CFC) Grant Program

Corporate Report dated January 12, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to recommended grant allocations for the 2015 Cultural Festivals and Celebrations (CFC) Grant Program.

Councillor Parrish noted that the Malton BIA would be handling the funds for the Malton Canada Day Festival.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the 2015 grant allocations for the Cultural Festivals and Celebrations Grant Program, as outlined in the corporate report “Recommended Grant Allocations for the 2015 Cultural Festivals and Celebrations Grant Program”, dated January 12, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services, be approved.
2. That a one-time transfer of \$62,664 be approved from the Reserve for the Arts (Account 305195) to the 2015 Culture grants operating budget (Account 21132) to fund the budget variance for 2015 approved Cultural Festivals and Celebrations grants.

Approved (Councillor Iannicca)

Recommendation GC-0024-2015

3. Recommended Community Grant Allocations for the 2015 Recreation and Sport Grant Program and 2015 Environment Grant Program

Corporate Report dated January 23, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to recommended community grant allocations for the 2015 Recreation and Sport Grant Program and 2015 Environment Grant Program.

Councillor Ras expressed concerned about groups that are on concerned status and receiving increased funding. She further noted that the funding for Safe City Mississauga should be reviewed. Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services explained that concerned status refers to the groups long term funding, succession and sustainability planning. In addition it acts as a flag to identify the groups that the City should work more with and there has been success with this in the past.

Councillor Parrish requested that staff arrange a meeting with the Chair of the Malton Festival and Russ Pooley, Community Development Coordinator to discuss the Malton Festival and Malton Canada Day.

In response to concerns expressed by members of Committee with respect to “concerned status”, Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services noted that staff would review it.

Mayor Crombie requested staff to look at the scheduling of competing festivals which are scheduled for back-to-back weeks at the Mississauga Celebration Square, and review permitting the booking of a 1 day event on a Sunday when the Square is booked on a Friday and Saturday of the same weekend. Mr. Mitcham advised that the matters would be reviewed.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the 2015 Recreation and Sport grant allocations as outlined in the report “Recommended Community Grant Allocations for the 2015 Recreation and Sport Grant Program and 2015 Environment Grant Program” dated January 23, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services, be approved.
2. That Safe City Mississauga be requested to make a deputation to General Committee to provide information about the organization’s operations.

Amended/Approved (Councillor Ras)

Recommendation GC-0025-2015

6. Lower Driveway Boulevard Parking – Beacon Lane (Ward 6)

Corporate Report dated January 8, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to Lower Driveway Boulevard Parking Beacon Lane.

RECOMMENDATION

That a by-law be enacted to amend The Traffic By-law 555-00, as amended, to implement lower driveway boulevard parking between the curb and sidewalk, at anytime, on both sides of Beacon Lane between Perivale Road and the east limit of the roadway .

Approved (Councillor Starr)

Recommendation GC-0026-2015

7. Parking Prohibition – Windsor Way (Ward 8)

Corporate Report dated January 8, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to Parking Prohibition Windsor Way.

RECOMMENDATION

That a by-law be enacted to amend The Traffic By-law 555-00, as amended, to implement a parking prohibition from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Windsor Way and on the south side of Windsor Way between Haydock Park Drive (west intersection) and a point 110 metres (361 feet) easterly thereof.

Approved (Councillor Mahoney)

Recommendation GC-0027-2015

8. Traffic By-law Amendments for Bicycle Lanes – Various Locations (Wards 5 and 7)

Corporate Report dated January 20, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to Traffic By-law Amendments for Bicycle Lanes – Various Locations.

RECOMMENDATION

That a by-law be enacted to amend Traffic By-law 555-2000, as amended, to modify Schedule 3 (No Parking), Schedule 15 (Lane Designation), Schedule 24 (Prohibited Entry) and Schedule 34 (Bicycle Lanes) as identified in Appendix 1 of the report titled "Bicycle Lanes – Various Locations" dated January 20, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works.

Approved (Councillor Iannicca)

Recommendation GC-0028-2015

9. Notice Agreement between the City of Mississauga and Vasyl Dovhoshyia – 484 Avonwood Drive Site Plan Application SP-13/093 (Ward 1)

Corporate Report dated January 19, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to a Notice Agreement with Vasyl Dovhoshyia, 484 Avonwood Drive, Site Plan Application SP-13/093.

RECOMMENDATION

That a by-law be enacted to authorize the Commissioner of Transportation and Works and the City Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to the Notice Agreement between Vasyl Dovhoshyia and The Corporation of the City of Mississauga to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor as outlined in the Corporate Report dated January 19, 2015 from the Commissioner of the Transportation and Works Department.

Approved (Councillor Tovey)

Recommendation GC-0029-2015

10. Assumption of Municipal Services (Ward 10)

Corporate Report dated January 15, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to the assumption of Municipal Works.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City of Mississauga assume the municipal works as constructed by the developer under the terms of the Servicing Agreement for 43M-1756, Jacan Investments (Canada) Inc., (lands located north of Switzer Gate, south of Battleford Road, west of Tenth Line West and east of Warbler Lane, in Z-56, known as 6316 Tenth Line Subdivision), and that the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$89,312.83 be returned to the developer and that a by-law be enacted to assume the road allowances within the Registered Plan as public highway and part of the municipal system of the City of Mississauga.

Approved (Councillor Carlson)

Recommendation GC-0030-2015

11. City Initiated Lifting of the “H” Holding Provision on the Surplus Lands at 3600 Thomas Street (Ward 10)

Corporate Report dated January 13, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to City initiated lifting of the “H” holding provision on the surplus lands at 3600 Thomas Street.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning and Building Department be directed to commence a City initiated lifting of the “H” holding provision on the surplus lands located at 3600 Thomas Street.

Approved (Councillor Carlson)

Recommendation GC-0031-2015

12. Authority to Apply for a Minor Variance Application – Malton Village Park (P-270) 39 Beverley St. (Ward 5)

Corporate Report dated January 13, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to authority to apply for a Minor Variance Application Malton Village Park (P-270), 39 Beverley St.

Councillor Parrish thanked staff for their work.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Services Department be authorized to apply for a minor variance application to allow an open air shelter to be installed as part of the park development at 39 Beverley Street (Malton Village Park, P-270).

Approved (Councillor Parrish)

Recommendation GC-0032-2015

13. Delegation of Regional Tax Ratio Setting Authority for 2015

Corporate Report dated January 14, 2015 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer with respect to the delegation of regional tax ratio setting authority for 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council consent to the enactment of a Regional by-law delegating tax ratio setting from the Region of Peel to Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon, in accordance with section 310 of *The Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25* for the 2015 property tax year.
2. That Council consent to the apportionment methodology in place in the 2014 taxation year updated for 2015 assessments.

Approved (Mayor Crombie)

Recommendation GC-0033-2015

14. 2014 Obsolete Corporate Policies and Procedures

Corporate Report dated January 5, 2015 from the City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer with respect to 2014 Obsolete Corporate Policies and Procedures.

RECOMMENDATION

That the following Corporate Policies and Procedures be declared obsolete and rescinded from the Corporate Policy and Procedure Manual:

1. 01-01-08 – Temporary Help Agencies
2. 03-06-04 – Returns for Credit
3. 08-03-02 – Pricing Recreation Programs
4. 08-04-01 – Issuance of Bingo Licence Tickets
5. 10-06-03 – Widening of Regional Roads
6. 10-06-04 – Minimum Road Allowances

Approved (Councillor Starr)

Recommendation GC-0034-2015

15. Appointing City Employees as Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the Purpose of Enforcing Municipal By-laws

Corporate Report dated January 16, 2015 from the City Solicitor with respect to appointing City employees as Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the purpose of enforcing municipal by-laws.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That a by-law be enacted to appoint City Employees as Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the purpose of enforcing municipal by-laws.
2. That By-law 0299-2004, as amended be repealed.

Approved (Councillor Tovey)

Recommendation GC-0035-2015

16. 2015 Malton Canada Day City Support (Ward 5)

Corporate Report dated January 29, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to the 2015 Malton Canada Day City Support.

Councillor Parrish thanked staff for their work.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Commissioner of Community Services be authorized to enter into a Letter of Agreement with the 2015 Malton Canada Day Event Chair, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to confirm the terms and conditions for in-kind support up to a maximum value of \$3,000, as outlined in the report entitled “2015 Malton Canada Day City Support”, dated January 29, 2015.

Approved (Councillor Parrish)

Recommendation GC-0036-2015

17. Ontario 2015 Budget: Pre-Budget Submission

Corporate Report dated January 30, 2015 from the City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer with respect to the Ontario 2015 Budget.

Janice Baker, City Manager advised that the report was not submitted to the Province as the submission deadline is on February 13, 2015. She further noted that the Mayor spoke to 3 of the issues: economy, infrastructure funding and the LRT at a roundtable session at the Living Arts Centre.

Members of Committee made the following comments:

- More information is needed in the document, for example the number of people that could be using the all-day two-way GO service to the business parks.
Comments regarding the issue of safety with removing the freight trains of the rail line.
- No statistical information was included in the economy section.
- The sustainable infrastructure funding needs to be more convincing with impacts on the budget and costing.
- More hard data, benefits, costing, colour, graphs and diagrams.
- On page 1 of Appendix 1, the 2% infrastructure levy needs to be clarified to read that 1% is for debt repayment and 1% infrastructure levy.
- Use “active transportation” instead of cycling for new infrastructure.
- Clarification is needed with respect to the reference to a strategy for Life Sciences business cluster on page 3 of Appendix 1.
- Statistics are needed for the Youth Employment Fund
- It is not clear how much money we have for Inspiration Lakeview and how much we are asking for.
- The importance of the GTAA Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) needs to be emphasized.

- The revenue generating items such as the fines and PILT should be at the beginning.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report entitled, 'Ontario 2015 Budget: Pre-Budget Submission', inclusive of Appendix 1, dated January 30, 2015 from the City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer be revised to incorporate the changes requested at the February 4, 2015 General Committee meeting.
2. That the Mayor be directed to forward the approved submission to the Minister of Finance, the local MPPs and MPs, Ontario's Big City Mayors (LUMCO) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Amended/Approved (Councillor Saito)
Recommendation GC-0037-2015

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee Report 1-2015 – January 14, 2015
(Recommendation MCAC-0001-2015 to MCAC-0005-2015)

Approved (Councillor Carlson)
Recommendation GC-0038-2015 to GC-0042-2015

Traffic Safety Council Report 1-2015 – January 28, 2015
(Recommendation TSC-0001-2015 to TSC-0041-2015)

Approved (Councillor Iannicca)
Recommendation GC-0043-2015 to GC-0083-2015

COUNCILLORS' ENQUIRIES

Mayor Crombie requested a service level review to look at the City's services and programs to ensure that there is good value for tax dollars. Councillor Carlson requested that the City Manager forward a copy of the last service review to all members of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That staff be directed to prepare a report to General Committee on a service level review and include the costs, process and what should be accomplished.

Approved (Mayor Crombie)
Recommendation GC-0084-2015

Councillor Iannicca departed the meeting at 11:03 am.

Councillor Starr enquired about winter service levels. Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works explained the staff response times and noted that he would discuss it with staff. He noted that staff could send information to members of Council that clarifies the response times for complaints about snow removal that can be explained to the residents in a consistent message.

Councillor Saito noted her concerns regarding the Roads App with respect to snow clearing. She noted that she would be meeting with staff to discuss her concerns further. Councillor Saito requested that staff prepare a report on implementing flag raisings and proclamations. Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer advised that staff have done some research on lighting the Square, flag raisings and proclamations.

RECOMMENDATION

That staff be directed to prepare a report to General Committee on incorporating flag raisings and proclamations at the City.

Approved (Councillor Saito)

Recommendation GC-0085-2015

Councillor Ras requested that staff look into having the Roads App available for Blackberry phones.

Councillor Mahoney noted that the restaurant at Iceland Arena opens at 5 pm on the weekends and inquired about an earlier time. Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services noted that he could meet with Councillor Mahoney to discuss it.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Crombie spoke to her meeting with the Premier of Ontario and discussed a number of issues outlined in the pre-budget submission. She further spoke to the Civic Action meeting with other Mayors and Chairs and the upcoming FCM Big City Mayors conference. Mayor Crombie thanked Councillor Tovey for the joint Ward 1 office hours.

CLOSED SESSION

(Pursuant to Subsection 239 (2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*)

- A. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board – 2333 North Sheridan Way (Ward 2) – Execution of Tolling Agreement

This matter was discussed in public session.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the in camera report from the City Solicitor dated January 16, 2015 titled “2333 North Sheridan Way (Ward 2); Execution of Tolling Agreement” be received for information; and
2. That the City Solicitor or her designate be authorized to enter into a tolling agreement with 2333 NSW Inc. to protect the claims of the City.

Approved (Councillor Ras)

Recommendation GC-0086-2015

ADJOURNMENT – 11:27 AM