City of Mississauga

Minutes



Budget Committee

Date

September 23, 2015

Time

1:36 PM

Location

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

Members Present

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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
Martin Powell, Commissioner of Transportation and Works
Ed Sajecki, Commissioner of Planning and Building
Crystal Greer, Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk
Diana Rusnov, Manager of Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk
Sacha Smith, Legislative Coordinator

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:36 PM

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

<u>Approved</u> (Councillor Starr)

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

DEPUTATIONS

Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer provided opening comments with respect to the budget process. He spoke to budget engagement including the budget allocator tool, a pilot to have Councillors go to high schools to talk about the budget and the Environics satisfaction survey.

A. <u>Item 1 Brian Webster, Mississauga Hockey League (MHL) with respect to ice user fees.</u>

Mr. Webster spoke to cost increases for the MHL and the requirement to commit to booking ice time well in advance of registration. He expressed concern that there is no ability to get a discount on or give back excess ice time.

Councillors Ras, Fonseca and Parrish spoke to the matter and noted that staff should meet with the MHL for to review their concerns prior to budget approval.

Direction was given to staff to continue discussions with MHL.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by Brian Webster, Mississauga Hockey League with respect to ice user fees be received.

Received (Councillor Ras)
Recommendation BC-0036-2015

B. <u>Item 2 David Fisher, Resident</u>

Mr. Fisher expressed concerns with the increase in transit fares and the Presto system.

Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works advised that staff have requested that Presto provide standalone machines for transit riders to reload their cards on their own. Geoff Marinoff, Director, Transit advised that commercial locations would supplement the GO stations and community centre locations.

INFORMATION ITEM

A. Spreadsheet submitted by David Fisher, resident with respect to transit fare cost for Canada.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by David Fisher, resident with respect to transit fare increases, be received.

Received (Councillor Mahoney)
Recommendation BC-0037-2015

C. Item 5 David Huctwith, President, Mississauga Southwest Baseball Association

Mr. Huctwith spoke to the matter and noted support for the staff recommendations.

Received (Councillor Mahoney)
Recommendation BC-0038-2015

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit

Chris Mackie, Miranet enquired about the impact on the 2016 revenue to cost recovery ratio if MiWay foregoes a price increase in 2016 so that it retains the 200 000 lost rides and the annual expansion.

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. Recreation Program Fees and Rental Rates

Corporate Report dated August 20, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to Recreation Program Fees and Rental Rates

Members of Committee spoke to the matter and raised the following concerns:

- Direction given to staff to review a separate rate for the teaching kitchen at Meadowvale Community Centre and report back.
- Suggested that staff consider side court tickets for Raptor 905 games for suite holders as an incentive.
- Would like an update on the number of Hershey Suites that are purchased.

In response to questions from members of Committee, Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services advised that a report would be coming back to address operations at Braeben Golf Course. He explained the Hershey Centre Suite Licenses.

RECOMMENDATION

- That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised and existing charges for Arenas and the Hershey SportsZone Dome and Fieldhouse, from May 1, 2016 through to April 30, 2017 as outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report dated August 20, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Recreation Program Fees and Rental Rates."
- 2. That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised and existing charges for meeting rooms, Garry W Morden Centre, pools, civic centre, central library, sundries and minor centres, from January 1, 2016 through to December 31, 2016 as outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report dated August 20, 2015 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 charges for Recreation program fees from the start of the Spring session 2016 through to the end of the Winter session of 2017 as outlined in Appendix 3 attached to the Corporate Report dated August 20, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled Recreation Program Fees and Rental Rates.
- 4. That the proposed ice rental rates for 2016 be deferred for further review by staff and to report back to Budget Committee.

<u>Amended/Approved</u> (Councillor Fonseca) Recommendation BC-0039-2015

2. <u>MiWay 2016 Fare Strategy</u>

Corporate Report dated July 13, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to the MiWay 2016 Fare Strategy.

Councillor Parrish expressed concern about bus wrap advertising on transit buses.

In response to questions from Councillors Parrish and Carlson, Geoff Marinoff, Director, Transit spoke to the advertising contracts for transit buses and revenue. He noted that staff would be reporting back on the senior \$1 fare.

In response to questions from Mr. Mackie, Mr. Marinoff explained that when the price goes up there is a change in demand. If Council decides against a fare increase for 2016 there would be an impact of 1.5% on the revenue cost ratio. Mr. Marinoff explained the price increases for each fare category.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the proposed transit fare changes outlined in the report to Budget Committee dated July 13, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works be implemented effective May 2, 2016.
- 2. That MiWay introduce an adult monthly pass on the Presto smartcard effective February 1, 2016.
- 3. That adult and senior paper monthly passes be discontinued effective May 1, 2016.
- 4. That GO Transit cash co-fare is eliminated effective January 1, 2016.
- 5. That a by-law be enacted to establish the proposed 2016 MiWay fares and related charges as set out in Appendix 1 of the report to Budget Committee dated July 13, 2015 and MiWay Fares By-law 0287-2014 be repealed.

<u>Approved</u> (Councillor Parrish) Recommendation BC-0040-2015

3. <u>2016 General Fees and Charges By-law Amendments</u>

Corporate Report dated September 8, 2015 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer with respect to the 2016 General Fees and Charges By-law Amendments.

In response to questions from Councillors Ras and Tovey, Dave Martin, Committee of Adjustment Secretary/Treasurer explained that the fee increase for burial permits are due to additional mailing costs that are now required. He further noted that there would be a report back in October 2015 with respect to mail outs for the Ministry of Environment.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the new and revised fees outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report dated September 8, 2015 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer entitled "2016 General Fees and Charges By-law Amendments" be approved.
- 2. That a by-law be enacted, effective January 1, 2016, 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 attached to the Corporate Report dated September 8, 2015 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer entitled "2016 General Fees and Charges By-law Amendments" and that By-law 0296-14, as amended be repealed.

<u>Approved</u> (Councillor lannicca) Recommendation BC-0041-2015

4. Fire and Emergency Services Fees and Charges: 2016

Corporate Report dated August 31, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to 2016 Fire and Emergency Services Fees and Charges.

In response to questions from members of Committee, Jamie Zimmerman, Assistant Chief explained that staff are reviewing the Fireworks By-law and would take the suggestion of including cleanup costs in the permits for consideration. He explained that the new fire plans examinations fees are for special uses that are not required by the Building and Fire Codes but there is value in reviewing it. Tracey Martino, Executive Officer spoke to the billing of Fire Services when responding to calls for service on the highway and City streets.

RECOMMENDATION

That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised and existing Fire and Emergency Services Fees and Charges from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 as outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report dated August 31, 2015 from the

Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Fire and Emergency Services Fees and Charges: 2016".

<u>Approved</u> (Councillor Starr) Recommendation BC-0042-2015

5. Parks and Forestry Fees and Charges

Corporate Report dated July 13, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to Parks and Forestry Fees and Charges.

Councillor lannicca spoke to the report and noted that where applicable the cost of port - o-potties should be included in the park permits fee for the location and suggested that Community Services staff review this. Councillor Parrish noted that she would be introducing the need for public washrooms due to health issues at the Region of Peel.

Councillor Ras requested that staff review waiving the fees for veterans' grave and report back.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised and existing fees and charges for park permits and additional fees for the period of September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017, and Marinas, Forestry, Sports Fields, Cemeteries and other Parks fees for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 as outlined in Appendix 1, Appendix 2, and Appendix 3 attached to the Corporate Report dated July 13, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Parks and Forestry Fees and Charges".
- 2. That the matter of waiving fees for veterans' grave be deferred for review by staff and to report back to Budget Committee.

<u>Approved</u> (Councillor Ras) Recommendation BC-0043-2015

6. <u>Culture Program Fees and Rental Rates: 2016</u>

Corporate Report dated August 21, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to 2016 Culture Program Fees and Rental Rates.

In response to questions and comments from Councillors Starr and Parrish, Sonja Banic, Manager, Culture Operations explained the vendor fees. Paul Damaso, Director, Culture explained the mandatory costs for garbage bins for rentals on the Mississauga Celebration Square.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised and existing Pre-Registered Culture Program Fees from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017, as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Corporate Report dated August 21, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Culture Program Fees and Rental Rates: 2016".
- 2. That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised and existing Culture Program and Rental Rates from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 as outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report dated August 21st, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Culture Program Fees and Rental Rates 2016.

<u>Approved</u> (Councillor Fonseca) Recommendation BC-0044-2015

7. Amendments to the *Planning Act* Processing Fees and Charges By-law 288-14, as amended

Corporate Report dated September 8, 2015 from the Commissioner of Planning and Building with respect to amendments to the Planning Act Processing Fees and Charges By-law 288-14, as amended.

In response to a question from Councillor Tovey, Ingrid Sulz McDowell, Manager, Planning Services Centre advised that the fees for each area of the City are based on land value. She further noted that staff would confirm when the last study on land value was completed and provide the information to Councillor Tovey.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the *Planning Act* processing fees and charges, as listed in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report dated September 8, 2015 from the Commissioner of Planning and Building titled "Amendments to the *Planning Act* Processing Fees and Charges By-law 288-14, as amended" be approved.

2. That a by-law, effective January 1, 2016, be enacted to revise existing fees and charges for the Planning and Building Department, Corporate Services Department, and Transportation and Works Department as outlined in the Corporate Report dated September 8, 2015 from the Commissioner of Planning and Building titled, "Amendments to the *Planning Act* Processing Fees and Charges By-law 288-14, as amended".

<u>Approved</u> (Councillor lannicca) Recommendation BC-0045-2015

8. <u>Transportation and Works Fees and Charges By-law</u>

Corporate Report dated August 26, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to the Transportation and Works Fees and Charges By-law.

In response to questions from Councillor Ras, Mickey Frost, Director, Enforcement explained that the increase in adoption fees are to cover the City's costs of spaying or neutering pets.

Councillor Ras requested that staff provide actuals from past years with respect to cat and dog adoptions. She further requested information on the towing fees that did not require a budget in 2015.

In response to a question from Councillor Parrish, Mr. Frost noted that he would look into what is done if someone needs to surrender their pet but can afford the fee.

RECOMMENDATION

 That the Transportation and Works Department fees and charges, as listed in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report dated August 26, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works entitled "Transportation and Works Fees and Charges By-law" be approved.

2. That a by-law, effective January 1, 2016, be enacted to establish new, revised, and existing fees and charges for the Transportation and Works Department as outlined in the Corporate Report dated August 26, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works entitled, "Transportation and Works Fees and Charges By-law" and that By-law 250-14 be repealed.

<u>Approved</u> (Councillor Ras) Recommendation BC-0046-2015

9. Park 459 Lands and Indoor Pool (Ward 10)

Corporate Report dated September 1, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to Park 459 Lands and Indoor Pool.

Councillor McFadden spoke to amend the recommendation to add an indoor pool to the design for the community centre, subject to budget considerations.

Members of Committee spoke to the report to express support or concerns regarding the addition of an indoor pool to the design of the community centre.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council receive the report dated September 1, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services titled "Park 459 Land and Indoor Pool."
- 2. That Council approve the construction of an indoor aquatic facility as part of Phase 1 of the indoor facility at Park 459 and that a ten-year debenture be issued to fund the capital cost with repayment starting in 2016 according to the recommendation of Corporate Finance in the report.

<u>Amended/Approved</u> (Councillor McFadden) Recommendation BC-0047-2015

10. <u>Proposed Development of a Beach Volleyball Venue at Lakefront Promenade Park</u> (Ward 1)

Corporate Report dated August 14, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to a proposed development of a beach volleyball venue at Lakefront Promenade Park.

Councillor Tovey spoke to the need for a beach volleyball venue in Mississauga. Councillors Saito, Kovac and Parrish spoke in support of the beach volleyball venue.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council approve the construction of a beach volleyball facility starting in 2015 at Lakefront Promenade Park as a legacy to the 2016 Ontario Summer Games by establishing PN 15-349 Beach Volleyball Venue, with a gross and net budget of \$669,000.
- 2. That funds of \$367,950 from the Capital Reserve Fund (Account 33121), and \$301,050 from the Development Charges Recreation Reserve Fund (Account 31315), be allocated to PN 15-349.
- 3. That all necessary by-laws be enacted.

<u>Approved</u> (Councillor Tovey) Recommendation BC-0048-2015

CLOSED SESSION - Nil

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

ADJOURNMENT - 3:56 PM