



MINUTES

BUDGET COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015 – 2:03 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER

SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE

300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, L5B 3C1

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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 John Kovac	Ward 4
	Councillor Carolyn Parrish	Ward 5
	Councillor Ron Starr	Ward 6
	Councillor Nando Iannicca	Ward 7 (Departed at 2:30pm)
	Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8
	Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9
	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, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer	
	Ed Sajecki, Commissioner, Planning and Building	
	Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works	
	Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services	
	Mary Ellen Bench, City Solicitor	
	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 - 2:03 PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (Councillor Starr)

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

DEPUTATIONS

A. Jeff Jackson, Director, Finance and Treasurer with respect to the 2016-2018 Business Plan & 2016 Budget Outlook

Mr. Jackson presented the possible 2016 operating budget summary, cost to maintain service levels, efficiencies, cost savings, the breakdown of the proposed new initiatives, impact on operating budget and the projected tax bill impact.

David Ferreira, Communications spoke to the budget engagement process including a citizen survey and an option of tools to engage the citizens. He further spoke to the information tools and resources to support the budget process.

Members of Committee spoke to the matter and made the following comments:

- Staff to provide more detail on the costing for staff resources to implement the communication methods proposed for the budget engagement process.
- The budget allocator could be more granular and include more open-ended questions.
- There is value in engaging the youth on the City budget.
- More engagement in the budget process is needed.

Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer suggested that staff could provide the appropriate costs for the telephone town hall option, youth engagement options and ramp up the quality and experience with the budget allocator.

Received (Councillor McFadden)

Councillor Iannicca departed the meeting at 2:30pm during Deputation A.

B. David Fisher, Resident with respect to the 2016 MiWay Budget.

Mr. Fisher appeared before Committee with respect to the City budget, in particular the MiWay budget. He noted that the MiWay budget should be increased to reduce service times and purchase more buses.

Received (Councillor Ras)

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

(Persons who wish to address the Budget Committee about a matter on the Agenda. Persons addressing the Budget Committee with a question should limit preamble to a maximum of two statements sufficient to establish the context for the question. Leave must be granted by the Committee to deal with any matter not on the Agenda)

Chris Mackie, MIRANET enquired about what is driving the increase to maintain current MiWay service levels and what MiWay service levels were reduced. He further enquired about the Stormwater Charge and the 11 FTE for the Stormwater Program.

Jeff Jackson, Director, Finance and Treasurer explained the costs that drive the increase to maintain the MiWay service levels and the service levels that were reduced. He further spoke to the FTEs for the Stormwater Program.

MATTERS CONSIDERED – Nil

EDUCATION SESSION

Jim Bruzzese, President, BMA Consulting Inc. provided an Education Session regarding the Long Range Financial Plan during open session in the Council Chamber.

Mr. Bruzzese spoke to the process and status of the long range financial plan, reviewed the financial condition assessment highlights which include the growth and socio-economic indicators, municipal levy, financial position, summary of current state and the financial model.

In response to questions from Committee, Mr. Bruzzese advised that he did not foresee any issues for the next 10 years providing the City continues with the policies that are currently in place. Mississauga has some proactive approaches with respect to aging infrastructure. He further explained the construction activity per capita – 5 year average for Mississauga with respect to other Ontario municipalities and the GTA.

Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer explained that staff would be reviewing the recommendations and the master plan and make incremental recommendations to Council over a period of years.

Received (Councillor Saito)

CLOSED SESSION – Nil

ADJOURNMENT- 3:32 PM