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## Budget Committee

### Date

2017/9/20

### Time

9:04 AM

### Location

Civic Centre, Council Chamber,  
300 City Centre Drive,  
Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1

### 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 (Arrived at 9:08 AM)
Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9 (Arrived at 9:07 AM)
Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11

### 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  
Geoff Wright, Commissioner of Transportation and Works  
Ed Sajecki, Commissioner of Planning and Building  
Andrew Whittemore, Director of City Planning Strategies  
Jeff Jackson, Director of Finance  
Diana Rusnov, Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk  
Sacha Smith, Acting Manager of Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk  
Trish Sarnicki, Legislative Coordinator

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:04 AM

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (Councillor Tovey)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil.

4. DEPUTATIONS – Nil.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit

Chris Mackie, MIRANET inquired what the actual operating surplus of the budget is as of June 30th, as he could not find this information in the Financial Corporate Report dated June 30, 2017. In response to Mr. Mackie, Mayor Bonnie Crombie noted that operating surplus is when labour gapping occurs at the end of year, which is unpredictable. Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, explained that the actual operating surplus is accounted for until the end of June, with the surplus forecasted for the remainder of the year, as the surplus must take into account a variety of service area expenses that cannot be counted precisely until later in the year.

In response to questions from Mr. Mackie, Mr. Kent noted that the remainder of the operating budget for Stormwater includes transfers to reserves, noting that the Stormwater user charge is a multi-year capital program, which means that the money collected will not necessarily be spent in the same year, and that the Stormwater reserves are separate and distinct and only accessed for the purpose of Stormwater projects. Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer, added that an excess of \$30 million goes into the capital reserve, and that the precise numbers will be provided to Mr. Mackie.

Councillor Jim Tovey commented that prior to implementing the Stormwater charge the infrastructure replacement deficit was at approximately \$1.5 to \$1.6 billion, with Mr. Kent noting that it was very significant and that the Stormwater charge led to triple the capital program over the next 10 years. Councillor Tovey added that this assists with a lot of infrastructure that helps with flooding.

In response to questions from Mr. Mackie, Geoff Wright, Commissioner of Transportation and Works noted that a slight increase of cash payment for using MiWay is proposed, while keeping Presto fares the same. Mr. Wright added that MiWay operating costs are outlined in the business plan and budget.

6. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

6.1. Financial Assistance Programs for Low-Income Seniors

In response to questions from Councillor Starr, Connie Mesih, Director, Revenue & Materiel Management responded that the tax rebate program for low-income seniors

was established in 2010 at \$200, and increased in 2013 to \$400, when yard maintenance was included along with snow removal.

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

- That senior residents had asked for an increase in the amount provided for snow removal, and recommended that the amount be increased either between \$450 to \$500, or by 10%;
- That the program being provided for low-income seniors is income-tested and is generous;
- That the statistics provided with regard to the senior's population come from a 2011 Household National Survey, not specific to Mississauga;
- That the senior's population in the City is increasing, and that budgetary pressures will only increase;
- The province of Ontario also provides up to \$500 assistance to seniors.
- That the yard maintenance program is limited by the number of applicants;
- That the property taxation of seniors needs to be examined by the federal and provincial governments;
- That the programs should be changed to sliding-scale;
- That the rebate program requires a thorough review.

In response to questions from Councillor Ras, Ms. Mesih explained the various methods of promoting and advertising the tax rebate program and is in discussion with the Communications department regarding promoting the program. Ms. Mesih commented that the City does not do outreach with Region of Peel or its partner organizations, but will look into the matter. Ms. Mesih stated that the \$400 provided is not sliding scale; however, each year benchmarking is completed against other municipalities.

Councillor Saito requested a chart be made available that shows all of the assistance programs available for seniors, specifically, the item, the amount of the rebate (including provincial) and what the requirements are, and suggested that it be on the City's website. Councillor Saito also requested a report to examine a sliding scale for some of these programs, with Mr. Kent responding that a report would be provided to Budget Committee.

In response to a question from from Councillor Carlson, Ms. Mesih noted that when residents apply for the tax subsidy, they can at the same time apply for their stormwater subsidy.

Councillor Starr requested a matrix or chart of all the programs that are available for low-income seniors, with Mr. Kent noting it will be provided, as well as posted on the City's website.

In response to questions from Councillor Parish, Ms. Mesih and Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer noted that due to a lack of income information, verification would be required and the City does not have the infrastructure to support this process. Councillor Saito inquired whether a tax return could be used to verify

income, with Mr. Kent responding that this will be examined and included in the report to Budget Committee.

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer dated September 5, 2017 entitled Financial Assistance Programs for Low-Income Seniors be received for information.
2. That By-law 56-10 be amended to reflect a change in the definition of an eligible person to include the owner of the property and the spouse of the owner.

<b>RECORDED VOTE</b>	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie	X			
Councillor J. Tovey	X			
Councillor K. Ras	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor C. Parrish	X			
Councillor R. Starr	X			
Councillor N. Iannicca	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor P. Saito	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor G. Carlson	X			

Approved (Councillor Starr) (12, 0)  
Recommendation BC-0007-2017

#### 6.2. 2018 Recreation Program Fees and Rental Rate

In response to questions from Members of Committee, Shari Lichterman, Director, Recreation noted that she would follow up on the matter of government agency rates, review the standard operation procedure with regard to room set up to ensure the service is more customer friendly, noted that adjustments have been made to ensure attractive rates for groups that rent ice rinks at the last minute, explained that Lorne Park Hall has a charge because it is a satellite facility that is not regularly staffed, and is staffed upon request. Ms. Lichterman added that she will follow up on the matter of the Lorne Park Hall charge, with Councillor Ras asking that the hall be designated a meeting room.

In response to questions from Councillor Mahoney, Ms. Lichterman explained that while ice rental rates have been increased, the fees have been spread out over 3 years so that the costs can be more easily absorbed, and that the City provides ice rinks at no cost for entry level participants that partake in the City's sponsorship programs.

In response to a question from Councillor Parish, Ms. Lichterman noted that Edge Catering's contract has been extended throughout the 2018 event season, and an RFP is being worked on for the 2019 event season.

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised and existing charges for Arenas and the Mississauga SportZone Dome and Fieldhouse, from May 1, 2018 through to April 30, 2019 as outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report entitled "Recreation Program Fees and Rental Rates" from the Commissioner of Community Services dated August 24, 2017.
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, 2018 through to December 31, 2018 as outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report entitled "Recreation Program Fees and Rental Rates" from the Commissioner of Community Services dated August 24, 2017.
3. That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised and existing charges for Recreation program fees from the start of the Spring session 2018 through to the end of the Winter session of 2019 as outlined in Appendix 2 attached to the Corporate Report entitled "Recreation Program Fees and Rental Rates" from the Commissioner of Community Services dated August 24, 2017.

<b>RECORDED VOTE</b>	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie	X			
Councillor J. Tovey	X			
Councillor K. Ras	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor C. Parrish	X			
Councillor R. Starr	X			
Councillor N. Iannicca	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor P. Saito			X	
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor G. Carlson	X			

Approved (Councillor Parish) (11, 0, 1 - Absent)  
Recommendation BC-0008-2017

#### 6.3. MiWay Fare Strategy - 2018

In response to questions from Members of the Committee, Geoff Wright, Commissioner of Transportation and Works noted that the report will highlight the data pertaining to seniors' usage of 1 dollar fare, and spoke to marketing efforts by the division, with Mary-

Lou Johnston, Manager, Business Development added that seniors' dollar fare usage is increasing. Mr. Wright spoke to cash processing and coin processing, noting that a report will be brought forward with regard to the fixed costs of the cash handling process.

In response to questions from Councillor Ras, Mr. Wright spoke to the status of the Metrolinx fare integration strategy, noting that a report will be brought forward, and Ms. Johnston explained that fare increases for youth have been enacted in order to encourage PRESTO usage. Councillor Ras requested that staff break down each line item to show how much each fare category contributes to the overall revenue.

In response to questions from Councillor Fonseca, Mr. Wright explained that the fare will not change when the Bus Rapid Transit is fully operational, and Ms. Johnston will look into the matter of expanding the age of the Freedom Pass.

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the proposed transit fare changes outlined in the report to Budget Committee dated August 25, 2017 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works be implemented effective January 29, 2018.
2. That a by-law be enacted to establish the proposed 2018 MiWay fares and related charges as set out in Appendix 1 of the report to Budget Committee dated August 25, 2017 and MiWay fares By-law 210-16 be repealed.

<b>RECORDED VOTE</b>	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie	X			
Councillor J. Tovey	X			
Councillor K. Ras	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor C. Parrish	X			
Councillor R. Starr	X			
Councillor N. Iannicca	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor P. Saito	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor G. Carlson	X			

Approved (Councillor Ras) (12, 0)  
Recommendation BC-0009-2017

#### 6.4. 2018 General Fees and Charges By-law Amendments

In response to questions from Councillor Ras, Mary-Ellen Bench, City Solicitor explained that the 10% increase of fees with regard to legal services is to keep in line with what

other municipalities charge, as evidenced by benchmarking, and is also reflective of significant staff time being used to deal with increasingly complex legal agreements.

Councillor Saito thanked staff for the implementation of the online simplified tax receipt.

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the new and revised fees outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report dated September 7, 2017 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer entitled "2018 General Fees and Charges By-law Amendments" be approved.
2. That a by-law be enacted, effective January 1, 2018, 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 7, 2017 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer entitled "2018 General Fees and Charges By-law Amendments" and that By-law 0211-16, as amended be repealed.

<b>RECORDED VOTE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mayor B. Crombie	X			
Councillor J. Tovey	X			
Councillor K. Ras	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor C. Parrish	X			
Councillor R. Starr	X			
Councillor N. Iannicca	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor P. Saito	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor G. Carlson	X			

Approved (Councillor Saito) (12, 0)  
Recommendation BC-0010-2017

#### 6.5. 2018 Fire & Emergency Services Fees and Charges By-Law related to Fire & Emergency Services

#### RECOMMENDATION

That a by-law be enacted to establish fees and charges for Mississauga Fire & Emergency Services in accordance with the report to Budget Committee from the Commissioner of Community Services dated August 9, 2017 and that said by-law be effective as of January 1, 2018.

<b>RECORDED VOTE</b>	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie	X			
Councillor J. Tovey	X			
Councillor K. Ras	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor C. Parrish	X			
Councillor R. Starr	X			
Councillor N. Iannicca	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor P. Saito	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor G. Carlson	X			

Approved (Councillor Iannicca) (12, 0)  
Recommendation BC-0011-2017

6.6. 2018 Parks and Forestry Fees and Charges

In response to questions from Councillor Ras, Laura Buchal, Manager, Compliance explained that LEAN improvements are being examined regarding the administration process for rainout delays so that the process is streamlined.

RECOMMENDATION

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, 2018 to August 31, 2019, and Marinas, Forestry, Sports Fields, Cemeteries and other Parks fees for the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 as outlined in Appendix 1, Appendix 2, and Appendix 3 attached to the Corporate Report dated August 24, 2017 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "2018 Parks and Forestry Fees and Charges".

<b>RECORDED VOTE</b>	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie	X			
Councillor J. Tovey	X			
Councillor K. Ras	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor C. Parrish	X			



Councillor R. Starr	X			
Councillor N. Iannicca	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor P. Saito	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor G. Carlson	X			

Approved (Councillor Ras) (12, 0)  
Recommendation BC-0012-2017

6.7. 2018 Culture Program Fees and Rental Rates

RECOMMENDATION

1. That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised and existing Pre-Registered Culture Program Fees from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019, as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Corporate Report dated August 18, 2017 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "2018 Culture Program Fees and Rental Rates".
2. That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised and existing Culture Program and Rental Rates from January 1, through December 31, 2018 as outlined in Appendix 2 attached to the Corporate Report dated August 18, 2017 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "2018 Culture Program Fees and Rental Rates".

<b>RECORDED VOTE</b>	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie	X			
Councillor J. Tovey	X			
Councillor K. Ras	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor C. Parrish	X			
Councillor R. Starr	X			
Councillor N. Iannicca	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor P. Saito	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor G. Carlson	X			

Approved (Councillor Tovey) (12, 0)  
Recommendation BC-0013-2017

6.8. Amendments to the Planning Act Process Fees and Charges By-law 290-16, as amended

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Planning Act processing fees and charges, as listed in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report dated September 5, 2017 from the Commissioner of Planning and Building titled "Amendments to the Planning Act Processing Fees and Charges By law 290 16, as amended" be approved.
2. That a by-law, effective January 1, 2018, 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 5, 2017 from the Commissioner of Planning and Building titled, "Amendments to the Planning Act Processing Fees and Charges By-law 290-16, as amended".

<b>RECORDED VOTE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mayor B. Crombie	X			
Councillor J. Tovey	X			
Councillor K. Ras	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor C. Parrish	X			
Councillor R. Starr	X			
Councillor N. Iannicca	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor P. Saito	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor G. Carlson	X			

Approved (Councillor Iannicca) (12, 0)  
Recommendation BC-0014-2017

6.9. 2018 Transportation and Works Fees and Charges

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Transportation and Works Department fees and charges, as outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report dated August 15, 2017 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works entitled "2018 Transportation and Works Fees and Charges By-law" be approved.
2. That a by-law, effective January 1, 2018, 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 15, 2017 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works entitled, "2018 Transportation and Works Fees and

Charges By-law" and that By-law 214-16 be repealed.

<b>RECORDED VOTE</b>	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie	X			
Councillor J. Tovey	X			
Councillor K. Ras	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor C. Parrish	X			
Councillor R. Starr	X			
Councillor N. Iannicca	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor P. Saito	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor G. Carlson	X			

Approved (Councillor Starr) (12, 0)  
Recommendation BC-0015-2017

#### 6.10. Road Occupancy, Lot Grading and Municipal Services Protection Deposit By-law Update

In response to questions from Councillor Tovey, Geoff Wright, Commissioner of Transportation and Works confirmed the current process regarding road damage deposits and would review the prospect of a non-refundable fee that can go to a reserve to fund for future road resurfacing programs.

In response to questions from Councillor Saito, Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer noted that direction to staff was no different than in the past, and prefers for all fees to be shown on reports, regardless of changes, and will confirm authority from Council for the charges, with a supplementary report provided if necessary. Mr. Wright added that fees currently shown in the report are the ones that are changing, but will amend the report to capture all fees, regardless of changes.

Councillor Fonseca suggested a penalty charge for residents that do not have proper road occupancy permits.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That a by-law be enacted to amend the Road Occupancy, Lot Grading and Municipal Services Protection Deposit By-law 0251-2012, as amended, to effect housekeeping measures and general amendments as outlined in the report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, dated August 16, 2017 and entitled "Road Occupancy, Lot Grading and Municipal Services Protection Deposit By-law Update".

RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie	X			
Councillor J. Tovey	X			
Councillor K. Ras	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor C. Parrish	X			
Councillor R. Starr	X			
Councillor N. Iannicca	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor P. Saito	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor G. Carlson	X			

Approved (Councillor Starr) (12, 0)  
Recommendation BC-0016-2017

7. CLOSED SESSION – Nil.
8. ADJOURNMENT – 10:40AM (Councillor Tovey)