
Budget Committee

Date

2018/06/13

Time

1:13 PM

Location

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

Members

Councillor David Cook	Ward 1
Councillor Karen Ras	Ward 2
Councillor Chris Fonseca	Ward 3
Councillor John Kovac	Ward 4 (Chair)
Councillor Ron Starr	Ward 6
Councillor Nando Iannicca	Ward 7
Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8
Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9
Councillor Sue McFadden	Ward 10 (Departed at 1:57 PM)
Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11

Members Absent

Mayor Bonnie Crombie	(Chair) (Other Municipal Business)
Councillor Carolyn Parrish	Ward 5

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
Andrew Whittemore Commissioner of Planning and Building
Jeff Jackson, Director of Finance and Treasurer
Diana Rusnov, Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk
Sacha Smith, Manager of Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk
Trish Sarnicki, Legislative Coordinator

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 1:13 PM
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Approved (Councillor McFadden)
3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil.
4. DEPUTATIONS
- 4.1. Jeff Jackson, Director of Finance and Treasurer to provide an overview of the 2019-2022 Business Plan and 2019 Preliminary Outlook

Mr. Jackson, Director of Finance and Treasurer, provided an overview of the 2019-2022 Business Plan and 2019 Preliminary Outlook.

Members of the Committee raised the following concerns and comments:

- What the dollar amount is that equates to 1% on tax rate;
- Expected reduction in amount of tax rate by half a percent, by applying revenue from hotel tax;
- Clearly defined 2019 budget with respect to allocations, hotel tax, and impact on ultimate tax rate;
- That the streaming of the ward-specific citizen engagement budget meetings on Facebook are beneficial, that staff resources were helpful and consideration to continue to partner with the Region with respect to answering resident's questions;
- Clarification on the anticipated \$2.5 million reduction in advertising revenue;
- What the City can do differently with respect to the federal infrastructure funding that is delayed;
- What the interest cost is with respect to the delayed reimbursement;
- Lack of sustainable funding;
- Whether the Cycling Master Plan is included in the new initiatives of the forecast;
- The importance of providing clear data with respect to legislative compliance costs;
- Whether the City is investigating other ways to raise revenue funds for advertising other than bus shelters;
- Concerns with respect to elimination of education portion of Lakeview PILT;
- Whether there could be longer term contracts for diesel purchases;
- What can the City do to offset diminishing efficiencies and cost savings;
- Would like to see the chart with respect to the infrastructure and debt repayment levy forecasted with a 1% increase option;
- Whether there are opportunities for local townhalls for budget deliberations;
- The importance of budget engagement for the public.

Janice Baker, City Manager and CAO, Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services, Geoff Wright, Commissioner of Transportation and Works, and Jeff Jackson, Director, Finance and Treasurer responded to questions from Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by Jeff Jackson, Director of Finance and Treasurer with respect to the overview of the 2019- 2022 Business Plan and 2019 Preliminary Outlook be received.

Received (Councillor Starr)

Recommendation BC-0001-2018

4.2. Chris Mackie, Cranberry Cove Port Credit Ratepayers' Association with respect to Development Charges & Infrastructure Reserve Accounts

Mr. Mackie provided an overview with respect to his concerns regarding development charges and infrastructure reserve accounts. He spoke to concerns that there are no infrastructure or transit funds set aside to prepare for the increase in population along the Lakeshore corridor, noting the area is already congested; the allocation of the development charges from the proposed West Village development; and that most road related funds are dedicated to repair and replacement. Mr. Mackie requested that the City invest development charges where they originate, where there is a need for infrastructure and transit improvement, and that development charges be set aside for infrastructure investment along the Lakeshore corridor. Mr. Mackie also noted that the Association identified various needs: a pedestrian/cycle bridge over the Credit River, an express bus from Clarkson GO to Long Branch, prohibiting left hand turns at certain key intersections (such as Lakeshore and Stavebank), and constructing bays at bus stops.

Councillor Cook noted Mr. Mackie's concerns and hoped staff could work with him.

In response to a question from Councillor Cook, Ms. Baker responded that a majority of the transportation recommendations being made around Lakeshore are operating costs which are not eligible to be recovered, with development charges only applied to capital. Ms. Baker noted that the Development Charges By-law is under review, as required every five years, with next year being a renewal year. Ms. Baker added that infrastructure requirements driven by growth are looked at, including growth along Lakeshore, and population growth forecasts, and the degree to which development levies can fund those.

Councillor Kovac, Acting Mayor, requested that Mr. Mackie circulate the document to Leadership Team and Members of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by Chris Mackie, Cranberry Cove Port Credit Ratepayers' Association with respect to Development Charges & Infrastructure Reserve Accounts be received.

Received (Councillor Iannicca)

Recommendation BC-0002-2018

5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit

In response to questions from Mr. Mackie, Mr. Jackson responded that the 100% offset by reduction in professional fees is with respect to the Paramount Centre, noting these will now be City employees; and that with respect to the infrastructure and debt repayment levy, foregoing the levy contribution for one year makes the existing capital program unaffordable as you lose the ability to borrow, and lose the cumulative loss of interest, which all amounts to 137 million dollar difference.

6. MATTERS CONSIDERED

6.1. Yard Maintenance Subsidy Program

Members of the Committee raised the following concerns and comments:

- Thanked staff for increasing the contribution to the program;
- Whether the program includes yard maintenance and snow;
- Whether the name of the program could be changed to reflect the services it provides;
- How many applications are received, how many approved, and whether there are certain areas of the City that apply;
- How the program is publicized.

Janice Baker, City Manager and CAO, Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services, Geoff Wright, Commissioner of Transportation and Works, and Connie Mesih, Director, Revenue and Materiel Management responded to questions from Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Corporate Report dated May 30, 2018 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer titled "Yard Maintenance Subsidy Policy and Program Update" be received.
2. That the draft Corporate Policy titled "Yard Maintenance Subsidy" attached as Appendix 1 to the Corporate Report dated May 30, 2018 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer be approved.
3. That a subsidy amount of \$350 per application per year beginning with the 2019 subsidy year be approved.
4. That a pro-rated subsidy amount of \$260 per application for the 2018 subsidy year be approved.
5. That the proposed changes to the Yard Maintenance Subsidy Program for the eligibility criteria, subsidy period and program administration be approved.
6. That an amendment to the Tax Rebate By-law 56-10 which revises the definition of an "eligible person" so as to require that a person in receipt of the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) to provide his/her Statement of Old Age Security (T4A (OAS)) be approved.

RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie			X	
Councillor D. Cook	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) (9-0-3(Absent))
Recommendation BC-0003-2017

6.2. 2018 Conversions of Full-Time Contract Staff to Permanent Staff

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer dated May 28, 2018 entitled 2018 Conversions of Full-Time Contract Staff to Permanent Staff be received.
2. That effective July 1, 2018 nine full-time contract positions be converted to permanent full-time positions, all funded by capital recovery with net zero operating budget impact, as indicated on Appendix 1 of this report, and that the 2018 operating budget be adjusted accordingly.

RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie			X	
Councillor D. Cook	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) (9-0-3(Absent))
Recommendation BC-0004-2017

7. CLOSED SESSION – Nil.
8. ADJOURNMENT – 2:22 PM (Councillor Carlson)