
Budget Committee

Date

2018/12/05

Time

12:30 PM

Location

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

Members Present

Mayor Bonnie Crombie
Councillor Stephen Dasko Ward 1 (Departed at 3:32pm - OMB)
Councillor Karen Ras Ward 2
Councillor Chris Fonseca Ward 3
Councillor John Kovac Ward 4
Councillor Carolyn Parrish Ward 5 (Arrived at 1:38pm)
Councillor Ron Starr Ward 6
Councillor Dipika Damerla Ward 7 (Arrived at 1:09pm)
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 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
Mary Ellen Bench, City Solicitor, Legal Services
Diana Rusnov, Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk
Sacha Smith, Manager of Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk
Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services Division

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 1:03 PM
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Approved (Councillor Ras)
3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
4. DEPUTATIONS
- 4.1. Janice Baker, City Manager and CAO, to provide Opening Remarks with respect to the 2019 Budget

Ms. Baker provided opening remarks regarding the City of Mississauga's 2019 Budget. She gave a brief overview on the City's accomplishments and future projects underway.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by Janice Baker, City Manager and CAO, with respect to opening remarks regarding the 2019 Budget be received.

Received

Recommendation BC-0005-2018

- 4.2. Andrew Grantham, Executive Director and Senior Economist, CIBC with respect to Economic Outlook for Canada, Ontario and the Greater Toronto Area

Mr. Grantham presented on the trends in the Canadian and the American economy. The forecast he predicted for Ontario this year is weaker as opposed to previous years. He addressed the key factors of U.S. fiscal policies and how it affects the linkage between the U.S. economy and Canada's. The key risk identified was higher interest rates and the impact on refinancing as well as disposal income.

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

- Possible impacts of tariffs and protectionism in Canada.
- Interested in pursuing opportunities with Europe.
- Concerned about the impact of Cannabis on the Canadian Economy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by Andrew Grantham, Executive Director and Senior Economist, CIBC with respect to the Economic Outlook for Canada, Ontario and the Greater Toronto Area be received.

Received (Councillor Damerla)

Recommendation BC-0006-2018

Councillor Damerla arrived at the meeting at 1:09pm during discussion of Item 4.2

4.3. Bonnie Brown, Director, Economic Development in regards to Mississauga's Economic Overview

Ms. Brown gave a presentation on Economic Development in Mississauga. She provided a provincial and regional comparison in regards to the growth of employment and attraction. Bonnie discussed the key sectors; share of total employment, life sciences and information & communication technology.

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

- Suggest more outreach to the small businesses.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by Bonnie Brown, Director, Economic Development in regards to Mississauga's Economic Overview be received.

Received (Councillor Ras)

Recommendation BC-0007-2018

Councillor Parrish arrived at the meeting at 1:38pm during Item 4.3

4.4. Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer to introduce Jim Bruzzese, President, BMA Management Consultant Inc. with respect to the Financial Health of the City (Item 6.1)

Mr. Kent introduced Jim Bruzzese, President of BMA Management Consultant Inc. and highlighted the City's achievements, such as receiving the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) award for Financial Reporting.

Mr. Bruzzese discussed why fiscal health is imperative. He further discussed the financial condition and the key indicators as; Growth & Socio-Economic, Municipal Levy, Property Taxes & Affordability and the Financial Position. Overall, he highlighted that the City of Mississauga's financial condition has improved.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by Jim Bruzzese, President, BMA Management Consultant Inc. with respect to the Financial Health of the City be received.

Received (Councillor Parrish)

Recommendation BC-0008-2018

4.5. Jeff Jackson, Director of Finance and Treasurer to provide the 2019 Budget Overview

Mr. Jackson provided an overview of the business plan and the 2019 Budget. He discussed inflation, service levels, council's and staff's desire to build a better city.

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

- The Municipal Accommodation Tax Budget;
- Wi-Fi on City buses;
- Financing of the proposed and current fire stations;
- MiWay services; and
- Gas Tax Funding.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation Jeff Jackson, Director of Finance and Treasurer with respect to the 2019 Budget Overview be received.

Received (Councillor Starr)

Recommendation BC-0009-2018

5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit

Chis Mackie, MIRANET inquired about the MiWay Budget and fare increase, Lean Outcomes, Fire and Emergency Budget and Stormwater Budget. Geoff Wright, Commissioner of Transportation and Works responded by explaining the MiWay budget increases pertains to the new services and initiatives as well as normal operations that takes into account fuel, service growth, construction and congestion management. He further explains that the fare increase is driven by cost pressure factors, such as labour, presto and diesel fuel. Janice Baker, City Manager and CAO clarified that the Fire and Emergency budget accounts for labour, fuel, operation, education, prevention and investigation. Ms. Baker explained that the City does not use debt funding to fund the Stormwater program. She further clarified that the comparative housing market data does not use a price-methodology and is not based on property value.

6. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

6.1. Financial Condition Assessment Update – 2018

RECOMMENDATION

That the "Financial Condition Assessment Update – 2018" report dated November 19, 2018, from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer be received for information.

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

Approved (Councillor Parrish) (11, 1 - Absent)
Recommendation BC-0010-2018

6.2. 2019 MiWay Fares

Members of Committee spoke to the matter as well as raised concerns and asked questions about the following concerns:

- The senior \$1 dollar fare to start at 8:30am in order to accommodate early morning appointments (e.g. doctor appointments).
- Whether the \$1 fare is included in the senior's monthly pass?
- The child fare when paying cash.
- The adult rate not increasing since 2016.
- Concerned with the 6% increase for the senior and child fares.
- Staff was given direction to find out whether residents are being charged two fares when crossing city borders with the City of Brampton.
- Staff was given direction to report back on the impact of adjusting the transit time to start earlier and the possibility all day \$1 fare service for senior residents as well as all other impacts.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the proposed transit fare changes outlined in the report dated October 30, 2018 to Budget Committee, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works entitled "2019 MiWay Fares" be implemented May 1, 2019.
2. That the sale of MiWay paper tickets be eliminated at the City Centre Transit Terminal and any remaining ticket agent locations, effective May 1, 2019 to support the transition to PRESTO.
3. That a by-law be enacted to establish the proposed 2019 MiWay Fares and related charges as set out in Appendix 1 of the report and the MiWay Fares By-law 0154-2017 be repealed.

4. That staff be directed to review the impact of adjusting the senior's MiWay \$1.00 fare to begin at 8:30am and the impact of the \$1.00 cash fare for all-day service and further that staff report back to Budge Committee in January 2019.

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

Amended/Approved (Councillor Saito) (12-0)
Recommendation BC-0011-2018

6.3. 2019 Recreation Program Fees and Rental Rates

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

- Parking Lot Permits – there is a criteria in place to waive those fees.
- Concerned about the high increase of the Lacrosse rate – an administration clean up that was needed to be in line with the other floor rental sports.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised and existing fees and charges for Arenas and the Paramount Fine Foods Centre, effective as of May 1, 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 November 6, 2018.
2. That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised and existing fees and charges for meeting rooms, Garry W Morden Centre, pools, sundries and minor centres, effective as of January 1, 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 November 6, 2018.
3. That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised and existing fees and charges for Recreation program fees from the start of the Spring session 2019 through to the end of the Winter session of 2020 as outlined in Appendix 2 attached to the Corporate Report entitled "Recreation Program Fees and Rental Rates" from the Commissioner of Community Services dated November 6, 2018.

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

Approved (Councillor McFadden) (11, 1 - Absent)
Recommendation BC-0012-2018

Councillor Dasko departed the meeting at 3:32pm during Item 6.3 due to Other Municipal Business.

6.4. 2019 General Fees and Charges

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

- Concerned about private businesses that use the Great Hall free of charge.
- Bill 139 specifies a new requirement of video tape of all proceeding and speakers list for the LPAT appeals.
- Staff was given direction to provide clarification regarding the Committee of Adjustment charges.
- Concerned about the impacts of the deferrals from the Committee of Adjustments

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the new and revised fees outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report dated October 9, 2018 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer entitled "2019 General Fees and Charges" be approved.
2. That a by-law be enacted, effective January 1, 2019, 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 October 9, 2018 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer entitled "2019 General Fees and Charges" and that By-law 155-17, as amended be repealed.

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

Approved (Councillor Ras) (11, 1 - Absent)
Recommendation BC-0013-2018

6.5. 2019 Culture Programs Fees and Rental Rates

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

- Suggested that they institute volunteer ushers at Meadowvale Theatre instead of hired paid staff.
- Recommend that the rates for Photography at Museums and Celebration Square should be different.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That a by-law be enacted to incorporate new, revised and existing Culture fees for Registered Programs, Drop In programs and "Pay-As-You-Go" programs, effective April 1, 2019, as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Corporate Report dated October 25th, 2018 from the Commissioner of Community Services, entitled "2019 Culture Program Fees and Rental Rates.
2. That a by-law be enacted incorporating new, revised and existing Culture Rental Rates and Service Fees effective January 1, 2019 as outlined in Appendix 2 of the Corporate Report dated October 25, 2018 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "2019 Culture Program Fees and Rental Rates".

RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie	X			
Councillor S. Dasko			X	
Councillor K. Ras	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor C. Parrish	X			

Councillor R. Starr	X			
Councillor D. Damerla	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor P. Saito	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor G. Carlson	X			

Approved (Councillor Fonseca) (11, 1 - Absent)

Recommendation BC-0014-2018

6.6. 2019 Parks and Forestry Fees and Charges

RECOMMENDATION

That a By-law be enacted incorporating new, revised and existing fees and charges for park permits, Marinas, Forestry, Sports Fields, Cemeteries and other Parks fees commencing January 1, 2019 as outlined in Appendix 1, Appendix 2, and Appendix 3 attached to the Corporate Report dated October 24, 2018 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "2019 Parks and Forestry Fees and Charges".

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

Approved (Councillor Fonseca) (11, 1 - Absent)

Recommendation BC-0015-2018

6.7. 2019 Fire and Emergency Services Fees and Charges

Members of Committee spoke to the matter as well as raised concerns and asked questions about the following concerns:

- Inquired about the fees for fire inspections and fire extinguisher training.
- Inquired about post fire recovering fees.

Tim Beckett, Fire Chief and Director of Fire and Emergency Services responded to questions from Committee.

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 October 23, 2018 and that said by-law be effective as of January 1, 2019.

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

Approved (Councillor Starr) (11, 1 - Absent)
Recommendation BC-0016-2018

6.8. **2019 Planning Processing Fees and Charges**

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

- Concerned about the difference between surface and low grade parking.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Planning Act processing fees and charges, as listed in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report dated October 25, 2018 from the Commissioner of Planning and Building titled "2019 Planning Processing Fees and Charges" be approved.
2. That a by-law, effective January 1, 2019, 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 October 25, 2018 from the Commissioner of Planning and Building titled, "2019 Planning Processing Fees and Charges".

RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie	X			
Councillor S. Dasko			X	
Councillor K. Ras	X			

Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor C. Parrish	X			
Councillor R. Starr	X			
Councillor D. Damerla	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor P. Saito	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor G. Carlson	X			

Approved (Councillor Starr) (11, 1 - Absent)
Recommendation BC-0017-2018

6.9. 2019 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 October 24, 2018 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works entitled "2019 Transportation and Works Fees and Charges" be approved.
2. That a by-law, effective January 1, 2019, be enacted to establish new, revised and existing fees and charges for the Transportation and Works Department as outlined in the Corporate Report dated October 24, 2018 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works entitled, "2019 Transportation and Works Fees and Charges" and that By-law 166-17 be repealed.

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

Approved (Councillor McFadden) (11, 1 - Absent)
Recommendation BC-0018-2018

6.10. 2019 Road Occupancy, Lot Grading and Municipal Services Protection Deposit

In response to a question from Councillor Starr, Jeff Jackson, Director of Finance and Treasurer stated that notices are sent to individuals directly, after 7 years the notice is published in the newspaper and claim as City income, however this deposit claim at a later date requested by the individual.

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 October 24, 2018 and entitled "2019 Road Occupancy, Lot Grading and Municipal Services Protection Deposit".

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

Approved (Councillor Starr) (11, 1 - Absent)
Recommendation BC-0019-2018

6.11. Upcoming Agenda Items

6.11.1 Budget Committee to give direction to staff on the service area presentations that are required for the Budget Committee meeting dates in January 2019.

Direction was given to staff to provide the following service area presentations at the January 2019 Budget Committee meetings:

1. MiWay
2. Stormwater
3. Roads
4. Culture
5. Environment
6. Fire and Emergency Services

7. Mississauga Library
8. Recreation
9. Parks and Forestry
10. Facilities and Property Management
11. Land and Development Services

6.11.2 For information, the following items will be considered at the January 14, 15, and 21, 2019 Budget Committee meeting dates.

The Members of Committee acknowledged the items that will be considered at the January 14, 15 and 21, 2019 Budget Committee meeting.

7. CLOSED SESSION - Nil
8. ADJOURNMENT - 4:16 PM