

Issued: April 3, 2020

Council

Date: March 19, 2020
Time: 1:03 PM
Location: Civic Centre, Council Chamber
300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1

Members Present

Mayor Bonnie Crombie	
Councillor Stephen Dasko	Ward 1
Councillor Karen Ras	Ward 2 (via online at 1:07 PM)
Councillor C. Fonseca	Ward 3
Councillor John Kovac	Ward 4
Councillor Carolyn Parrish	Ward 5
Councillor Ron Starr	Ward 6
Councillor Dipika Damerla	Ward 7 (via online at 1:07 PM)
Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8
Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9 (via online at 1:07 PM)
Councillor Sue McFadden	Ward 10 (via online at 1:07 PM)
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
Andrew Whittemore	Commissioner of Planning and Building
Andra Maxwell	City Solicitor, Legal Services
Diana Rusnov	Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk
Sacha Smith	Manager of Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk
Krystal Christopher	Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services Division

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Crombie called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM

2. **INDIGENOUS LAND STATEMENT**

Mayor Crombie recited the Indigenous Land Statement.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Verbal Motion

Moved by: Councillor Fonseca

Seconded by: Councillor Mahoney

That the agenda for the Council meeting of March 19, 2020 be approved.

Carried

4. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST** - Nil.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING** – Nil.

6. **MOTIONS**

6.1. To amend the Council Procedure By-law for the purpose of enabling full electronic participation (including voting participation) by Members of Council in meetings

0044-2020

Moved by: C. Fonseca

Seconded by: C. Parrish

WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 238(3.1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* a procedure by-law may provide for electronic participation by a member of council in a meeting which is open to the public, in the manner set out in the by-law provided that any such member shall not be counted in determining whether quorum of members is present at any point in time;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 238(3.2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, a *procedure* by-law shall not provide that a member of council can participate electronically in a meeting which is closed to the public;

AND WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared a worldwide pandemic respecting the spread of the COVID 19 virus (the “Pandemic”);

AND WHEREAS on March 17, 2020, the Government of Ontario enacted a declaration of emergency for the Province related to the outbreak of the Pandemic;

AND WHEREAS, it is desirable that Mississauga City Council have the ability to continue to meet on the basis of electronic participation of members affected by quarantine or self-isolation (including participation in voting at the meeting) upon a Resolution of Council to establish an Emergency Period that Pandemic related quarantine or self-isolation makes this necessary for the continuing discharge of the responsibilities of the Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that an amendment to the Council Procedure By-law 0139-2013 for the purpose of enabling full electronic participation (including

voting participation) by Members of Council in meetings provided that those who participate electronically do not count towards quorum in the circumstances recited herein be enacted by means of a combination of this resolution and the confirming by-law for today's meeting of Council;

AND FURTHER, that any notice requirement under Council Procedure By-law 139-13 Section 90(2) be considered to be waived or amended in the like manner as required for the purposes of this resolution on the basis that Pandemic related quarantine or self-isolation constitute and are considered to be an emergency for these purposes;

AND FURTHER, that the government of Ontario be requested to make an immediate legislative amendment, in this situation, to subsection 238(3.1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* to remove the provision that members participating electronically not be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members is present.

YES (8): Mayor Crombie, Councillor S. Dasko, , Councillor C. Fonseca, Councillor J. Kovac , Councillor C. Parrish, Councillor R. Starr, Councillor M. Mahoney, and Councillor G. Carlson

NO (0):

ABSTAIN (0):

ABSENT (4): Councillor K. Ras, Councillor D. Damerla, Councillor P. Saito and Councillor S. McFadden

Carried

7. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

- 7.1. A by-law to amend the Council Procedure By-law 139-13 to include procedures for council meetings in the event of an emergency.

Resolution 0044-2020

8. PRESENTATIONS – Nil.

9. DEPUTATIONS

Mayor Crombie made opening statements regarding the COVID-19 virus and spoke to the effects on City operations, social and economic impacts and providing updates to the public.

- 9.1. Dr. Lawrence Loh, Peel Medical Officer of Health

Dr. Lawrence Loh, Peel Medical Officer of Health, provided an update from Peel Public Health's response to the virus and spoke to the following:

- Number of cases in the Region of Peel
- How to reduce the risk of spreading virus

- Impacts of virus to the public
- Actively engaging and updating public with information
- Self-isolation
- Lack of vaccine or cure
- COVID-19 Symptoms
- Online self-assessment tools available on the Peel Public Health as well as the provincial and federal websites

Members of Council engaged in a discussion regarding the information provided by Dr. Lawrence Loh and spoke to the following:

- COVID-19 test results
- COVID-19 virus in relation to influenza, SARS and H1N1 virus
- Testing standards
- Seasonal patterns
- The effectiveness for masks
- The increase need for Foodbank donations
- Outdoor activities and not attending public parks
- Possibility of a COVID-19 vaccine
- Breaking down COVID-19 Statistics based on demographics

9.2. Michelle DiEmanuele, President & CEO, Trillium Health Partners

Michelle DiEmanuele, President & CEO, Trillium Health Partners, provided an update from Trillium Health's response to the COVID-19 virus and spoke to the following:

- Impacts of COVID-19 on Trillium Health and all hospitals
- Steps the hospital is taking to reduce contraction of COVID-19
- The number of COVID-19 assessment centres
- Reduction in out-patient care
- The cancellation of elective surgery's
- The implementation of a temporary visitor policy

Members of Council thanked the efforts made by hospital staff and raised concerns regarding homeless individuals diagnosed with COVID-19. In response, Ms. DiEmanuele, noted that transition of care is currently being reviewed to address this issue.

9.3. Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer

Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update on City Operations in light of COVID-19. Ms. Baker provided the following information regarding City Operations:

- Closure of City facilities until April 5, 2020 except those that are deemed essential services
- Staff with the ability to work from home are working from home
- Staff at home and not in a position to work from home will be paid.
- Financial impacts to the City

9.4 & 9.5 Tim Beckett, Fire Chief/Director of Emergency Management

Tim Beckett, Fire Chief/Director of Emergency Management provided update on the City's essential services and spoke to which services are still operating. Mr. Beckett spoke to the following:

- Staff policy adjustments
- Masks for first responders
- Declaration of Emergency by the Province
- Recovery phase for the City
- Available funding from the province, if any.
- Paid leave for staff until April 5th

Members of Council engaged in a discussion regarding the information provided by Mr. Beckett and spoke to the following:

- Accommodations for vulnerable people
- Public washrooms and increasing cleaning frequency
- Outreach programs for the community
- Availability of food at food banks
- State of Emergency in the City

In response, Paul Mitcham, Commissioner Community Services, spoke to the Region of Peel and their role in accommodating the homeless and vulnerable population. Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer, spoke to the province declaring a State of Emergency and the impacts on the City.

9.6 & 9.7 Gary Kent, Commissioner Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer

Gary Kent, Commissioner Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on the financial impact to the City and presented the following:

- Provincial and Federal Announcements in relation to COVID-19 efforts
- The City's Financial Position
- Economic Development Advisory Board
- Feedback received by businesses thus far
- Options to consider
- Property tax recommendation

Members of Council engaged in a discussion regarding the report (Item 12.1.) and spoke to the following:

- Property tax deferral
- Free transit services
- Parking
- The impacts on upcoming events and festivals in the City
- MAT funding to assist arts, culture and heritage groups

Shari Litcherman, Director, Recreation, spoke to the City reimbursing fees paid for upcoming booked or scheduled events.

10. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD** – Nil.

11. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Nil.

12. **CORPORATE REPORTS**

12.1. **COVID-19 Pandemic - Property Tax Assistance**

0045-2020 Moved by: R. Starr

Seconded by: M. Mahoney

1. That the 2020 interim tax levy instalments for the months of April, May and June for properties enrolled in the City's pre-authorized payment plan be deferred to their chosen withdrawal date in the months of July, August and September, 2020, respectively.
2. That the 2020 interim tax levy instalment dates of April 2 and May 7 be deferred to July 2 and August 6, 2020, respectively.
3. That the Region of Peel be requested to defer their payments requirement by 90 days to align with the change in instalment dates.
4. That the Province of Ontario be requested to defer the June and September school board payment requirements by 90 days.
5. And that the necessary by-laws be enacted.

YES (12): Mayor Crombie, Councillor S. Dasko, Councillor K. Ras, Councillor C. Fonseca, Councillor J. Kovac , Councillor C. Parrish, Councillor R. Starr, Councillor D. Damerla, Councillor M. Mahoney, Councillor P. Saito Councillor S. McFadden and Councillor G. Carlson

NO (0):

ABSTAIN (0):

ABSENT (0):

Unanimous

BY-LAW ENACTED AS A RESULT OF THE RESOLUTION

0047-2020 A by-law to amend by-laws 0013-2020 and 0182-2019 for the collection of interim taxes for the regular instalment plan and preauthorized payment plan

Resolution 0044-2020 / March 19, 2020

13. **PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Nil.
14. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Nil.
15. **PETITIONS** – Nil.
16. **CORRESPONDENCE** - Nil.
17. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS** – Nil.
18. **MATTERS PERTAINING TO REGION OF PEEL COUNCIL** –Nil.
19. **COUNCILLORS' ENQUIRIES**

Councillor Dasko spoke to the Port Credit BIA requesting that the contributions paid into PIL be given back. Members of Council engaged in a discussion regarding the proposed motion.

Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer, and Gary Kent, Commissioner Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer spoke to the possible challenges with this request.

Moved by: S. Dasko

Seconded by: C. Parrish

That the contributions paid into PIL over the years be given back to Port Credit BIA, in the amount of \$447,000.

YES (1): Councillor S. Dasko,

NO (11): Mayor Crombie, Councillor K. Ras, Councillor C. Fonseca, Councillor J. Kovac , Councillor C. Parrish, Councillor R. Starr, Councillor D. Damerla, Councillor M. Mahoney, Councillor P. Saito Councillor S. McFadden and Councillor G. Carlson

ABSTAIN (0):

ABSENT (0):

Defeated

20. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Saito raised a question regarding the tax deferrals and whether residents can still make payments for the regular scheduled April payments.

In response, Gary Kent, Commissioner Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer noted that April cheques will not be cashed however, residents can still make payments on time if they wish.

Diana Rusnov, Director Legislative Services and City Clerk spoke to the inquiries received by residents.

21. CLOSED SESSION

Council moved in Closed Session at 4:44 PM.

Pursuant to Subsection 293(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*

0046-2020

Moved by: C. Parrish

Seconded by: J. Kovac

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended (the "Act"), requires Council to pass a resolution prior to closing part of a meeting to the public;

AND WHEREAS the Act requires that the resolution states the act of the holding of the closed meeting and the general nature of the matter to be considered at the closed meeting;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that a portion of the Council meeting held on March 19, 2020 shall be closed to the public to deal with the following matters:

- (a) Pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, Sections 239 (2) and (3.1):
 - (i) Labour relations or employee negotiations - **Verbal Update from Janice Baker**

YES (12): Mayor Crombie, Councillor S. Dasko, Councillor K. Ras, Councillor C. Fonseca, Councillor J. Kovac , Councillor C. Parrish, Councillor R. Starr, Councillor D. Damerla, Councillor M. Mahoney, Councillor P. Saito Councillor S. McFadden and Councillor G. Carlson

NO (0):

ABSTAIN (0):

ABSENT (0):

Unanimous

21.1. Verbal Update from Janice Baker, City Manager and CAO

Janice Baker, City Manager and CAO provided a verbal update on labour relations. Geoff Wright, Commissioner, Transportation and Works spoke to the matter. Members of Council discussed the matter and asked questions of staff.

Council moved out of Closed Session at 5:20 PM.

RESOLUTIONS AS A RESULT OF THE CLOSED SESSION

0047-2020 Moved by: J. Kovac

Seconded by: C. Parrish

That the closed verbal update by Janice Baker, City Manager and CAO regarding labour relations, be received.

YES (12): Mayor Crombie, Councillor S. Dasko, Councillor K. Ras, Councillor C. Fonseca, Councillor J. Kovac , Councillor C. Parrish, Councillor R. Starr, Councillor D. Damerla, Councillor M. Mahoney, Councillor P. Saito Councillor S. McFadden and Councillor G. Carlson

NO (0):

ABSTAIN (0):

ABSENT (0):

Unanimous

22. **CONFIRMATORY BILL**

0048-2020 A by- law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga at its meeting held on March 19, 2020.

23. **ADJOURNMENT** – 5:23 PM