City of Mississauga

Minutes

Approved: April 22, 2020



Council

Date: April 8, 2020 Time: 9:30 AM

Location: Online Video Conference

Members Mayor Bonnie Crombie

Councillor Stephen Dasko 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 Dipika Damerla Ward 7 Councillor Matt Mahoney Ward 8 Councillor Pat Saito Ward 9 Councillor Sue McFadden Ward 10 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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Crombie called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

2. <u>INDIGENOUS LAND STATEMENT</u>

Mayor Crombie recited the Indigenous Land Statement

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor K. Ras Seconded By Councillor M. Mahoney

That the agenda for the Council meeting of April 8, 2020 be approved, as presented.

Carried

4. <u>DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u>

Nil.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

5.1 Special Emergency Council Minutes - March 19, 2020

Moved By Councillor C. Fonseca Seconded By Councillor C. Parrish

That the minutes of the March 19, 2020 Special Emergency Council meeting be approved, as presented.

Carried

5.2 Council Minutes - March 25, 2020

Moved By Councillor R. Starr Seconded By Councillor J. Kovac

That the minutes of the March 25, 2020 Council meeting be approved, as presented.

Carried

6. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

7. <u>DEPUTATIONS</u>

7.1 Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer to speak regarding the managing of financial impacts of COVID-19.

Item 9.1. was addressed at this time.

Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer spoke regarding the financial impact of COVID-19, the purpose of the report and spoke the following:

- Establishing financial planning principles
- Listening and responding to local needs
- Current approved budget
- Preliminary financial projections
- Mitigating financial pressures
- Liquidity and next steps
- · Risk in current revenues
- Mississauga reserve funds

Members of Council engaged in discussion regarding the report and raised questions regarding property taxes levy; gas tax; Alectra's contribution and its impact on the City; reserve funds; staffing costs; construction projects, potential delays and legal impacts; essential service workers and staffing.

In response, Mr. Kent spoke to the impacts of a property tax levy.

Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer spoke to current staffing at the City and the temporary layoff of part time staff.

Andra Maxwell, City Solicitor, spoke to the impact of delay claims and legal impacts on the City in construction contracts. Ms. Maxwell noted a future report will be brought to Council regarding potential financial impacts on claims for construction contracts.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Diana Rusnov, Director Legislative Services and City Clerk, spoke to an inquiry received by Brad Butt, Mississauga Board of Trade, regarding the Mississauga Accommodation Tax and noted it will be addressed with Item 9.3.

Ms. Rusnov spoke to a further inquiry received Rahul Mehta, resident regarding the following: status of committee and other meetings involving members of the public; status of parks and maintenance projects; closure of lanes; cycling infrastructure; City's plan to assist local businesses; resources available; and signage in public areas.

Ms. Rusnov noted that a response will be provided to the resident regarding the inquiry.

9. MATTERS PERTAINING TO COVID-19

Mayor Crombie spoke to the total number of COVID-19 cases in the province and the Region of Peel and spoke to the donation of masks by Alectra. Mayor Crombie spoke to assigning the donation of masks and gloves to the Region of Peel so it can be distributed evenly.

Members of Council spoke to garbage clean up in neighbourhoods and raised concerns with how masks and gloves are being disposed in the City; waste reciprocals on trails;

COVID-19 testing; donations of masks and gloves; parking; and enforcement of provincial orders.

In response, Paul Mitcham, Commissioner of Community Services, spoke to waste and litter issues in parks and how issue will be addressed.

Geoff Wright, Commissioner Transportation and Works, spoke to the enforcing of provincial orders, not enforcing time exemption parking and the enforcement of no parking zones.

9.1 Managing the Financial Impact of COVID-19

Addressed with Item 7.1.

RESOLUTION 0077-2020 Moved By Councillor P. Saito Seconded By Councillor C. Parrish

- 1. That the report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer dated April 6, 2020 entitled "Managing the Financial Impact of COVID-19" be received for information.
- 2. That the Federal and Provincial governments be requested to provide municipalities with an operating grant to help municipalities fund current operations and maintain appropriate service levels during the COVID-19 crisis, and further allow for service levels to quickly be re-established during the period of recovery.
- 3. That the Federal and Provincial governments be requested to establish a new infrastructure building program by increasing the amount of gas tax funding made available to municipalities to stimulate the economy later this year.
- 4. That the Federal and Provincial governments be requested to accelerate approval of ICIP project applications submitted by the City of Mississauga on October 23, 2019 and November 12, 2019 to facilitate the economic recovery after the period of emergency is over.
- 5. That this report be forwarded to all local MPs and MPPs, FCM, AMO and the Federal Minister of Finance and the Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister of Finance for the Province of Ontario.

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, Counicllor S. McFadden, and Councillor G. Carlson

Carried (12 to 0)

9.2 Bonusing: An overview of section 106 of the Municipal Act, 2001

Andra Maxwell, City Solicitor, provided an overview of the report and spoke to the following:

- Anti-bonusing provisions under the Municipal Act
- Compliance with legislation
- Bonusing definition
- realms of improper bonusing
- Tax dollars not being used to give advantage to one business over others
- Ambiguity in the legislation

Members of Council engaged in a discussion regarding the report, economic development and raised questions regarding economic development and when the anti-bonusing provisions were established.

In response, Ms. Maxwell, spoke to the anti-bonusing provisions noting that it was always in legislation and was amended in 2001 in the *Municipal Act*. Ms. Maxwell requested that notice be provided to legal if Council decides to use bonusing legislation.

RESOLUTION 0079--2020

Moved By Councillor K. Ras Seconded By Councillor C. Parrish

That the report of the City Solicitor dated March 31, 2020 titled "Bonusing: An overview of section 106 of the *Municipal Act, 2001,* be received for information.

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, Counicllor S. McFadden, and Councillor G. Carlson

Carried (12 to 0)

9.3 Municipal Accommodation Tax

Councillor Saito spoke to the deferral of the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) payments for hotels and raised questions on whether health care workers are exempted from paying MAT if staying at a hotel.

In response, Gary Kent, Commissioner Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, spoke to bringing a report back next week regarding health care workers being exempted from paying the MAT.

Mr. Kent spoke to the following in response to the comments received by the Mississauga Board of Trade:

 The amount of funds in the Tourism Agency reserve and the Discretionary Reserve funds

- The reason funds cannot be given back
- Reviewing how to apply reserve funds in recovery period

RESOLUTION 0080-2020

Moved By Councillor P. Saito Seconded By Councillor K. Ras

- 1. That the report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer dated April 2, 2020 entitled Municipal Accommodation Tax be received.
- 2. That the Municipal Accommodation Tax remittances due on March 31, April 30 and May 31, 2020 be deferred to June 30, July 31 and August 31, 2020, respectively.

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, Counicllor S. McFadden, and Councillor G. Carlson

Carried (12 to 0)

9.4 <u>Measures for Festivals, Events and Gatherings within City Facilities and Parks related to</u> COVID-19

Paul Mitcham, Commissioner of Community Services, spoke to the report and the cancelling of events in the City until July 1st.

Members of council engaged in a discussion regarding the cancelling of events in the City and spoke to other municipalities cancelling events until the July 4th weekend; the consideration of Canada Day Celebration on Labour Day weekend; and communication to the public.

RESOLUTION 0081-2020

Moved By Councillor P. Saito Seconded By Councillor C. Parrish

That the City cancel all events, festivals, permits and bookings at City facilities through to July 3, 2020 including the Spring session of programs.

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

Carried (12 to 0)

9.5 Recommended Granting Measures Related to COVID-19

No discussion took place on this item.

RESOLUTION 0082-2020

Moved By Councillor C. Fonseca Seconded By Councillor S. Dasko

 That the grant recipients for the 2020 grant cycle retain their funding providing it is used for its intended purpose or to ensure the organization's business continuity, as outlined in the Corporate Report dated April 1, 2020 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Granting Measures related to COVID-19"; and

2. That the guidelines and criteria for the 2020 grant cycle be amended to include the conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic as outlined in the Corporate Report dated April 1, 2020 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Granting Measures related to COVID-19".

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

Carried (12 to 0)

9.6 Late Licence Renewal Fee Exemptions for Pet and Mobile Business Licences

Councillor Starr spoke to taxi licence fees and whether the fees could be deferred or refunded.

Geoff Wright, Commissioner Transportation and Works, spoke to the report and the delay of late licence renewal fees. Mr. Wright noted a report will be brought back regarding taxi licence fees if required.

Samuel Rogers, Director Enforcement, spoke to the amount of taxi licences in the City and the amount of revenue collected from tax licence fees. Mr. Rogers noted a further study is required to know the financial impact of taxi licences.

RESOLUTION 0083-2020

Moved By Councillor R. Starr Seconded By Councillor J. Kovac

That the "Administrative Fee for Late Licence Renewal" related to Pet Licensing and the "Late Renewal Fee" related to Mobile Licensing, contained in Schedule "B-1" of the User Fees and Charges By-law 0156-2019, be waived until such time as the public service counters are re-opened to the public.

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, Counicllor S. McFadden, and Councillor G. Carlson

Carried (12 to 0)

9.7 <u>Paid Parking Fees (Wards 1, 2, 4, 11)</u>

Councillor Dasko spoke to on street parking in the Port Credit area in front of restaurant establishments offering takeout services; the cultural node in port credit and consideration given to parking fees in the area.

In response, Geoff Wright, Commissioner Transportation and Works, spoke to the difficulty of parking enforcement exercising discretion in metre parking and working with the port credit community when reports comes forward in the future regarding community node. Mr. Wright spoke to the employee paid parking program.

Samuel Rogers, Director Enforcement, spoke to enforcement officers exercising discretion and enforcing certain parking violations.

Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer and Gary Kent, Commissioner Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, spoke to the employee paid parking program.

Members of Council engaged in a discussion regarding the report and paid parking. Members of Council agreed to maintain the employee paid parking program.

RESOLUTION 0084-2020

Moved By Councillor D. Damerla Seconded By Councillor K. Ras

That the corporate report dated March 31, 2020 entitled, Paid Parking Fees in Wards 1, 2, 4, 7, 11), 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, Counicllor S. McFadden, and Councillor G. Carlson

Carried (12 to 0)

10. CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 0078 - 2020 Moved By Councillor S. Dasko Seconded By Councillor K. Ras

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

Information Item - 15.1.1. to 15.1.3.

Bylaws - 18.1. to 18.4.

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

Carried (12 to 0)

- 11. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE REPORTS Nil.
- 12. PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS Nil.
- 13. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS Nil.</u>
- 14. <u>PETITIONS Nil.</u>
- 15. CORRESPONDENCE
- 15.1 <u>Information Items</u>
- 15.1.1 <u>Letter dated February 28, 2020 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the Provincial Policy Statement 2020 (CONSENT)</u>

Received for information

15.1.2 <u>Letter dated March 6, 2020 from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and</u>
Mines regarding expanding natural gas access (CONSENT)

Received for information

15.1.3 <u>Letter dated March 25, 2020 from the Ministry of Finance regarding government's plan to</u> respond to COVID-19 (CONSENT)

Received for information

- 15.2 Direction Items Nil.
- 16. NOTICE OF MOTION Nil.
- 17. MOTIONS
- 17.1 To close to the public a portion of the Council meeting to be held on April 8, 2020 to deal with various matters. (See Item 22 Closed Session)

RESOLUTION 0085-2020

Moved By Councillor K. Ras

Seconded By Councillor P. Saito

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 April 8, 2020 shall be closed to the public to deal with the following matters:

a. Pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, Sections 239 (2):

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipality or local board employee:

i. Verbal Update related to the interviews for a Commissioner of Community Services

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

Carried (12 to 0)

18. <u>INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS</u>

18.1 <u>A by-law to authorize a recipricol lending agreement with Hamilton and Burlington Public</u> Libraries (CONSENT)

Resolution 0065-2020 / April 1, 2020

0067-2020

A by-law to authorize execution of an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen, as represented by the Minster of Fisheries and Oceans for the divestment of navigational aids (CONSENT)

Resolution 0066-2020 /April 1, 2020

0064-2020

18.3 <u>A by</u>

-Rawatb transfer funds

Construction capital projects (CONSENT)

Resolution 0074-2020 / April 1, 2020

0065-2020

18.4 A by-law to establish certain lands as part of the municipal highway system regarding lands in the vicinity of Britannia Road East and Shawson Drive (Ward 5) (CONSENT)

Resolution 0061-2020/ April 1, 2020

0066-2020

19. MATTERS PERTAINING TO REGION OF PEEL COUNCIL

Councillor Parrish spoke to motion at the Region of Peel Council supporting social services; the CAO recruitment and removing of a public delegation at the next regional council meeting.

Mayor Crombie spoke in support of removing a public delegation noting non-essential construction has stopped due to COVID-19.

20. COUNCILLORS' ENQUIRIES

<u>Parking</u>

Councillor Dasko raised concerns with parking in Ward 1 and spoke to vehicles parked on the streets due to the parking lot closure at J.C. Saddington Park. Councillor Dasko requested if a temporary no parking zone could be implemented.

Councillor Saito raised concerns with cyclist on the trails in parks.

Members of Council engaged in a discussion regarding on street parking, usage of parks and how to resolve on street parking issues.

Geoff Wright, Commissioner Transportation and Works, spoke to being aware of the issues and reviewing no parking areas. Mr. Wright noted that although the parking lot to the park is closed the park itself remains opened. Members of Council spoke in support of not changing the current parking regulations.

21. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Property Taxes

Councillor Dasko spoke to residents receiving a rebate for over payment in property taxes.

In response, Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, spoke to not being aware of the decision and will look into the matter.

Public Question Period

Councillor Parrish spoke to public question period on the agenda noting that questions can be forwarded to the City Clerk and answers to the questions will be read at the meeting.

Tagging

Councillor Fonseca spoke to an ongoing graffiti issue in Ward 3 noting that the perpetrator has been caught and charged accordingly.

Lake Aquitaine / Yellow Ribbon Campaign

Councillor Saito spoke to a painted line on Lake Aquitaine trail that marked out social distancing, a yellow and blue ribbon campaign.

Councillor Damerla spoke to a blue ribbon campaign in Ward 7 in support of Trillium hospital.

Anti-Bullying/ Mississauga Food Bank/ Teletown Hall/ Trillium Health

Mayor Crombie spoke to the following:

- Anti-bullying day;
- Mississauga Food Bank press conference;
- Teletown Hall meeting in the evening;
- Trillium Health and a tent set up in preparation of COVID-19;
- Thanked staff for efforts and by-law blitz for social distancing; and
- Thanked front line workers

22. CLOSED SESSION

(Pursuant to Subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001)

Council moved into Closed Session at 1:23 PM.

22.1 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipality or local board employee: Verbal Update related to the interviews for a Commissioner of Community Services

Paul Mitcham, Commissioner Community Services, provided a verbal update on the interviews for the Commissioner of Community Services position.

Council moved out of Closed Session at 1:35 PM.

RESOLUTION 0086-2020

Moved By Councillor C. Parrish

Seconded By Councillor D. Damerla

That the Verbal Update regarding the interviews for a Commissioner of Community Services as considered in Closed Session on April 8, 2020, 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

Carried (12 to 0)

23. CONFIRMATORY BILL

A by- law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga at its meeting held on April 8, 2020.

0068-2020

24. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

1:36 PM