



MINUTES

BUDGET COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009 – 9:10 AM

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 2nd FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE
300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L5B 3C1

PRESENT:

Mayor Hazel McCallion	(Chair)
Councillor Carmen Corbasson	Ward 1
Councillor Pat Mullin	Ward 2
Councillor Maja Prentice	Ward 3
Councillor Frank Dale	Ward 4
Councillor Eve Adams	Ward 5
Councillor Carolyn Parrish	Ward 6
Councillor Nando Iannicca	Ward 7
Councillor Katie Mahoney	Ward 8
Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9
Councillor Sue McFadden	Ward 10
Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11

ABSENT: Nil

STAFF PRESENT: Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer
Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works
Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services
Fire Chief John McDougall, Community Services
Anne Murphy, Area Manager, Library Services, Community Services
Debbie MacDonald, Manager Shared Services, Community Services
John Lohuis, Director of Recreation and Parks, Community Services
Laura Piette, Acting Director of Planning, Development & Business Services, Community Services

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STAFF PRESENT cont’d...

Ed Sajecki, Commissioner, Planning and Building
Heather McDonald, Director of Business Services, Planning and Building
Brenda Breault, Commissioner, Corporate Services & Treasurer
Patti Elliott-Spencer, Director of Finance, Corporate Services
Grant Bivol, Manager, Legislative Services & Deputy Clerk
Marta Gerech, Floater, Office of the City Clerk
Karin Ann Brent, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009 – 10:54 AM

PRESENT: Mayor Hazel McCallion (Chair)
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Councillor Pat Mullin Ward 2
Councillor Maja Prentice Ward 3
Councillor Frank Dale Ward 4
Councillor Eve Adams Ward 5
Councillor Carolyn Parrish Ward 6
Councillor Nando Iannicca Ward 7
Councillor Katie Mahoney Ward 8
Councillor Pat Saito Ward 9
Councillor Sue McFadden Ward 10
Councillor George Carlson Ward 11

ABSENT: Nil

STAFF PRESENT: Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer
Susan Burt, Director of Arts and Culture, Office of the City Manager
Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works
Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services
Ed Sajecki, Commissioner, Planning and Building
Agris Robeznieks, Director of Building & Chief Building Official
Heather McDonald, Director of Business Services, Planning and Building
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- B Library Services
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& Debbie MacDonald, Manager Shared Services, Community Services
- C Recreation and Parks Services
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Director of Planning, Development & Business Services, Community Services
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MATTERS CONSIDERED

- 1. Mobile Sign Rentals
- 2. Library Sunday Closures
- 3. City Centre – Paid Parking Revenue Update (Wards 4 & 7)
- 4. Funding of Judicial Inquiry

CLOSED SESSION – Nil

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER – 9:10am

DECLARATIONS OF (DIRECT OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Hazel McCallion declared a pecuniary interest in the matter addressed in Item #4 on the agenda of this meeting and vacated the meeting when this matter was considered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councillor Katie Mahoney requested the matter in Item #4 of this agenda be brought forward and considered as the first matter of business. Committee concurred and Councillor Nando Iannicca assumed chairmanship of the meeting for its consideration of the matter due to Mayor McCallion vacating the meeting in regard to her declaration of a pecuniary interest in the matter addressed in Item #4.

4. Funding of Judicial Inquiry

Corporate Report dated November 12, 2009 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Treasurer in response to an enquiry raised at the Budget Committee meeting on November 9, 2009 (BC-0028-2009).

RECOMMENDATION

1. That a new project Judicial Inquiry (PN09-643) be established with a gross and net budget of \$2,500,000.
2. That funds of \$1,000,000 from the Reserve for Commodities (Account #305305); \$1,000,000 from the Reserve for Contingency (Account #305125); and \$500,000 from the Reserve for Legal Settlement (Account #305130) be transferred into the Judicial Inquiry Project (PN09-643).

Councillor Katie Mahoney confirmed with staff that a monthly report of the expenditures for the subject Inquiry will be provided to the Members of Council. City Manager Janice Baker noted that City Solicitor Mary Ellen Bench will be overseeing the inquiry, and advised that any additional funding beyond the current approved amount, will require the approval of Council.

Approved (Councillor Katie Mahoney)

Recommendation BC-0032-2009

FA.19.JUD

Upon conclusion of considering Item #4, Mayor McCallion returned to the Chamber and resumed Chairmanship.

DEPUTATION A - Fire & Emergency Services

Fire Chief John McDougall, Community Services gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2010 budget requirements for fire and emergency services.

Mayor McCallion initiated discussion, asking what is done with Mississauga's fire safety clothing that is replaced. Fire Chief McDougall explained that the used firefighter clothing and other equipment is inspected for safety issues, and the equipment that is viable for some use is distributed to fire departments in developing countries through World Vision.

In response to the question by Councillor Sue McFadden about who pays for the Honour Guard Uniforms, Chief McDougall advised that the cost of those uniforms is included in the budget.

Councillor Frank Dale suggested that appropriate components of the Fire and Emergency Master Plan be incorporated into the Building a City of the 21st Century plan.

Councillor Parrish referenced her suggestion put at prior meetings of this Committee to use cars for fire inspection operations instead of fire trucks. Fire Chief McDougall advised that this suggestion will be considered during staff's review of the fire prevention services delivery model.

Further, Councillor Parrish questioned the fee for fire and emergency services attending collision scenes on Provincial highways. Fire Chief McDougall explained that the fee for that service is set by the province and is currently \$350.00 per hour, and advised that an increase to \$450.00 per hour is being considered. In response to Councillor Parrish's further question on the fuel consumption of the large fire trucks, Chief McDougall explained that the large trucks only achieve 2 to 3 kilometres per litre.

DEPUTATION B - Library Services

Anne Murphy, Area Manager of Library Services and Debbie MacDonald, Manager of Shared Services of the Community Services Department gave a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the achievements and budget requirements for providing library services in 2010.

Mayor Hazel McCallion initiated discussion questioning whether library lending and attendance at those facilities has increased during the current economic downturn. Ms. Murphy advised that there has been an increase in patron attendance and activity at library facilities which is typical for economic downturn, and noted the limited amount of the provincial grant received for Mississauga's library operations. Mayor McCallion noted that an increase of the Provincial library funding has been requested many times in the past without result, and expressed concern that the community's needs for library service might not be met through the existing budget.

DEPUTATION B - Library Services cont'd...

Further, Mayor McCallion questioned the reduction in the conference and training budget. City Manager Janice Baker explained that funding for professional training is included in the budget, and that requests for funding to attend conferences and seminars located within the Province is reviewed for value prior to approval, and that registration for conferences at locations out of Ontario requires the Department Commissioner's approval. Mrs. Baker also noted that professional memberships are included in this budget item.

Councillor Carmen Corbasson questioned the impact of self service technology at libraries in regard to reducing the need for personnel, and also how staff will be allocated during the closure for reconstruction of certain library branches. Mrs. MacDonald advised that staff will be relocated to work on special projects or provide additional staff at branches experiencing increased service demands, and that retirements will reduce the staff complement by attrition.

Mayor McCallion questioned the results of the recent study indicating a need to implement a branch library in Cooksville, and questioned the timing of this in regard to providing that area with a community centre. Commissioner of Community Services Paul Mitcham advised that development charges and other partnerships will be required to allow a library and community centre facility to be developed at the same time to service the Cooksville area.

Councillor Saito requested information regarding the relocation of Meadowvale Library to the Meadowvale Community Centre noting that the owners of Meadowvale Town Centre are contemplating construction of a second storey on the main mall building, which might be available to lease for that branch library. Councillor Saito expressed concern for the lack of parking available at that community centre, and opined that the cost of leasing space versus capital expenditure needs to be reviewed for a twenty to twenty-five year pay out, and requested that no further funds be spent on designing a library branch at the Meadowvale Community Centre until the location has been confirmed

Subsequently, at the request of Councillor Pat Saito, Committee concurred to move the matter listed as Item #2 of this agenda forward for consideration at this time in the meeting.

2. Library Sunday Closures

Corporate Report dated November 9, 2009 from the Commissioner of Community Services regarding the budget impact of reinstating Sunday library service at certain branch libraries.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report dated November 9, 2009 from the Commissioner of Community Services, on the cost to reinstate Sunday service hours, be received for information.

(2.)

Councillor Carolyn Parrish initiated discussion, expressing concern with reinstating a service reduction implemented to reduce the budget, and requested that this matter be referred back to staff for further information on the impact on the 2010 and 2011 operating budgets.

Councillor Katie Mahoney spoke to the need to review each library branch in regard to the social service needs of the respective community, referencing the Sheridan library branch as the only community facility available to the residents living in that neighbourhood.

Councillor Frank Dale suggested that the library service needs in each community should be reviewed with perspective of library facilities available throughout the city as a whole, similar to the rationale applied for community centre development, prior to any changes being made.

During discussion, Councillor Pat Saito spoke to the need to provide services for senior adults. Councillor Pat Mullin advised her support of referring the matter back to staff, expressing concern for adding reductions back into the budget. Councillor Carmen Corbasson noted that the library branches in Ward 1 have neither Sunday nor Monday services, and advised her support of referral back to staff.

Councillor George Carlson advised his concurrence to attempt keeping the local tax levy increase for 2010 at around two percent as well as consideration of implementing a one percent infrastructure levy, and suggested that library service changes should be held for consideration after the current economic downturn has recovered.

Councillor Maja Prentice advised Committee that she agreed with stopping Sunday hours at the Burnhamthorpe Library on a trial basis, and that she would like to see that service resumed for the area community.

Councillor Eve Adams opined that it would be reasonable to look beyond Ward boundaries for the provision of library services. Further, Councillor Adams confirmed with staff that all library branches have wireless internet service available. City Manager Janice Baker noted that some library branches have never provided Sunday hours.

Subsequently, Councillor Parrish moved receipt of the Corporate Report dated November 9, 2009 from the Commissioner of Community Services on the cost to reinstate Sunday service hours, for information; with direction that the matter of library service hours be referred back to staff for a further report regarding all aspects of community needs that are provided through the City's library system and that the related financial impacts of opening all libraries on Sunday be identified for the 2010 and 2011 budgets.

Referred to Staff / Directives (Councillor Carolyn Parrish)

Recommendation BC-0033-2009

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DEPUTATION C - Recreation and Parks Services

John Lohuis, Director of the Recreation and Parks Division and Laura Piette, Acting Director of Planning, Development and Business Services of the Community Services Department gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the budget requirements for parks and recreation facility operations for 2010.

Mayor Hazel McCallion initiated discussion questioning the provisions for recycling waste produced by users of city parks. Director of Recreation and Parks John Lohuis advised that staff is working with the various sports groups to encourage them to preclude using plastic water bottles and encourage them to avoid littering the sports fields. In response to Mayor McCallion's question about the provision of recycling containers in city facilities, Commissioner of Community Services Paul Mitcham advised that recycling bins are provided in all buildings and additional bins will be required to provide recycling containers at all waste bin locations. Mr. Lohuis noted that large scale recycling bins are being used at events, and also that paper cups and corn starch products are being used for food services to allow these items to be discarded through main stream waste disposal. Mr. Mitcham advised that the recycling in parks and arenas will be addressed in a report to General Committee at its meeting scheduled for December 2, 2009.

Mayor McCallion spoke to the Port Credit and Vic Johnston arenas lacking a place for patrons to hang their winter coats, and suggested the architects designing other arena upgrades or new facilities, be requested to include a coat storage area.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish questioned whether the 2010 operating budget provides for re-opening events for the facilities being rehabilitated. City Manager Janice Baker advised that this will be left to the management staff at those facilities.

Mayor McCallion questioned whether the budget will provide funding for the rehabilitation of some parks located in Ward 5.

Councillor Adams questioned the budget reduction to park clean up operations in the fall months of the year, and advised that she wants spring and fall park clean up operations reviewed, including the feasibility of encouraging community participation with litter pick up events. Mr. Lohuis offered that staff can review specific situations with the Ward Councillor and also that maintenance records can be reviewed to determine the service needs for the respective parks. Councillor Frank Dale suggested that students could assist with park clean up through cooperative programming with the schools, requested that staff consult with both local school boards to request the respective board's position and direction to school principals regarding cooperative programs for park clean up events.

Mayor McCallion requested that staff report back regarding the prior project costs required for dredging the Port Credit River at Lake Ontario. Mr. Mitcham noted that prior dredging provided material that was tipped at Lakeside Park, and further, advised that this dredging is proposed for future years.

DEPUTATION C - Recreation and Parks Services cont'd...

Acting Director of Planning, Development and Business Services Laura Piette advised that the Port Credit Harbour will need future consideration and that the Credit Valley Conservation is currently studying the Lake Ontario shoreline including that harbour.

Mayor McCallion expressed concern with the status of Wildwood Park in Ward 5 and questioned whether funding for its rehabilitation is included in the proposed budget, noting that events involving over 10,000 people are held at that location. Councillor Eve Adams noted that the budget includes funding for a study about rehabilitating that park.

In response to the question about resources to fund certain capital projects, Mrs. Piette explained that the funding is usually done on a 30/30/40 split of cash-in-lieu of parkland dedication, development charges and tax levy funding, and further that some projects listed in the current work plan identify the funding sources and other project funding would be in reserves. Further, Councilor Saito questioned the issue of accessibility to Totoredaca Park that would allow expansion of its use such as being developed as a festival park. Mrs. Piette advised that future development of Totoredaca Park is addressed in the draft Future Directions review.

Mayor McCallion advised that she would like to see an artificial ice trail implemented into a park at some point in the future.

Councillor Carmen Corbasson spoke to the backlog in urban forestry services and questioned if the 2010 budget will address this service. Mr. Lohuis advised that a study is required to enhance the data about local forestry, and that clean up resulting from the extreme storms experienced this year have created a backlog in forestry operations.

Subsequently, Mayor McCallion requested that staff report back with a program and the projected cost of forestry work related to the incidents of flooding and catching up on the existing back log of the City's forestry services.

Councillor Pat Saito requested information regarding leaf clean up on roadways that involve reverse lot frontages. Commissioner of Transportation and Works Martin Powell offered to respond directly to Councillor Saito.

At approximately 12:11pm, Committee concurred to recess this meeting and continue it immediately following the General Committee meeting scheduled for 9:00am on November 18, 2009.

Subsequently, this meeting resumed at approximately 10:53am on November 18, 2009.

DEPUTATION D - Land Development Services

Heather McDonald, Director of Business Services, Planning and Building gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed budget for land development services in 2010.

Mayor Hazel McCallion initiated discussion questioning the enforcement of illegal signage being erected on traffic signs and utility poles. Commissioner of Planning and Building Ed Sajecki advised that summer students are hired to assist transportation and works staff with removal of that signage.

Director of Building Services Agris Robeznieks advised that one staff position and one truck are allocated to the enforcement of illegal signs, thereby limiting the ability to deal with the large amount of illegal signage being posted across the city. Further, Mr. Robeznieks advised that over fifty charges were laid for illegal signage resulting in the Courts issuing approximately \$50,000.00 in related fines.

Councillor Pat Saito opined that a singular point of contact for receiving complaints about illegal signage would be beneficial, and expressed concern for the damage to city-owned signage caused by people posting illegal signs. Councillor Saito noted that she encourages Ward 9 residents to actively report illegal signage, and suggested a city-wide promotion of removing illegal signage.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish referenced the information in the subject presentation about the labour gapping savings achieved being beyond the \$500,000.00 target and questioned how this was achieved. Mr. Sajecki advised that gapping and attrition were involved, and that processes are being reviewed and retirements are allowing for restructuring of certain business units.

Further, Mr. Sajecki explained that real estate development cycles involve long term processing from design to construction, inspection and occupancy, and advised that certain types of development such as high rise condominiums take longer to process.

DEPUTATION E - All Other Service Areas

Patti Elliott-Spencer, Director of the Finance division of the Corporate Services Department gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the respective services provided for strategic policy administration, the arts and culture unit, legislative services, business services and corporate asset management, Council support services and financial transactions.

DEPUTATION E - All Other Service Areas cont'd...

Councillor Carolyn Parrish questioned when the Corporate Grants will be presented to Committee for consideration. Director of Arts and Culture Susan Burt advised that the funds are in Reserve and that the Corporate Grants program will be reported to a special meeting of General Committee scheduled for January 27, 2010.

MATTERS CONSIDERED1. Mobile Sign Rentals

Corporate Report dated November 3, 2009 from the Commissioner of Community Services in response to an enquiry raised at the Budget Committee meeting on September 23, 2009.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report dated November 3, 2009 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled, "Mobile Sign Rentals" be received for information.

Councillor Pat Saito thanked staff for reviewing her suggestion and requested that when the current contract for mobile signage is up for re-tender in two years time, that the Region of Peel be approached regarding the feasibility of the City renting their portable signage.

Received for Information (Councillor Pat Saito)

Recommendation BC-0034-2009

FA.19.MOB

2. Sunday Library Closures

Committee concurred with the request of Councillor Pat Saito, and Item #2 of this agenda was moved forward and considered in conjunction with Deputation B on November 17, 2009.

3. City Centre – Paid Parking Revenue Update (Wards 4 & 7)

Corporate Report dated November 12, 2009 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works Services in response to a request for information received at the Budget Committee meeting on September 23, 2009.

(3.)

RECOMMENDATION

That the report dated November 12, 2009 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works entitled “ City Centre – Paid Parking Revenue Update” be received for information.

Received for Information (Councillor Frank Dale)

Recommendation BC-0035-2009

FA.11.PAY

4. Funding of Judicial Inquiry

Committee concurred with the request of Councillor Katie Mahoney, and Item #4 of this agenda was moved forward and considered as the first matter of business on November 17, 2009.

CLOSED SESSION - Nil

ADJOURNMENT – 11:41am (November 18, 2009)

REPORT 8-2009

TO: THE MAYOR & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The Budget Committee presents its eighth report for 2009 and recommends:

BC-0032-2009

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FA.19.JUD

BC-0033-2009

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CS.06

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