



MINUTES

BUDGET COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010 – 11:05 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 George Carlson Ward 11

ABSENT: Councillor Sue McFadden Ward 10

STAFF PRESENT: Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer
Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works
Geoff Marinoff, Director of Mississauga Transit
Ed Sajecki, Commissioner, Planning and Building
Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services
Brenda Breault, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Treasurer
Patti Elliott-Spencer, Director, Finance
Grant Bivol, Manager of Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk
Karin Ann Brent, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER

DECLARATIONS OF (DIRECT OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DEPUTATIONS

- A MIRANET – Peter Walton and Chris Mackie
- B Overview of Discussions to Date re: 2010 Business Plan and Budget
by Patti Elliott-Spencer, Director of Finance

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. Mississauga Transit Service Rationalization Recommendations and Implementation Plan
(Wards 2,3,4,6,7,8,9,10,11)
2. Urban Forestry Maintenance Backlog – Implementation
3. Expansion of Library Service on Sundays
4. Additional Funding Revenues – Pepsi Contract
5. The recommendations regarding the 2010 Business Plan and Budget to date

CLOSED SESSION

(Pursuant to Subsection 239.2 of the *Municipal Act*)

- A. Labour relations or employee negotiations – 2010 Economic Adjustment for Non-Union Staff

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER – 11:05am

DECLARATIONS OF (DIRECT OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Frank Dale disclosed that his spouse is part time employee of the City as a special needs coordinator for the Mississauga stroke breakers program, in relation to the matter listed for the Closed Session and refrained from participating in the closed session discussion of that matter.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Councillor Carolyn Parrish)

Councillor Carolyn Parrish requested that Committee add a motion regarding the advertising budget and publication in the Mississauga News further to consideration of that matter at the Budget Committee meeting on December 14, 2009. Committee concurred to add a motion presented by Councillor Carolyn Parrish for a further reduction to the 2010 advertising budget, in addition to that set out in Recommendation BC-0042-2009 issued at the Budget Committee meeting on December 14, 2009. Subsequently, this matter was considered in conjunction with Item 5. on the agenda of this meeting.

MG.29

DEPUTATION A -Suggestions for the Budget Process

Peter Walton and Chris Mackie spoke on behalf of MIRANET displaying their presentation on the overhead projector and reviewed their recommendations for the budget process and future budget allocations.

FA.19

At this time in the meeting Committee concurred to move into the Closed Session and recess for lunch.

CLOSED SESSION

At approximately 12:17pm, Budget Committee passed a motion to move into a closed session pursuant to Subsection 239.2 of the *Municipal Act*, to consider a matter of labour relations or employee negotiations, namely the 2010 Economic Adjustment for Non-Union Staff.

At approximately 12:18pm, Committee recessed within the closed session, for lunch. The closed session resumed at approximately 12:51pm.

On a verbal motion, Committee deferred making a recommendation on the subject matter, and directed staff to report back with additional information.

CLOSED SESSION cont'd...

Committee moved out of the closed session at approximately 1:25pm.

Deferred / Directive (Councillor Pat Saito)
FA.19 (HR.07)

DEPUTATION B - Overview of Discussions to Date re: 2010 Business Plan and Budget

Director of Finance Patti Elliott-Spencer gave a PowerPoint presentation in review of the recommendations for the 2010 budget as a result of the budget committee discussions to December 14, 2009.

FA.19

MATTERS CONSIDERED

(BUSINESS PLAN AND SERVICE ITEM INFORMATION)

1. Mississauga Transit Service Rationalization Recommendations and Implementation Plan (Wards 2,3,4,6,7,8,9,10,11)
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Corporate Report dated November 30, 2009 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works providing information regarding the proposed Transit service for 2010.

RECOMMENDATION

That the service rationalization measures and proposed implementation plan outlined in this report dated November 30, 2009 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works Department be approved.

Councillor Pat Saito referenced the retraction of one of the Mississauga Transit shuttle bus service to the Meadowvale GO station and requested that staff report back with information regarding the current status of ridership on the Transit shuttle service to GO stations, acknowledging that the Lisgar GO station has taken up some of the ridership from the Meadowvale GO station.

Approved / Directives (Councillor Frank Dale)
Recommendation BC-0002-2010
FA.19 (TS.01)

2. Urban Forestry Maintenance Backlog – Implementation

Corporate Report dated January 5, 2010 from the Commissioner of Community Services regarding the funding required to eliminate the backlog of forestry operations pending from last year.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the \$780,000 approved by Budget Committee to eliminate the forestry backlog be funded as follows:
 - a) \$193,500 for the hiring of one additional Forestry crew at a cost of \$123,500 (9 months), plus equipment lease costs of \$70,000 to be funded through a 2010 tax rate increase; and
 - b) The balance of \$586,500 for one-time contracted work be funded through Operating Reserves.
2. That the Recreation and Parks compliment be adjusted accordingly.
3. That a comprehensive Forestry Management resource plan be developed prior to 2011.

Approved (Councillor Pat Mullin)
Recommendation BC-0003-2010
FA.19 (EC.12)

3. Expansion of Library Service on Sundays

Corporate Report dated January 5, 2010 from the Commissioner of Community Services providing information on the cost of expanding the seasonal library service for Sunday operation at all branch libraries.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report dated January 5, 2010 from the Commissioner of Community Services, on the Expansion of Library Service on Sundays, be received for information.

Councillor Pat Saito moved that the Sunday service be implemented at all library branches commencing on Thanksgiving weekend in October through the Victoria Day weekend in May, with the exception of those branches closed in the year 2010 for renovation as an Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) project, and that Monday closures of library branches be reviewed.

Alternate Motion / Directive (Councillor Pat Saito)
Recommendation BC-0004-2010
FA.19 (CS.06)

4. Additional Funding Revenues – Pepsi Contract

Corporate Report dated January 6, 2010 from the Commissioner of Community Services regarding allocation of revenue received through the contract with the Pepsi Bottling Group.

RECOMMENDATION

That pursuant to the December 23, 2009 execution of the Pepsi procurement contract, it is recommended that \$75,000 in new net revenues, be allocated towards reducing the cost of the existing programs within the Community Services 2010 operating budget, as outlined in the report from the Commissioner of Community Services dated January 6, 2010.

Earlier in the meeting, Mayor Hazel McCallion advised Committee that clarification of the subject proposal with the Pepsi corporation was pending.

Approved (Councillor Nando Iannicca)
Recommendation BC-0005-2010
FA.19 (FA.11)

5. 2010 Business Plan and Budget Update

The recommendations regarding the 2010 Business Plan and Budget Update presented in the binders distributed to the Members of Budget Committee on Friday, November 27, 2009 were presented for consideration, as amended in previous Budget Committee meetings.

During the approval of the agenda at the beginning of this meeting, Committee concurred to add an item presented by Councillor Carolyn Parrish, regarding the 2010 budget for advertising listed in paragraph 1. g. at item d., in which the following motion was presented:

Whereas the last Budget Meeting responded to my request for the impact of a \$100,000 reduction in our \$500,000 allocation for advertising and announcements in the “paper of record” – the Mississauga News,

And Whereas that response illustrated how a reduction of \$70,000 would net an actual cost savings in the budget of approximately half that amount,

And Whereas questions posed on the preferred line rates based on volume were not answered in a clear fashion easily understood at that time,

Whereas reducing the budget by \$70,000 drops the line rate two categories as indicated on the attached chart and places the rate in the same category as the \$100,000 reduction originally requested,

Therefore be it resolved that the advertising budget for 2010 be further reduced by \$29,000 to no more than \$401,000.

Further, that a full report be prepared addressing the following:

(5.)

1. A plan to further streamline print advertising by coordinating all department purchases from all media sources.
2. A plan to reduce print advertising further by using alternative means to communicate.
3. Clarification from the province on what mandatory announcement regulations could be diverted into other than “paper of record” advertising.

Committee voted on Councillor Parrish’s motion as amended. The motion carried.

Approved (Councillor Carolyn Parrish)
Recommendation BC-0006-2010
FA.19

Committee considered the following summary of the 2010 Budget Recommendations as of December 14, 2009 and as amended at this meeting:

1. That Council Budget Committee approve the 2010 Budget and Business Plan as set out in:
 - a. 2010 Budget Book and Business Plan Appendix 1 – 2010 Operating Program Summary;
 - b. 2010 Budget Book and Business Plan Appendix 2 – 2010 Summary of Program Changes;
 - c. 2010 Budget Book and Business Plan Appendix 3 – 2010 Summary of Staffing Complement;
 - d. 2010 Budget Book and Business Plan Appendix 4 – 2010 Capital Budget Summary;
 - e. 2010 Budget Book and Business Plan Appendix 5 – 2010-2019 Capital Forecast Summary;
 - f. 2010 Budget Book and Business Plan Appendix 6 – Summary of Reserves and Reserve Funds.; and
 - g. 2010 Budget Book and Business Plan, Volume 2, Tabs H to T - Service Budgets, as amended to include the following adjustments approved by Budget Committee:
 - a. reduction to the Windrow Pilot program of \$400,000
 - b. Senior and Disable People Tax Rebate Program at a gross and net cost of \$364,000
 - c. Reduction in City Centre parking revenue of \$95,000
 - d. reduction in the net cost of advertising of \$63,000 [out of Recommendation BC-0006-2010]
 - e. reduction in the transfer from the Planning and Building Reserves of \$1,143,500
 - f. reduction in the transfer from the Gas tax reserves of \$1,143,500
 - g. increase in assessment growth of 0.8%
 - h. reduction in Bingo License revenue of \$67,000

(5.)

- i. increase in Forestry expenditures of \$780,000 to be funded by a transfer from operating reserves of \$586,500 and \$194,500 from the 2010 tax levy [no item j. was listed]
 - k. increase in Library expenditures of \$138,400 to provide for the opening of all available libraries on Sundays from Thanksgiving to Victoria Day
 - l. increase in sponsorship revenue of \$75,000
 - m. advancement of Wildwood master plan from 2011 Capital Forecast to 2010 Capital Budget at a cost of \$90,000
2. That the 2010 property tax levy be approved at \$297,038,200.00 [as amended by the further reduction to the advertising budget according to Recommendation BC-0006-2010], and excluding the infrastructure levy.
 3. That Budget Committee approves an additional infrastructure levy of a minimum \$2.8 million which equates to a 1% increase on the City's tax rate increase or a 0.28% increase on the total residential tax bill.

Councillor Eve Adams initiated discussion regarding recommendation 3. of the summary provided with the agenda of this meeting, and moved that an additional infrastructure levy on the total residential tax bill not be implemented for the year 2010. Councillor Adams' motion carried.

Directive (Councillor Eve Adams)

Recommendation BC-0007-2010

FA.19

4. That the following projects with multi-year funding which have or will commence prior to full funding being allocated, be approved to a maximum cost as follows:
 - a. Central Parkway Transit Facility Expansion at \$86.5 million funded from 2006 to 2010 (an increase of \$2.5 million);
 - b. Fire Training and Mechanical Centre at \$38.984 million funded in 2008 and 2011 (representing a \$3.5 increase in gross costs);
 - c. Greater Toronto Farecard Project at \$12.23 million funded in 2007 to 2010;
 - d. Bus Rapid Transit construction cost from 2008-2012 at \$230.31 million. The BRT has a construction shortfall of \$52.5 million (gross) of which a portion is offset by interest earned on project funds of \$14.7 million with a request for the remaining shortfall to come from our Federal and Provincial partners;
 - e. Transit CAD/AVL/automated stop announcements previously known as Smart Bus Technologies at \$15.0 million funded from 2008 to 2011;
 - f. Structure widening at Hurontario Street and Highway 401 at \$5.5 million funded in 2008 to 2010 (an increase of \$1.5 million);
 - g. Burnhamthorpe Road East – Arista Way to Dixie Road at \$6.85 million funded in 2009 and 2010 (an increase of \$310,000);
 - h. Port Credit Arena at \$12.85 million funded in 2008 to 2011 for design and construction;

- (5.)
- i. Meadowvale Community Centre and Library design only at \$3.6 million funded in 2009 and 2010 (an increase of \$0.2 million over last year);
 - j. Woodlands Library at \$4.0 million funded in 2009 and 2010 increasing \$2.2 million from prior approved gross costs and funded through the 2009 Special Tax Reserve Funding;
 - k. Business Continuity and Disaster Readiness at \$4.1 million funded in 2008 and 2010;
 - l. Replacement Fire vehicles at a \$1.275 million funded in 2010 and 2011;
 - m. Lions Park at \$949,000 funded over 2010 and 2011;
 - n. Library RFID project tagging and design at \$1.501 million over 2010 and 2011; and
 - o. Torbram Road grade separation construction at \$37.43 million funded in 2008 to 2010.
5. That all necessary by-laws be enacted.

Subsequently, Councillor Pat Saito moved approval of recommendations 1. and 2. as amended and Councillor Nando Iannicca moved approval of the recommendations 4. and 5. of the summary listed in this item.

Approved as Amended (Councillors Pat Saito and Nando Iannicca)
Recommendation BC-0008-2010 / By-laws 0013-2010 through 0029-2010
FA.19

CLOSED SESSION

Committee concurred to hold its closed session immediately following its receipt of Deputation A listed on the agenda of this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – 2:27pm

REPORT 1-2010

TO: THE MAYOR & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The Budget Committee presents its first report for 2010 and recommends:

BC-0001-2010

That receipt of the following deputations to Budget Committee at its meeting on January 13, 2010 be acknowledged:

- 1) Chris Mackie and Peter Walton of MIRANET presenting their recommendations regarding the budget review process.
- 2) the overview of discussions to date regarding the 2010 Business Plan and Budget by Patti Elliott-Spencer, Director of Finance.

FA.19

BC-0002-2010

That the Transit Service rationalization measures and proposed implementation plan outlined in the Corporate Report dated November 30, 2009 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works Department, be approved.

FA.19 (TS.01)

BC-0003-2010

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FA.19 (EC.12)

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2. That Monday closures of library branches be reviewed.

FA.19 (CS.06)

BC-0005-2010

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FA.19 (FA.11)

BC-0006-2010

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FA.19 (PR.02)

BC-0007-2010 [*Council extracted this recommendation and considered the matter through a recorded vote. See Resolution 0004-2010*]

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