



MINUTES

BUDGET COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2009 – 9:08 AM

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

- PRESENT: Mayor Hazel McCallion (Chair)
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| Councillor Pat Mullin | Ward 2 |
| Councillor Maja Prentice | Ward 3 |
| 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: Councillor Carmen Corbasson Ward 1
Councillor Frank Dale Ward 4
- STAFF: Janice Baker, City Manager & Chief Administrative Officer
Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works
Elaine Buckstein, Director of Enforcement
James Bisson, Manager of Mobile Licensing Enforcement
Ed Sajecki Commissioner, Planning and Building
Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services
Brenda Breault, Commissioner, Corporate Services & Treasurer
Ivana Di Millo, Director of Communications, Corporate Services
Paul Damaso, Manager Corporate Marketing/Promotion, Communications
Crystal Greer, Director of Legislative Services & City Clerk
Karin Ann Brent, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER

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MATTERS CONSIDERED

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6. Windrow Snow Removal

CLOSED SESSION

- A. (Pursuant to Subsection 239(2) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended)
Labour relations or employee negotiations – Economic Adjustment Options

Corporate Report dated October 13, 2009 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Treasurer regarding economic adjustment provisions for non-union staff.

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER – 9:08am

DECLARATIONS OF (DIRECT OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST – Nil

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Councillor Pat Saito)

DEPUTATIONS

A 2009 Citizen Value Measurement Survey

Ivana Di Millo, Director of Communications and Paul Damaso, Manager of Corporate Marketing and Promotions, gave a PowerPoint presentation of information regarding the Citizen Value Measurement (CVM) survey, in response to questions raised at a prior Budget Committee meeting on September 23, 2009.

During discussion, Councillor Pat Saito advised that she does not support funding the subject survey on the basis that feedback from constituents can be gathered in other ways, and that the funding required to operate that survey could be used to fund library hours, and opined that the Council needs to re-think its priorities.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish advised that survey data gathered by politicians in other levels of government is used for their platforms. Further, Councillor Parrish expressed concern that the computerized survey does not accommodate response from residents who are computer-illiterate. Mr. Damaso explained that public opinion is received through random telephone contact with residents with questions formulated by a panel, and for Transit, both riders and drivers were surveyed. Subsequently, Councillor Parrish advised that she wants the CVM survey concluded.

Councillor Maja Prentice suggested that a wider sampling of opinion would be beneficial to represent different age groups and opined that service needs are different for the respective areas of the City and therefore this matter should be referred back to staff for consultation with the Members of Council.

Councillor George Carlson advised that he has done surveys in the past which garnered similar results, and noted that there are numerous other tools available to gather data on what the ratepayers need and want.

Councillor Katie Mahoney opined that the surveys have been a valuable tool in the past, but that she agrees that there are other ways to gain constituent opinion, and opined that 1,100 responses does not provide an adequate sampling from a population of over 700,000. Subsequently, Councillor Katie Mahoney moved that the matter of continuing the Citizen Value Survey project be referred back to staff for a further report back to Budget Committee with information on an inventory of what methods are currently being employed by the City, an assessment of the gaps and a coordinated approach which addresses a means to capture a larger sample size through which the City can gather data and constituent opinion regarding the service needs and issues arising from the respective Wards.

Mayor Hazel McCallion opined that information regarding the needs of the respective Wards is required, and further, requested information on how the 311 system will benefit the provision of municipal services and operations, as well as data from all other input sources.

Directive (Councillor Katie Mahoney)

Recommendation BC-0021-2009 [*At the request of Councillor Katie Mahoney, amended by Council on 28 October 2009 by inserting the words "the Citizen Value Measurement not be approved at this time and"* at the beginning of the recommendation immediately following the word 'That', *for the purpose of clarifying whether the CVM should proceed.*]

PR.18 (FA.19)

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. Licence Fees and Set Fines Penalties Review – Parking Enforcement

Corporate Report dated October 7, 2009 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works seeking approval of adjustments to the licence fees and set fines toward deterring infractions to parking regulations.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Traffic By-law 555-00, be amended, to increase the set fine penalty to \$45.00 for parking vehicles within three (3) metres (9.8 feet) of a fire hydrant;
2. That the Traffic By-law 555-00, be amended, to increase the set fine penalty to \$35.00 for parking vehicles on signed Public Lane;
3. That the Traffic By-law 555-00, be amended, to increase the set fine penalty to \$35.00 for parking a vehicle on signed highway shoulder;
4. That the Traffic By-law 555-00, be amended, to increase the set fine penalty to \$35.00 for parking vehicles more than 30 centimetres (11.8 inches) from the curb side;
5. That the Traffic By-law 555-00, be amended, to increase the voluntary fine penalty to \$100.00 and the set fine penalty to \$125.00 for parking a heavy vehicle on private property without the owner's consent; and that
6. Legal Services be directed to make application to the Ministry of the Attorney General for the approval of the new set and voluntary fines and a new short form wording be created for parking a heavy vehicle on private property, contained within the Traffic By-law 555-00, as amended.

(1.)

Commissioner of Transportation and Works Martin Powell explained that the directive in paragraph 6. of the recommendation presented in the subject Corporate Report was the only matter that Committee needed to consider at this time, and requested that Committee consider paragraphs 1. through 5. of the recommendation presented in the subject Corporate Report as retracted. Further, Mr. Powell requested that Committee amend paragraph 6. by replacing the words “, contained within the Traffic By-law 555-00, as amended” with the words “as outlined in the Corporate Report dated October 7, 2009 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works”. Subsequently, Councillor Katie Mahoney moved the requested amendments and approval of the directive in paragraph 6.

Approved as Amended (Councillor Katie Mahoney)
Recommendation BC-0022-2009
FA.11 (BL.02)

2. Amendments to Traffic By-law 555-2000 – Parking Enforcement

Corporate Report dated October 7, 2009 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works seeking approval of amendments to Traffic By-law 555-2000 as amended, to restrict overnight on-street parking.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Traffic By-law 555-00, as amended, be amended to restrict overnight on street parking between the hours of 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. (0200 hours to 0600 hours); and
2. That Traffic By-law 555-00 Section 7 Sub-section 18, be amended, omitting the restriction of November 1st to March 31st inclusive.

Councillor Maja Prentice initiated discussion suggesting that the recommended provision would assist with snow clearing, and further opined that many people park their vehicles on the street for convenience rather than using their driveways and/or garages.

Councillor Pat Saito advised that she does not support the recommendations presented in the subject Corporate Report, and advised that she would prefer five hour on-street parking to accommodate guests of residents parking on-street in the evening hours, and speaking about other situations where complaints about parking are being received, opined that the recommended regulation would not be beneficial.

Councillor Nando Iannicca also opined that snow clearing would be easier if the recommended restriction were enacted, and subsequently spoke to situations where people pay for parking their vehicles such as residents of high rise condominiums, and acknowledged that despite the purchase of parking spaces or personal garages, some people choose to park on-street, and advised Committee that he therefore favours the recommended restrictions.

(2.)

Councillor Eve Adams joined the discussion, opining that the recommended restrictions might be difficult for residents who have homes built with the narrow garages or more than two (2) vehicles in their household, and advised that she concurs with Councillor Saito's comments on this matter.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish advised her agreement with Councillor Prentice's comments on the basis of safety concerns related to vehicles being parked on-street.

Councillor Saito confirmed with the Commissioner of Transportation and Works that the existing restriction for over-night parking in the winter months will remain in the event that the recommended restrictions are not implemented.

Councillor George Carlson advised he did not favour the recommended parking restrictions on the premise that once enacted, immediate ticket issuance could occur, without any warning to the vehicle owner.

In response to the suggestion that this matter should be referred to General Committee for discussion to allow the residents to be aware that the issue is being discussed, City Manager Janice Baker explained that presenting this type of policy or service items to Budget Committee is the normal process to allow Committee's input required for budget formulation, but that such policy or service would not be implemented until after the Budget is adopted unless directed by Council. Councillor Maja Prentice opined that referral to General Committee would not be productive if a majority of the Members of Council on this Committee do not support the recommended restrictions. Councillor Pat Saito advised her concurrence with referring discussion on this matter to General Committee on the basis that she considers it a policy item.

Subsequently Councillor Nando Iannicca moved that the Corporate Report dated October 7, 2009 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works regarding changes to the restriction of on-street parking overnight, be referred to General Committee for discussion.

Referred to General Committee (Councillor Nando Iannicca)

Recommendation BC-0023-2009

BL.02 (FA.11)

3. Licence Fees and Set Fines Review – Mobile Licensing, Enforcement

Corporate Report dated October 8, 2009 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works seeking approval of an increase of fees for mobile licensing.

(3.)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Fee Schedules of the Tow Truck Licensing By-law 521-04, the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-2004, the Ice Cream Truck Vendors By-law 523-04, be amended, by increasing the fees for Owner's licences by the amounts provided in Appendix 1 of the report dated October 8, 2009 presented to Budget Committee from the Transportation and Works Department.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish spoke to her concerns regarding situations where the towing of vehicles is not being done in an appropriate manner, and moved amendment to the recommendation presented in the subject Corporate Report to set the Mobile Licensing Fee for Tow Truck Owners at \$460.00 and that the 2010 business plan and budget provide for the hire of one (1) additional enforcement officer for the subject business unit.

In response to the question by Councillor Pat Saito about the ice cream truck licence fee, Manager of Mobile Licensing Enforcement James Bisson advised that the recommended fee is required to fund the additional staff required to monitor those vehicles.

Mayor Hazel McCallion questioned Mississauga's taxi licence fees as compared to other municipalities, and suggested that the subject Corporate Report should be referred to the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee for review. Mr. Bisson explained that Mississauga issues its taxi licences through a priority waiting list, where other municipalities charge their licence fees based on the type of vehicle licence. Subsequently, Councillor Nando Iannicca moved that the subject Corporate Report be to the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee (PVAC) for review.

Approved as Amended (Councillor Carolyn Parrish)

Referred to PVAC (Councillor Nando Iannicca)

Recommendation BC-0024-2009

FA.11 (LP.14)

4. Licence Fees and Set Fines Penalties Review – Animal Services

Corporate Report dated October 7, 2009 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works seeking approval of new fees and set fines for animal services.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Schedule B entitled 'Fees' of the Animal Care and Control By-law 98-04, relating to lifetime dog licences be deleted and replaced with a \$20.00 annual licence fee for altered dogs;

(4.)

2. That the Animal Control By-law 0098-04, be further amended to include a set fine penalty for late renewal of annual licences, up to six (6) months \$20.00, six (6) months or more, \$40.00;
3. That the Animal Control By-law 0098-04, be further amended to include a set fine penalty of \$500.00 for providing false information;
4. That Schedule B entitled 'Fees' of the Animal Care and Control By-law 98-04, for the annual licence fee for unaltered dogs increase from \$40.00 to \$45.00;
5. That Schedule B entitled 'Fees' of the Animal Care and Control By-law 98-04, for the lifetime licence for unaltered cats increase from \$40.00 to \$45.00; and that
6. That Legal Services be directed to make application to the Ministry of the Attorney General for the approval of the new set fines and a new short form wording created for providing false information.

Councillor Pat Saito initiated discussion questioning the draw backs of life time licence fees, to which Director of Enforcement Elaine Buckstein explained that the life time licence fee creates a situation where people tend to forget to update their municipal address and contact information on the micro chip files. Councillor Pat Saito spoke to the comments about the at door contact by Animal Services staff that she has received from certain residents. Mrs. Buckstein explained that the door to door contact is modelled after the City of Calgary's program, and advised that this program has been successful in ensuring that licences are renewed or obtained for pets, and that related contact information is kept up to date. Further, Mrs. Buckstein noted that uniformed officers do this outreach so that the residents are able to identify who is at their door. Subsequently, Councillor Saito requested information to include in her newsletter for information of the residents. Mayor McCallion noted that some municipalities do not licence pets and therefore some new residents might not be aware.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish advised Committee about her concerns with people who do not neuter their dogs, and further advised that she has requested the local Humane Society to attend Council to explain their services provided through volunteers and funded by charitable fundraising, to possibly seek assistance with the fees charged by their foster animals.

Subsequently, Councillor Katie Mahoney moved approval of the recommendation in the subject Corporate Report.

Approved (Councillor Katie Mahoney)
Recommendation BC-0025-2009
FA.11 (CS.15)

5. Licence Fees and Set Fines Review
Compliance & Licensing Enforcement and Charity Gaming

Corporate Report dated October 7, 2009 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works seeking approval of new fees and set fines for certain licence fees and set fines.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Fee schedules of the Business Licensing By-law 1-06, be amended, by increasing the New and Renewal Licence Fee for a Vehicle Pound Facility to \$500.00 each; and
2. That the Fees and Charges By-law 431-08, for Transportation and Works, be amended, to increase the Noise Exemption application fee to \$150.00 plus GST and the Fence Exemption application fee to \$200.00 plus GST effective January 1, 2010.

Councillor Nando Iannicca moved approval of the recommendation in the subject Corporate Report.

Approved (Councillor Nando Iannicca)
Recommendation BC-0026-2009
FA.11 (LP.22)

6. Windrow Snow Removal

Corporate Report dated October 8, 2009 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works in response to a request from Budget Committee for information regarding the costs of implementing windrow snow removal.

RECOMMENDATION

That a City program to provide windrow removal service for older adults and the disabled not be implemented and that the annual \$200.00 subsidy program for older adults and disabled residents continue to offset the cost of private snow clearing.

Councillor Eve Adams initiated discussion referring to the windrow removal service provided in conjunction with the United Way program in the Township of York, and subsequently moved that this matter referred back to staff for additional information on how much other municipalities spend on windrow removal, the cost per driveway and what equipment is used for windrow removal to accommodate different sizes of driveways, and the service provided through United Way assistance to certain residents in the Township of York.

(6.)

Councillor Adams also suggested that a co-pay system might work to provide the windrow removal service, noting the difficulties involved with finding someone able to perform this service in a timely manner so that residents who get paid hourly wages, can get out of their driveway for travel to work on time. It was noted that some students are willing to sign up to do snow removal to earn their mandatory forty hours of volunteer work, or for a small fee.

Further discussion raised questions about providing assistance to disabled residents and senior adults with limited incomes and the need to formulate criteria to determine which residents would qualify for the suggested assistance. During this discussion, Councillor Pat Saito spoke to the need to have input from staff from Region of Peel Social Services, and Councillor George Carlson spoke to the need to develop a system through which to deploy volunteers willing to provide snow clearing services.

Subsequently, Councillor Eve Adams advised that she would like to see a committee struck to review this matter and determine best practices done by other municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area. Councillor Pat Saito volunteered to participate with the suggested committee.

Councillor Pat Mullin suggested that strict criteria needs to be formulated to ensure that the suggested assistance is delivered effectively to disabled and low-income residents, and further suggested that staff from Ontario Works might also be consulted. City Manager Janice Baker suggested that the Older Adult Coordinator might also be consulted about the subject issue. Mayor Hazel McCallion advised Committee that the City of Toronto reportedly includes assessed property value in its criteria for warranting assistance.

Councillor Maja Prentice referred to prior discussions about the feasibility of organizing the hire of Ontario Works recipients, and also volunteered to participate on the suggested committee.

Subsequently, Councillor Eve Adams moved that the Corporate Report dated October 8, 2009 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works be referred to back to staff, and that a committee consisting of herself and Councillors Maja Prentice and Pat Saito be formed to meet with City and Region of Peel staff to develop a plan for the provision of windrow snow removal service to senior adults and disabled residents who demonstrate a financial need, to be implemented for the upcoming winter season, and that the report on the implementation of the program including eligibility criteria be provided to Budget Committee as quickly as possible.

Referred Back to Staff / Directive (Councillor Eve Adams)

Recommendation BC-0027-2009 [Amended by Council 28 October 2009 to insert the words:
RT.20 (FA.19) *“and other residents on a pay for service basis”* after the words “financial need”.]

CLOSED SESSION

Committee chose not to move into Closed Session and did not vote to give disposition on the following matter:

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Received for Information in Resolution 0242-2009 by Council 28 October 2009
HR.07

ADJOURNMENT – 11:20am

REPORT 6-2009

TO: THE MAYOR & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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

BC-0021-2009 [*as amended by Council 28 October 2009*]

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