



# MINUTES

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## BUDGET COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009 – 9:09 AM**

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

STAFF: Janice Baker, City Manager & Chief Administrative Officer  
Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works  
John Calvert, Acting Commissioner of Planning and Building  
Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services  
Brenda Breault, Commissioner, Corporate Services & Treasurer  
Roberto Rossini, Director of Finance, Corporate Services Department  
Crystal Greer, Director, Legislative Services & City Clerk  
Karin Ann Brent, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009 – 1:32pm**

PRESENT: Mayor Hazel McCallion (Chair)  
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 George Carlson Ward 11

ABSENT: Councillor Carmen Corbasson Ward 1  
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Councillor Katie Mahoney Ward 8  
Councillor Pat Saito Ward 9  
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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009 – 1:16 PM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Hazel McCallion (Chair)  
Councillor Carmen Corbasson Ward 1  
Councillor Pat Mullin Ward 2  
Councillor Maja Prentice Ward 3  
Councillor Carolyn Parrish Ward 6  
Councillor Katie Mahoney Ward 8  
Councillor Pat Saito Ward 9  
Councillor Sue McFadden Ward 10  
Councillor George Carlson Ward 11

**ABSENT:** Councillor Frank Dale Ward 4  
Councillor Eve Adams Ward 5  
Councillor Nando Iannicca Ward 7

**STAFF:** Janice Baker, City Manager & Chief Administrative Officer  
Joe Pituska, Acting Commissioner of Transportation and Works  
Ed Sajecki, Commissioner, Planning and Building  
Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services  
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CALL TO ORDER

DECLARATIONS OF (DIRECT OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST

DEPUTATIONS

- A Introduction of the 2009 - 2010 Business Plan and Budget by Janice Baker, City Manager & Brenda Breault, Commissioner of Corporate Services & Treasurer
- B Overview of the 2009 - 2010 Business Plan and Budget by Roberto Rossini, Director of Finance

MATTERS CONSIDERED

- 1. Review of Services (Volume 2)
  - H Roads, Storm Drainage and Watercourses
  - I Fire and Emergency Services
  - J Mississauga Transit
  - K Recreation and Parks
  - L Land Development Services
  - M Legislative Services
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- 2. 2009 – 2010 Business Plan and Budget (Volume 1)

CLOSED SESSION - Nil

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER – 9:09 AM on January 26, 2009

At the request of Mayor Hazel McCallion, Committee agreed to recess this meeting at 12 noon in order that the Members of Council could honour their invitation to attend the Chinese New Year celebrations being hosted in the Great Hall.

DECLARATIONS OF (DIRECT OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Katie Mahoney declared a conflict of interest in the matter of Workplace Safety and Insurance Board of Ontario on the basis that her husband is employed by that organization, and refrained from participating with the discussion or vote on this matter.

Councillor Sue McFadden declared a conflict of interest for the matter and related discussion of the recent decision to allow fire fighters to claim for injury during the performance of the duties, retroactive to the 1960s, on the basis that he husband is a retired fire fighter, and refrained from participating with the discussion or vote on this matter.

DEPUTATIONS

- A Introduction of the 2009-2010 Business Plan and Budget by Janice Baker, City Manager & Brenda Breault, Commissioner of Corporate Services & Treasurer
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City Manager Janice Baker introduced the 2009 – 2010 business plan and budget document advising that it is the first business plan prepared for the City of Mississauga, and that the information will align with the City of Mississauga Strategic Plan. Mrs. Baker expressed thanks to Director of Finance Roberto Rossini and his staff as well as the Members of the Leadership and Extended Leadership Teams of staff representing the various City Departments and operating divisions for their efforts with the creation of the business plan and budget document.

Commissioner of Corporate Services & Treasurer Brenda Breault advised that Mississauga is still developing, noting that over one billion dollars in Building Permits were issued in 2008 which indicates the need to increase service delivery and provide or maintain the City's infrastructure. Mrs. Breault explained that staff's recommendations presented in the subject document are fiscally responsible. Mrs. Breault concluded her comments expressing thanks to Manager of Finance Donna Herridge and her staff for their collation of the subject business plan and budget document.

On a verbal motion, Deputation A was received for information.

Received for Information

Recommendation BC-0001-2009

FA.19

B Overview of the 2009-2010 Business Plan and Budget  
by Roberto Rossini, Director of Finance

Director of Finance Roberto Rossini gave a PowerPoint presentation advising that Volume 1 of the business plan and budget document serves as a summary and that Volume 2 provides the details for the respective services and programs administered by the City of Mississauga.

Mr. Rossini gave an overview of the proposed capital budget and infrastructure levy increases for the years 2008 through 2011, providing a comparison of the capital budget versus tax funding required for capital projects.

A summary of the tax-based capital Reserve Funds including the Capital Revolving Fund was shown to show the closing balances in 2007 and 2008 and projecting for the years 2009 through 2018, and external debt financing for the years 2012 through 2018 was reviewed.

Further, Mr. Rossini explained the impact of the proposed infrastructure levy on the 2009 residential tax bill, using an average assessed value of \$365,000 for a residential property, and advised that infrastructure funding needs to be increased in municipal budgets as well as in Provincial and Federal budgets. Mr. Rossini noted that staff is preparing a separate Corporate Report to seek Council's direction on the allocation of the recently received \$24.95 million through the *Investing in Ontario Act* program [announced at the Budget Committee meeting on November 19, 2008].

For comparison, Mr. Rossini presented information about the 2008 taxes levied by other municipalities using the \$365,000 assessed value. The composition of the municipal tax bill was reviewed for the education, City and Regional apportionments, and the 2009 total taxes that would be levied for residential properties at various assessed values ranging from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

On a verbal motion, Deputation B was received for information.

Received for Information

Recommendation BC-0002-2009

FA.19

MATTERS CONSIDERED

2009 – 2010 Business Plan and Budget

The proposed 2009 – 2010 Business Plan and Budget for the City of Mississauga was presented for consideration by Budget Committee commencing on January 26, 2009 and continuing in a series of meetings scheduled for January 28, February 3 and February 9, 2009 if required, to complete its discussion and render its recommendation.

Bound copies of the proposed 2009 – 2010 Business Plan and Budget (Volumes 1 & 2) were distributed to the Members of Council on Friday, January 16, 2009.

1. SERVICE RECOMMENDATIONS (Volume 2)

That Budget Committee approve the budgets for the respective service set out in the following Appendices of the 2009 – 2010 Business Plan and Budget:

- H Roads, Storm Drainage and Watercourses
- I Fire and Emergency Services
- J Mississauga Transit
- K Recreation and Parks
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2. RECOMMENDATIONS (Volume 1)

1. That Budget Committee approve:
  - a. Appendix 1 – 2009 Operating Program Summary;
  - b. Appendix 2 – 2009 Summary of Program Changes;
  - c. Appendix 3 – 2009 Summary of Staffing Complement;
  - d. Appendix 4 – 2009 Capital Budget Summary;
  - e. Appendix 5 – 2009-2018 Capital Forecast Summary; and
  - f. Appendix 6 – Summary of Reserves and Reserve Funds presented in Volume 1 of the 2009 – 2010 Business Plan and Budget.
2. That the balance of the Capital Revolving Fund be transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund to finance ongoing infrastructure needs without internal debt repayments and that Council Budget Committee approve in principal the need to increase its investment in capital reserve funds on an ongoing, annual basis as resources permit.
3. That the Capital Revolving Fund be closed.

4. That Budget Committee approve an additional infrastructure levy of a minimum \$2.7 million which equates to a 0.28% increase on the total residential tax bill.
5. That a new Investing in Ontario (IOA) Reserve Fund be established to provide for revenue received under the Investing in Ontario Act and that allocation of these funds to specific projects be approved by Council at a later date.
6. That the following projects with multi-year funding which are planned to commence prior to full funding being allocated be approved to a maximum cost as follows:
  - a. Central Parkway Transit Facility Expansion at \$84.0 million funded from 2006 to 2010;
  - b. Fire Training and Mechanical Centre at \$35.5 million funded in 2008 and 2010;
  - c. Greater Toronto Farecard Project at \$12.23 million funded in 2007 to 2010;
  - d. Construction of the Bus Rapid Transit is \$237.81 million from 2008 to 2012. This total includes \$52.5 million in unfunded costs necessary to complete the project due to rising material costs;
  - e. Transit 2010 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 \$4.0 million funded in 2008 to 2010;
  - g. Burnhamthorpe Road East – Arista Way to \*Cawthra Road at \$6.5 million funded in 2009 and 2010; [\*amended by Council February 11, 2008 to read 'Dixie Road']
  - h. Port Credit Arena at \$12.52 million funded in 2008 to 2011 for design and construction;
  - i. Meadowvale Community Centre and Library design only at \$3.4 million funded in 2009 and 2010;
  - j. Woodlands Library at \$1.8 million funded in 2009 and 2010;
  - k. Civic Square/Library Square design only at \$0.9 million funded in 2009 and 2010; and.
  - l. Business Continuity and Disaster Readiness at \$4.1 million funded in 2008 and 2010.
7. That all necessary by-laws be enacted.

Mayor McCallion commenced the discussion with expression of congratulations to staff for the creation of the Business Plan and Budget document presented for consideration.

Councillor Pat Mullin initiated discussion requesting information on the impact of the proposed tax increases on homes with assessed values of \$800,000.

In response to the further question by Councillor Mullin about funding winter maintenance, Director of Finance Roberto Rossini referred to Appendix E in Volume 1 of the Business Plan and Budget document, and explained the funding from Reserves and Reserve Funds and explained the potential negative impact that could result from not putting sufficient funds into Reserves.

Responding to the question by Councillor Mullin about the increase in winter maintenance costs in relation to the clearing trails along the City's waterfront, Commissioner of Transportation and Works Martin Powell explained that the budget is calculated by averaging activity experienced in prior years, as well as accounting for increased services and the increase of salt and sand materials.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish referenced the information comparing Mississauga to other Greater Toronto Area (GTA) municipalities. In response to Councillor Parrish's question about the tax rates for the school board portions, City Manager Janice Baker noted that education costs are also funded by other taxation such as Provincial Sales Tax and development charges.

In response to Councillor Parrish's question about the commercial office strategy for the City core, Commissioner of Transportation and Works explained that proposed parking structures will be a source of revenue in future. Further, Councillor Parrish questioned the method through which staff prioritized various projects, to which City Manager Janice Baker advised that priorities for funding will have to be re-shaped and the timing of certain projects for development of the City Centre re-visited by looking at local funding pressures.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish questioned the project for rehabilitating the Burnhamthorpe branch library being listed third in line for federal infrastructure funding as compared to other facilities that require upgrade, or entertaining a new project for the construction of a community centre in Ward 10. City Manager Janice Baker and Commissioner of Community Services Paul Mitcham explained that the projects that were identified to be 'non-funded' capital items were included in the application for federal infrastructure funding. Mr. Mitcham noted that the Burnhamthorpe Branch library project is proposed to be a partnership with the Dixie/Bloor Community Centre.

Subsequently, Councillor Parrish suggested that staff communicate with the Members of Council and that a special Council meeting be held to consider which projects will be included in the submission to the Federal infrastructure program. City Manager Baker explained that the deadline for submission to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) infrastructure program required staff to respond quickly and that information on that submission was provided to the Members of Council for their information.

Mayor McCallion clarified that the capital projects forecasted to be unfunded were submitted. Councillor Carolyn Parrish spoke to the matter of allocating the recently received \$24.95 million from the *Investing in Ontario Act* program, and suggested that this funding be distributed to local community projects in each of the eleven (11) Wards.

Further, Councillor Parrish requested that any participation by Mississauga in the development of pool facility for the Pan Am Games estimated to require \$30 million funding, be discussed by Council prior to any commitments being made. City Manager Janice Baker advised that staff will be reporting to Council in a due course for its consideration of partnering with other local municipalities for the noted pool facility.

Councillor Maja Prentice explained that the project for rehabilitation of the Burnhamthorpe Branch Library was submitted for Federal Infrastructure Funding as it was listed as an unfunded project for many years.

Councillor Nando Iannicca spoke to the benefits experienced by Mississauga residents since the redevelopment of the Huron Park Community Centre and noted that the rehabilitation of all the older community centres will be required eventually and therefore it is advantageous to find opportunities to negotiate moving forward with projects that are ready to be started. Further, Councillor Nando Iannicca opined that the City cannot continue only using its Reserves and opined that there is a need to determine a new funding model that is sustainable. Councillor Iannicca noted that soon development levies will no longer be available and that debt financing over the life of the respective assets will have to be done, noting his concurrence with Councillor Carolyn Parrish's mention to request the Federal and Provincial governments to provide regular funding to municipalities.

In response to the question by Councillor Eve Adams as to whether the projects identified in slide 41 of Mr. Rossini's PowerPoint presentation were listed in priority, Mr. Rossini advised that the Bus Rapid Transit, Civic Square improvements and City Centre parking structure projects are considered priority, and the remainder of the projects have random status.

City Manager Janice Baker advised Committee that the projects submitted for the FCM infrastructure funding have 'shovel ready' status however the City is not committed to a particular priority and that ultimately, determining the priority for which project(s) will be commenced will be by Council.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish noted that some countries have a tri-level taxation system that delegate municipal government with small taxing powers. Further, Councillor Parrish referenced the recent Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's (MPAC) assessments as a possible impact for residents as well as the impact of recent market fluctuations. Further Councillor Parrish noted that the financial constraints could relay to fundraising by not-for-profit entities, and in conclusion, expressed the need for the City to put funding into its Reserves.

In response to the question by Mayor Hazel McCallion on the status of the report requested during the previous Budget Committee meeting, Commissioner of Community Services Paul Mitcham noted that the Port Credit, Lakeview and Lorne Park and Woodlands branch libraries have been combined into one (1) project as a redevelopment plan for the older library branches, and including scope and project management bringing the budget value to approximately \$11 million, and further that maintenance of other branch libraries will be reviewed for repairs and maintenance level improvements to be funded out of the operating budget.

Responding to the comments about the property assessments, Commissioner of Corporate Services Brenda Breault advised that the City's Revenue staff are currently analyzing the impact of re-assessment and will report to Council in a due course. Further, Mayor McCallion noted that the Regional municipalities of York and Durham fund their local Transit services and questioned whether staff has taken this into account. Director of Finance Roberto Rossini reviewed the recommended tax rate increase and noted that the municipal comparisons had been adjusted to ensure that they included similar costs. In response to the question by Mayor McCallion about fuel costs, Mr. Rossini advised that the budget was calculated at 83 cents per litre when the cost of diesel was averaging \$1.03 per litre, and that a shortfall is anticipated despite the recent decrease in diesel fuel costs to 93 cents per litre.

Mayor McCallion noted a recent article published in the Toronto Star about library service needs increasing due to the recent market downturn, and spoke to the need to provide adequate library and community centre services during this economic period, and questioned the closures slated for certain Statutory holidays.

Councillor Eve Adams confirmed with Commissioner of Community Services Paul Mitcham that the community centres will be open on Family Day and that operating hours will be maintained where the demand is strong.

Further, Mayor McCallion questioned the impact of decreased interest income on the City's Reserve Funds, to which Mr. Rossini noted that the City's portfolio has a variable status.

Responding to Mayor McCallion's further reference to an article about City sidewalks being kept safe for pedestrian travel, Commissioner of Transportation and Works Martin Powell advised that staff are currently reviewing sidewalk snow clearing operations and will present a report in the summer of 2009 to address service levels and obtain Council's direction about acquiring additional equipment for winter maintenance in 2010. Councillor Parrish suggested that the noted review also include consideration of demographics of the population, in particular for senior adults.

Mayor McCallion suggested that subdivision design should also consider winter maintenance, noting the complexities involved with snow clearing on the roadways in cul-de-sacs. Councillor Maja Prentice noted the number of complaints she has received from residents who object to using tractors to plow snow from their local roads. Director of Engineering and Works Joe Pitushka explained the need to use all equipment available.

In response to a further question by Councillor Carolyn Parrish as to whether a by-law should be enacted to regulate the use of Reserve funds, Mr. Rossini advised that staff regularly report to Council regarding the status of capital projects at which time projections for funding are determined, and the by-laws are presented to enact the transfer of required funds.

Subsequently, Mayor McCallion led Committee in a review of the service budgets set out in Appendices H through T in Volume 2 of the 2009-2010 Business Plan and Budget document.

#### Appendix H: Roads, Storm Drainage and Watercourses

Mayor McCallion referenced page H-51 regarding special pavement markings (zebra stripes) for pedestrian safety at intersections.

Councillor Pat Saito advised that the Safe Driving Committee has expressed its support of zebra striping as part of the Pedestrian Safety Campaign and suggested that the cycling lane markings could be extracted to reduce the pavement marking budget. Commissioner of Transportation and Works noted the Corporate Report dated October 1, 2008 titled 'Enhanced Pavement Markings - Proposed Reduction in Funding' that was received by Budget Committee on October 15, 2008, and explained that removal of the budget item in question would not delete the program, but reduce the number of intersections at which the special pavement markings can be applied during 2009.

Councillor Maja Prentice noted that on page H-9, the reference to Dundas Street requires correction from "Dundas Road". Further, Councillor Prentice referenced pages H-48 and H-49 and questioned the changes to the staff complement. Commissioner of Transportation and Works advised that temporary staff is being used to maintain the required service levels and that the permanent staff complement is reduced by four (4) positions. In response to Councillor Prentice's question about the percentage of increase for contracted services, Director of Engineering and Works Joe Pitushka advised that four (4) full time staff positions were retracted and some equipment was sold for budget reductions.

Councillor Pat Saito referenced page H-97 and questioned how graffiti removal was being addressed, noting that the utility companies appear to be mitigating the amount of graffiti damage to their equipment. Councillor Saito and Mr. Powell discussed this matter during which Councillor Saito referenced the Integrated Municipal Enforcement Team (IMAT) that deals with graffiti, and Mr. Powell advised that staff can increase their dialogue with the Police to address this problem.

Further, Councillor Saito noted page H-70 and referenced the request for staff for a response regarding sidewalk and windrow snow clearing that was issued in Recommendation AAC-0002-2009, and requested that staff report back prior to issuing any Tenders for the 2010 winter contracts. Councillor Saito also questioned staff's estimate of \$3.5 million mentioned in prior discussion about windrow clearing, as compared to the cost of \$4.5 million that the City of Brampton estimated to clear windrows on its roadways, expressing concern for being able to provide a sufficient budget room to provide this additional service level in future.

Councillor Pat Mullin reference page H-87 and questioned the funding allocated for development studies. Commissioner of Transportation and Works advised that the requested budget will fund studies that are required for development in areas where the funding cannot be obtained from the respective individual developers, and explained that some of that expense can be offset by development charge fees.

Councillor Katie Mahoney referenced page H-119 regarding The Collegeway bridge over Sawmill Creek, noting that this is a naturalized area and questioned the ability to remove or reduce the concrete structure under that bridge to encourage the naturalization of the Creek.

Commissioner of Transportation and Works Martin Powell explained that removal of the concrete components from underneath the subject bridge would be complicated.

Councillor George Carlson referenced pages H-52 and H-60 regarding the street lighting program changes and questioned the possible reductions that could be achieved by changing the style of light fixture. Commissioner of Transportation and Works Martin Powell advised that the staff who deal with streetlight operations are currently reviewing the flat-lens fixtures used by the City of Calgary out of a referral from the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Councillor Pat Saito questioned whether any City funds will be required to resurface the portion of Winston Churchill Boulevard that spans the bridge over Highway 401. Director of Engineering and Works Joe Pitushka advised that the City is responsible for the road structure to the point where the access ramps end. Councillor Saito noted that Winston Churchill Boulevard north of Highway 401 was paved by the Region of Peel, and that Mississauga paid for paving that roadway south of Highway 401.

Subsequently, Councillor Maja Prentice moved receipt of Appendix H, subject to possible change after review of the information requested about reducing the budget for pavement marking. The motion was voted upon and carried.

At approximately 12:02pm, Committee concurred to recess for lunch and return at approximately 1:00pm.

This meeting of Budget Committee resumed at approximately 1:07pm.

In response to the enquiry made during discussion about Appendix H, the City Clerk distributed copies of the Corporate Report titled 'Enhanced Pavement Markings - Proposed Reduction in Funding' dated October 15, 2008 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, along with an extract of Recommendation BC-0030-2008 adopted by Council on October 22, 2008 in which the subject Corporate Report was received for information.

Appendix I: Fire & Emergency Services

Councillor Eve Adams moved receipt of Appendix I. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Appendix J: Mississauga Transit

Councillor Maja Prentice referenced page J-47 regarding an increase to contracted professional services. Director of Mississauga Transit Geoff Marionff advised that the noted increase is for snow removal at the new Central Parkway and Malton terminals, and explained that this snow clearing item was previously included in the budget for the Engineering and Works Division.

Subsequently, Councillor Maja Prentice moved receipt of Appendix J. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Appendix K: Recreation and Parks

Councillor Maja Prentice referenced page K-36 and questioned the Full Time Employee increases versus the reduction in the staff complement noted for the year 2010. Commissioner of Community Services Paul Mitcham advised that the part time staff complement relates to the temporary closure of the Meadowvale Community Centre during its renovation.

Further, Councillor Maja Prentice questioned the funding of snow removal on recreation trails. Commissioner of Community Services Paul Mitcham explained that the trails across the City need to have snow removed, further to which Councillor Prentice requested that staff review the warrant criteria to determine snow removal service prior to the contract for next year (2010). Councillor Pat Mullin noted that snow removal on the waterfront trail during the winter of 2008/2009 was recommended by the consultants in the Park Strategy. Councillor Eve Adams noted the demise of a senior adult that occurred while walking along a Malton area trail and suggested that information be distributed to the public to advise which of the trails in the City's system are safer for winter pedestrian activity. Mayor Hazel McCallion noted that snow clearing on pedestrian trails in the waterfront parks is a new service and therefore requires monitoring for results.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish questioned whether the staff has any data about the number of users of community centres. Commissioner of Community Services Paul Mitcham advised that foot traffic to community centres is used to gather data on the number of residents using the facility. Further, Councillor Parrish requested information on the demographics of the residents using the community centres, including the age of the facility and information on any significant maintenance that was done over the life of the facility.

Councillor Eve Adams referenced page K-128 and moved that the \$70,000 budgeted for playground redevelopment at Barondale Green in the year 2011 be advanced to 2009 and that PN 9303 be increased from \$1,074,000 to \$1,144,000, to include this playground redevelopment. The motion for this amendment was voted upon and carried.

Subsequently, Councillor Nando Iannicca moved receipt of Appendix K. The motion was voted upon and carried.

#### Appendix L: Land Development Services

Councillor Nando Iannicca moved receipt of Appendix L. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Councillor Pat Saito referenced page L-15 and questioned the need for the Erin Mills Major Node Study and also the Meadowvale GO Station Transit Oriented Development Study on the basis that the adjacent lands have been developed or are zoned and ready for development. Director of Policy Planning John Calvert advised that both of those studies will be done in-house as continuing work out of the Official Plan for the BRT station review. Further, Councillor Saito questioned the study regarding the Meadowvale GO Station noting that this station is located in a developed area, noting the review for expansion of the Meadowvale GO station parking lot. Mr. Calvert noted that the Erin Mills study will be a more detailed study for pedestrian and Transit linkages and offered to discuss the studies with Councillor Saito.

#### Appendix M: Legislative Services

Councillor Pat Mullin referenced page M-17 and questioned the significant increase in funding noted for communications costs in the year 2010. Commissioner of Corporate Services Brenda Breault advised that the noted funding for communications is required for the Municipal Election in 2010.

Councillor Frank Dale questioned whether Security Guards will be placed at each Polling Station that is located in a school, for the 2010 Municipal Election. Director of Legislative Services Crystal Greer advised that for the 2006 Municipal Election, a staff person was assigned to each polling location at a school to ensure that voters did not stray into the other areas of the school. In response to the question by Mayor Hazel McCallion as to whether the school boards pay a portion of the expenses for the Municipal Election in regard to the election of school board trustees, Ms. Greer replied in the negative.

Councillor Katie Mahoney moved receipt of Appendix M. The motion was voted upon and carried.

#### Appendix N: Library Services

Councillor Katie Mahoney referenced pages N-36 & N-38 and advised that she accepts the situation of the Sheridan branch library in regard to it being located in leased space.

Subsequently, Councillor Katie Mahoney moved receipt of Appendix N. The motion was voted upon and carried.

#### Appendix O: Arts and Culture

Councillor Maja Prentice moved receipt of Appendix O.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish questioned the large Reserve of start up funding for children's programming at the Living Arts Centre (LAC) and requested information on the possibility of the City using that money. City Manager Janice Baker advised that the noted funds are not available to the City. Responding to a further question by Councillor Parrish about the amount of funding that the City provides the Living Arts Centre (LAC), Mrs. Baker advised that the City funds the facility operating costs which equate to approximately one million dollars per annum, and noted that in prior years the City provide the LAC a line of credit. Subsequently, Councillor Parrish requested information on the history and proposed plan for long term use of the LAC Reserve Fund. City Manager Janice Baker advised Committee that the Arts and Culture Master Plan document will address ways to work with the LAC to the benefit of everyone involved.

Councillor Maja Prentice clarified that the Program Infrastructure Fund was created with surpluses over the years to have money available to assist the art groups that required funding assistance, and advised that she expects these funds will be needed this year.

Mayor Hazel McCallion noted the impact that the current economic climate is having on corporate sponsorship of events and not-for-profit organizations.

Subsequently, Councillor Carolyn Parrish requested that funding for Orchestra Mississauga be advanced as soon as possible. City Manager Janice Baker advised that the Corporate Grants are issued as soon as approval of Council occurs.

The motion to receive Appendix O was voted upon and carried.

#### Appendix P: Regulatory Services

Councillor Carolyn Parrish questioned the budget for Animal Services operations, to which Commissioner of Transportation and Works Martin Powell explained that the budget is calculated based on expenditures experienced the year prior. Further, Councillor Carolyn Parrish referenced page P-26 noting the decrease of 8.9% for Animal Services. Commissioner of Transportation and Works Martin Powell advised that the noted reduction relates to the cross-corporate cut to staff development budgets. Director of Enforcement Services Elaine Buckstein explained that in-house training is being done and that they hope to have cross training with a GTA group of animal service care providers as most use the same data program called 'chameleon'; and noted that a new supervisor for Animal Services has been hired.

Further, Councillor Parrish suggested that the new regulation for towing services might require additional staff resources. Mrs. Buckstein noted that the impact on staff resources is a primary reason that staff have not reported about licensing fees to date.

Subsequently, Councillor Pat Mullin moved receipt of Appendix P. The motion was voted upon and carried.

#### Appendix Q: Strategic Policy

Councillor Katie Mahoney moved receipt of Appendix Q. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Appendix R: Business Services & Corporate Assets

Mayor Hazel McCallion questioned when the proposed 311 service will commence. Commissioner of Corporate Services Brenda Breault advised that training of staff and preparations are in progress for a “soft” launch in June with a full launch by the fall of 2009; and further, noted that the 311 system is expected to enhance customer service.

Councillor Maja Prentice referenced page R-56 and questioned whether the implementation of the Call Centre has impacted the work load in other divisions of the City. Commissioner of Corporate Services Brenda Breault advised that the Call Centre is now taking calls for all divisions of the City.

Director of Customer Services Shawn Slack noted that taking enquiries through the Call Centre can result in a back log for certain business units and that an assessment of service delivery requirements can be determined by data about the number of calls.

Councillor Maja Prentice opined that the Call Centre provides a higher level of service than in prior years on the basis that the general information can be provided to a caller without requiring their referral to divisional staff for an answer. In response to the question by Councillor Prentice on whether the operational divisions have experienced a change in workload since activation of the Call Centre, Mr. Slack advised that the call activity is tracked, noting that 220,000 calls were handled in the year 2008. Mr. Slack advised that 95% of the calls are handled by the Call Centre and approximately 5% result in a request for a service, so the business units can concentrate on delivering their particular service. Further, Mr. Slack looked at the related FTE requirements, noting that in some instances the improved access for customers can result in a backlog for the provision of requested service of some business units.

Further, Councillor Prentice referenced R-69 regarding the reduction of the Tour program relating to 0.5 FTE for staffing. Commissioner of Corporate Services Brenda Breault advised that the Tour program was operated during certain hours of the day which equated to staff time application of 0.5 FTE.

Councillor Katie Mahoney questioned if email contact for enquiries is being measured. Mr. Slack explained that the channel used by residents to make enquiries has evolved to include email and on-line enquiries through the City’s portal. Mr. Slack referenced the results of ‘Citizen First 5’ survey which indicated that internet and email communication channels are being used as well as telephone calls which are used complementary to the other channels of contact.

Councillor Pat Saito questioned if “Live Chat” has been considered for technical support assistance. Mr. Slack advised that this is not in the 2009 to 2011 work plan.

Councillor Pat Saito referenced page R-214 regarding the replacement of tiles of the pool deck at the Erin Meadows facility and questioned whether the City can approach the contractor for costs to offset the loss of revenues that will result from the closure of this facility during the repairs. Director of Facilities and Property Management Ken Owen advised that the membrane specified and applied at the primary installation has failed and that this is being experienced at other facilities as well, and therefore the contractor that did the installation cannot be approached for compensation.

Councillor Eve Adams referenced page R-215 and requested clarification of the budget for the employee work space planning project. Commissioner of Corporate Services Brenda Breault advised that the subject project is for relocating staff and rehabilitation of the Civic Centre to improve customer service.

In response to a further question by Councillor Eve Adams as to whether the subject project includes relocation of the Information Technology Training Centre in B1 of the Civic Centre, Mrs. Breault advised that the Training Centre currently located at the Living Arts Centre will be relocated to the new Fire and Emergency Services Training Centre once it is complete. Director of Facilities and Property Management Ken Owen advised that a specific budget item is not identified for the training room located in B1 of the Civic Centre. Subsequently, Councillor Eve Adams requested information regarding what funds are allocated and the rationale for upgrades for the B1 training room.

Councillor Katie Mahoney moved receipt of Appendix R. The motion was voted upon and carried.

#### Appendix S: Council

Mayor Hazel McCallion referenced a recent newspaper article regarding the salaries for Members of Council for various municipalities and an enquiry she received about whether Mississauga Council Members will be taking an increase in salary.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish advised that Councillors for the City of Toronto have a much larger office budget and staff two (2) offices: one at City Hall and one in their Ward.

Councillor Parrish referenced page S-13 regarding the ten (10%) percent reduction to the Council Members' incidental budgets. As well, Councillor Parrish questioned whether the reduction in the advertising and promotions budget on page S-5 is for Councillors' newsletters. Commissioner of Corporate Services Brenda Breault advised that the Councillors' newsletter expense was relocated from a separate budget item, to a \$6000 allocation in each Ward office budget for the Councillor's newsletter and distribution. Further, Councillor Parrish referenced page S-11 which indicates removal of the funding for a driver for Mayor McCallion and advised that she would like to see this retained. Mayor McCallion advised that she does not use this budget funding for transportation and therefore staff have removed it from the budget.

Mayor McCallion concluded discussion regarding the items in this Appendix, questioning whether the cost of living allowance for non-union staff and the Members of Council is included in the proposed budget. City Manager Janice Baker advised that a three (3%) percent economic adjustment has been included in the budget for non-union staff and the Members of Council.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish moved receipt of Appendix S. The motion was voted upon and carried.

#### Appendix T: Financial Transactions

Councillor Carmen Corbasson referenced page T-45 of the budget document which is a reduction of \$80,000 due to retraction of offering liability insurance to volunteer affiliated community groups, and an email dated January 23, 2009 from Patti Janetta Baker with the Mississauga Waterfront Festival. Director of Finance Roberto Rossini advised that the affected community groups were notified by letter to advise them that the insurance coverage would discontinue as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 to provide the groups with more time to deal with this change. Further, Mr. Rossini spoke about the impact of the expense for liability insurance that will impact the affiliate volunteer organizations, and advised that staff have negotiated a program through the City's insure BFL which will be presented to the groups at meeting later in February. Further, Mr. Rossini advised that some groups may not need liability insurance once their particular needs are reviewed. Councillor Corbasson advised her concern with the impact of retractions of support to community volunteer groups. Mayor McCallion noted that the current economic climate is also reducing the availability of corporate sponsorship, and further, confirmed with Mr. Rossini that the groups were given notice of the subject change in September 2008 and therefore the groups will have six (6) months time to adjust to the new situation.

Councillor Maja Prentice addressed her concern with the impact of retracting liability insurance coverage, and advised Committee that she was contacted by a resident who volunteered for many years with the Mississauga Widow and Widowers group and advised that organization will be discontinuing due to failing support, and expressed her concern with loosing interest of resident voluntarism in the community.

Councillor Pat Saito referenced pages T-10 and T-11 regarding the increase in costs related to allowing credit card payment for purchases of City services, and questioned whether this cost is considered when setting fees for programs. Mr. Rossini explained that the agreement with the credit card companies prevents charging an additional fee for processing payment by credit card. Councillor Pat Saito and Mr. Rossini discussed the significant growth in the number of credit card and debit card transactions being used for payments on line, noting the largest number of transactions is for the Recreation and Parks programs. Councillor Saito noted that this item indicates a cost to the City for its business operations, noting that there is no control over continuing increases to that expense.

Mayor Hazel McCallion referenced the Payments in Lieu (PIL) which does not show an increase in the amounts toward the year 2011. Mr. Rossini explained that the passenger counts at Lester B. Pearson International Airport are used for calculating these payments and therefore a delay in any increase to the PIL will not be seen for a few years.

Further, Mayor McCallion questioned the reduction in the Corporate Grants program. Mr. Rossini explained that the Living Arts Centre funds have been re-invested into the Corporate Grant program.

Subsequently, Mayor McCallion questioned the current economic situation impacting the investment income. Mr. Rossini noted that investment income is reduced, noting the decline in the Bank of Canada rate, and advising that recovery might occur in the fourth quarter of the year. Further, Mr. Rossini advised that the contingency reserves are available to offset reduction in investment income.

Mayor McCallion questioned the Workers' Compensation allocation (page T-40). Mr. Rossini advised that in 2007 there was a small actuarial deficit in that program, however this was not offset from reserve. Mayor McCallion questioned the impact of that reserve fund, to which Mr. Rossini advised that this is monitored annually through an actuarial assessment.

Responding to reference of the proposed Provincial legislation, City Manager Janice Baker explained that WSIB has estimated that the new legislation which is retroactive to 1960 for claims by retired and currently employed fire fighters who have developed a disease as a result of performing their fire fighting duties, has the potential to result in approximately \$150 million dollars in claims across Ontario. Further, Mrs. Baker noted that two (2) claims have been paid by the City of Mississauga since enactment of the new legislation. Mayor McCallion suggested that the Province of Ontario should be funding the resultant claims, noting that she does not recall retroactive legislation being enacted in the past, and expressed concern for the inability to project what funding will be required for the subject claims.

Councillor Pat Mullin moved receipt of Appendix T. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Further, Councillor Pat Mullin questioned whether Budget Committee would continue this meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2009, providing the Members of Council an opportunity to introduce their motions and other questions on the budget. City Manager Janice Baker advised that other meeting dates are set aside to continue discussion until Budget Committee has concluded its consideration of the various components of the subject Business Plan and Budget document.

Subsequently, Councillor Pat Mullin moved that this meeting recess and continue on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 following the General Committee Grants meeting.

Councillor Katie Mahoney declared a conflict of interest in the matter of Workplace Safety and Insurance Board of Ontario on the basis that her husband is employed by that organization.

Councillor Sue McFadden declared a conflict of interest for the matter of Workplace Safety and Insurance Board of Ontario and discussion of the new legislation that will allow fire fighters to claim for injury during the performance of the duties, on the basis that her husband is a retired fire fighter.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish noted that the Region of Peel budget will be known when this meeting reconvenes on Wednesday, January 28, 2009.

With permission of Budget Committee, resident Joe Lomangino advised that he was present to observe a meeting about the Enersource Corporation. Mayor McCallion advised that a special meeting of Council was scheduled for 9:00am on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 to discuss the Enersource Corporation.

Mr. Lomangino requested the opportunity to speak to items contained in the budget. Committee concurred to hear him.

Mr. Lomangino commented on several issues. He expressed his concern with bicycle paths at locations which can be dangerous for cyclists; the increase in assessed values of homes not decreasing when the market reduces the property sale value; suggesting that an artificial skating rink be installed near the City Centre; his disagreement with the installation of artificial turf for soccer pitches; and his concern for the previous development of townhouses behind Floradale Public School.

Commissioner of Corporate Services Brenda Breault explained the property assessment system and how the MPAC assessment is used to calculate municipal taxes. Mayor McCallion advised that when the Assessment Roll was issued by Municipal Assessment Corporation (MPAC) the current economic decline was not known. Mrs. Breault explained that an increase in assessment value does not necessarily mean an increase in the amount of taxes levied, and advised that the assessment relates to the averaged market value and therefore there would be no impact if everyone else's assessment has the same fluctuation.

Councillor Nando Iannicca thanked Mr. Lomangino for his interest and offered to meet with him to review Huron Park and discuss his various concerns.

Subsequently, Councillor Iannicca moved receipt of Mr. Lomangino's deputation for information. The motion was voted upon and carried. Councillor Eve Adams suggested that Mr. Lomangino and some other volunteers could borrow materials through a community program to install an outdoor ice rink at a location in their neighbourhood.

#### Received for Information

Recommendation BC-0008-2009

FA.19

At approximately 3:31pm, the motion to recess the meeting on January 26, 2009 was voted upon and carried.

At approximately 1:32pm on Wednesday, January 28, 2009, Budget Committee resumed its meeting and concurred to immediately recess this meeting at 1:33pm without discussion of any matters, with direction to reconvene at 1:00pm on Tuesday, February 3, 2009.

At approximately 1:16pm on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, Budget Committee resumed its meeting.

Mayor Hazel McCallion initiated discussion about the allocation of the \$24.95 million infrastructure funding received through the *Investing in Ontario Act* and opined that allocation should be done responsibly and spent on a priority basis rather than distribution to each of the City's Wards.

Councillor Pat Mullin opined that over the past years Council has spent money on City priorities, and referenced the large amount of funds allocated for community centre and libraries, noting that all taxpayers contribute to the operating costs of city-owned facilities, and suggested that there is now a need to fund items for local communities. Further, Councillor Mullin suggested that community based projects would promote local employment opportunities. Councillor Mullin addressed the prior renovations at the Clarkson Community Centre suggesting that a pool should have been considered at that time, noting that she has an aging community and that she has always had concern with the location of the community centre.

Subsequently, Councillor Mullin advised that she supports the provision of a pool facility in the Clarkson community noting that she understands that staff will be presenting a report to address the needs for facilities in the respective communities. Further, Councillor Mullin relayed a request on behalf of Councillor Eve Adams to request that the pool in Malton be rebuilt.

Mayor McCallion advised that she supports implementing a pool at the Clarkson Community Centre and noted a discussion she had with Commissioner of Community Services Paul Mitcham about the design for that pool.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish advised that Woodlands secondary school has been a concern of hers for a long time and advised that as a result of her discussions with the Commissioner of Community Services, the Peel District School Board and the Honourable Harinder Takhar, MPP Mississauga-Erindale, regarding the subject school, that the Peel District School Board has converted funding to allow for internal renovations and construction of a glass and chrome library structure at the front of that school. Councillor Parrish advised she will need approximately \$2 million to achieve this project, noting that this project is not on the priority list but will use funds available from the school board and province.

Further, Councillor Parrish opined that the province made its decision and distributed the infrastructure on a per capita basis and therefore she wishes to see those funds put to use through allocation to all eleven (11) Wards in Mississauga. Subsequently Councillor Carolyn Parrish read her motion as follows:

*WHEREAS the province, in August of 2008, provided each region and each municipality with a per capita-based grant;*

*AND WHEREAS the only restriction placed on the \$24.9 million Mississauga received is that it be used for capital projects;*

*AND WHEREAS the City has completed an extensive visioning exercise which pointed out the need, amongst many other things, for expanded public meeting places, recreational facilities and a variety of community improvements within the neighbourhoods that make up our City;*

*AND WHEREAS each Councillor knows his or her community best and is therefore able to prioritize potential projects within the ward with an understanding of what projects will address the needs of the widest cross-section of each community;*

*AND WHEREAS the current economic situation increases the need for local, publicly-accessible facilities, the construction of which will also create employment throughout the City,*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that each Councillor present for Council's consideration a project (or projects) within his or her ward, totaling one-eleventh of the provincial grant, which generally adheres to the following criteria:*

- 1. A capital project that is currently unfunded (or underfunded) in the 2009 and 2010 budgets, or*
- 2. A project that can be close to completion within the next two years, or*
- 3. Land necessary for a major future project such as a community centre, or*
- 4. A project which falls roughly within the guidelines established through extensive public consultation in the Mississauga for the 21st Century project.*

*BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the recommended projects be presented at Council for discussion and consideration for approval.*

Mayor McCallion noted the list of unfunded capital projects identified in 2009 to 2010 business plan and budget document, and suggested that discussion about allocating the provincial infrastructure fund should be done once staff analyse the requests of each Councillor. Councillor Parrish noted that the Woodlands School project is ready to move forward.

Councillor Maja Prentice advised she concurs with the direction that Budget Committee is taking regarding the infrastructure fund allocation. Further, Councillor Prentice advised that she recognizes that it cannot be done in 2009, 2010 or maybe 2011, however she wants renovation of the Burnhamthorpe library branch renovation project moved forward to be a funded project, noting this will provide time for discussions with the Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre and applying for federal funding assistance toward possibly moving this project forward.

Also, Councillor Prentice advised that the population in the Applewood area has almost doubled and attendance at the Applewood outdoor pool has greatly increased and therefore rehabilitation of that pool facility is warranted. Mayor McCallion confirmed with Commissioner of Community Services Paul Mitcham that renovations of the Applewood outdoor pool would be a capital project and that it is not funded in the budget document.

Subsequently, Councillor Prentice advised Committee that she has received much negative feedback from her residents about the proposal to update the Civic Square and Civic Centre grounds at this point in time, and suggested that there are other things with a lesser cost that can be done to attract people to the City core. Councillor Prentice advised that the residents have advised their preference to have funds spent on facilities in their neighbourhoods to allow them access without having to take Transit or travel a distance to a facility; further noting that many residents who use the Applewood pool walk to that facility.

Mayor McCallion noted that she has also received negative feedback and questioned how the \$10 million was applied to the capital budget for the Civic Square project. Commissioner of Community Services Paul Mitcham explained that this money is a place holder against the total amount for future renovations projected for the Civic Square, and that staff are reviewing the project for phased implementation. Mayor McCallion noted her prior question about phasing the Civic Square project in response to the large amount of expense that those plans would require, and clarified that Council did not specifically approve a capital project for renovation of the Civic Centre or Civic Square. Commissioner of Community Services Paul Mitcham explained that the proposal to develop the Civic Square is part of the vision of developing a vibrant downtown core area, and that the project would be difficult to split into phases.

Councillor George Carlson opined that a budget of \$40 million would be required to re-develop the Civic Centre and Civic Square according to the Building a City for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century vision, and referencing the negative response from the community, suggested that Committee review applying funds to local area projects, including heritage buildings or possibly cultural items. Mayor McCallion noted that the provincial and federal infrastructure funds can only be used for capital projects.

Councillor Katie Mahoney noted that a \$2 million share of the provincial infrastructure fund for each Ward will be limiting and suggested that the Sheridan library might be a possible project to consider however public consultation still needs to be done, and negotiations for land acquisition will take time. Further, Councillor Mahoney advised her preference to have a Ward 8 location for the Sheridan branch library, and also rehabilitation of the Pinchin property and the Leslie Log Cabin, noting the interest of the Streetsville Historical Society to house its operations at that location noting that there is a need for infrastructure in the form of sewer and water supply to that site. Further, Councillor Mahoney noted that staff has a plan for passive park land uses and trails at the Pinchin property, opining that the Pinchin property, would be a good attraction for tourism.

Councillor Sue McFadden advised that she would like a community centre for Ward 10, noting that the development of such a facility was put on hold due to the annexation negotiations along Ninth Line and opined that the development charges collected from the developers of Ward 10 lands should be returned to fund the construction of a community centre for Ward 10.

Commissioner of Community Services Paul Mitcham explained that consultation with the community is required to determine what types of facilities are wanted for that area. Mayor McCallion also noted Erin Meadows Community Centre has a high level of use, as well as the Meadowvale Community Centre. Councillor Sue McFadden advised that she will be surveying the community to determine its wants and needs for recreational facilities.

Councillor Carmen Corbasson noted that she intends to meet with staff to determine what can be afforded, noting that she would like to have the Port Credit and Lakeview branch library projects moved forward, noting that there is a need for meeting space for senior adults and suggested an expansion at the existing facility that would provide a view over the Port Credit River would be ideal. Further, Councillor Corbasson advised that she has been contacted by a representative of a Rotary Club seeking discussion about the feasibility of a partnership with Port Credit Library, noting that this is an example of the high level of community interest for facilities at that location.

Councillor Pat Saito advised that she will consult with the residents of Ward 9, noting the Wabukayne Stewardship program that partners the community, staff and the Credit Valley Conservation authority for wildlife preservation and clean up after the oil spills at that location; noting that Meadowvale Rotary Club will be applying for Trillium funds. Further, Councillor Saito advised that she would like staff to provide information on the cost of equipment called 'seniors' playgrounds' which are exercise stations that could be placed along the pedestrian trails. As well, Councillor Saito noted the north/west skateboard park and playground facilities that are now located in Ward 10, and suggested the funds might be used for a dirt bike and skateboard park for the youth in Ward 9. Councillor Saito spoke to the large population served by the Meadowvale Community Centre and advised that she feels there are opportunities for development of a wellness centre with a therapy pool and fitness centre on the Ninth Line lands, noting the large number of residents that attend the Erin Meadows and Meadowvale Community Centres. Also, Councillor Saito advised that she also wants staff to review the property located on Ninth Line that was Heritage designated by the Town of Milton on which there is a house that has beautiful features. Councillor Saito continued her comments suggesting that this building be developed for use as an arts/cultural centre for the north quadrant, noting that this property can be serviced once the Fire Training Centre is constructed.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish explained the intent of her motion is to deal with allocation of the \$24.95 million provincial infrastructure fund which can be used for local projects, and expressed concern for the amount of money that would be required for projects mentioned during Committee's discussion at this meeting.

Further, Councillor Parrish suggested that the budget for the Civic Centre be retained, noting the need to repair the underground garage and that the best time to repair the reflection pond would be at the same time, and that a planned expansion should be done with other changes including relocation of the food service from the 12<sup>th</sup> floor to the ground elevation. Councillor Parrish suggested that the projects identified by the Councillors indicate a need to continue discussion about preferred allocation of the funds. Mayor McCallion noted that allocation will include determination of which projects can be ready to be done in 2009 and 2010. Councillor Parrish noted the criteria suggested in her motion.

Councillor Pat Mullin expressed hope that there will be flexibility for future funds that might be received from the federal government and questioned when information about infrastructure funding might be received. Director of Finance Roberto Rossini explained the criteria for applying to the federal and provincial infrastructure programs, and also noted that there is \$383 million dollars worth of unfunded projects identified in the 2009-2010 business plan and budget, as well as the new projects mentioned by the Councillors during discussion at this meeting. Subsequently, Councillor Carolyn Parrish's motion was voted upon and carried.

Approved (Councillor Carolyn Parrish)

Recommendation BC-0005-2009

FA.08 / FA.19

Mayor McCallion requested that Committee continue its consideration of the 2009-2010 business plan and budget, and clarified the need for Committee to conclude its discussions that commenced on January 26, 2009.

Subsequently, Councillor Carmen Corbasson moved receipt of Appendix H. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Councillor Pat Saito continued discussion about the issue of liability insurance coverage for volunteer affiliate groups, and moved that \$80,000 be retained in the budget and that the meeting scheduled for February 24, 2009 to explain the changes for this coverage to the various community groups be cancelled. Subsequently, the motion was voted upon and carried. Commissioner of Corporate Services and Treasurer advised that the \$80,000 for insurance coverage should be taken from Reserve to avoid adjusting the overall budget, to which Committee advised its concurrence. Director of Finance Roberto Rossini advised that the affiliate community groups will be contacted after Council considers the subject recommendation.

Councillor Maja Prentice moved receipt of Appendix T for information. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received for Information

Recommendation BC-0003-2009

FA.19

Discussion was held regarding the information provided in response to the enquiry about the reduction of budget for special pavement markings.

Councillor Pat Mullin questioned the Reserve Fund allocations questioning the need to contribute in 2009, to which Councillor Carolyn Parrish questioned the impact of withholding contributions from Reserves. Director of Finance Roberto Rossini advised that staff recommend annual programmed contributions to sustain the Reserve Funds.

Subsequently, Councillor Pat Mullin moved that staff be directed to report back with a full review of the City's Reserves and Reserve Funds for consideration at a future meeting. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Directive (Councillor Pat Mullin)

Recommendation BC-0006-2009

FA.19

Mayor McCallion requested that Committee consider the recommendations listed under Item 2. of this agenda. Committee concurred and each recommendation was voted upon.

Councillor Katie Mahoney respectively moved approval of recommendations 1. and 2., as amended in that the \$70,000 budgeted for playground redevelopment at Barondale Green in 2011 be advanced to 2009 and that PN 9303 be increased from \$1,074,000 to \$1,144,000 to include this playground redevelopment; and as amended to include \$80,000.00 to fund liability insurance coverage for affiliated community groups to be funded from the Insurance Reserve Fund. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Councillor Pat Mullin respectively moved approval of recommendations 3. and 4. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish respectively moved approval of recommendations 5., 6. and 7. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Approved as Amended

Recommendation BC-0004-2009 / By-laws 0023-2009 through 0040-2009

FA.19

Councillor Maja Prentice moved that the email dated January 21, 2009 from resident Darrel Carvalho submitting his comments regarding the proposed infrastructure funding and residential tax levies, distributed to Budget Committee on February 3, 2009, be received for information.

Received for Information

Recommendation BC-0007-2009

FA.19

CLOSED SESSION - Nil

ADJOURNMENT – 3:10pm

City Clerk Crystal Greer confirmed that due to Budget Committee having issued its disposition on all matters presented for the meeting that commenced on January 26, 2009, there would be no need to meet on February 9, 2009. Ms. Greer confirmed that the recommendations out of this meeting would be reported to Council for consideration at its meeting on February 11, 2009.

REPORT 1-2009

TO: THE MAYOR & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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

BC-0001-2009

That the verbal introduction of the 2009-2010 Business Plan and Budget by Janice Baker, City Manager and Brenda Breault, Commissioner of Corporate Services & Treasurer to Budget Committee at its meeting on January 26, 2009, be received for information.

FA.19

BC-0002-2009

That the Power Point presentation to the Budget Committee at its meeting on January 26, 2009 by Roberto Rossini, Director of Finance, regarding the 2009 – 2010 Business Plan and Budget, presented as follows, be received for information.

FA.19

BC-0003-2009

That the information regarding the budgets for the respective services set out in the following Appendices in Volume 2 of the 2009 – 2010 Business Plan and Budget document, be received for information:

- H Roads, Storm Drainage and Watercourses
- I Fire and Emergency Services
- J Mississauga Transit
- K Recreation and Parks
- L Land Development Services
- M Legislative Services
- N Library Services
- O Arts & Culture
- P Regulatory Services
- Q Strategic Policy
- R Business Services & Corporate Assets
- S Council
- T Financial Transactions

FA.19

## BC-0004-2009

1. That the budgets set out in the following Appendices presented in Volume 1 of the 2009 – 2010 Business Plan and Budget, be approved:
  - a. Appendix 1 – 2009 Operating Program Summary;
  - b. Appendix 2 – 2009 Summary of Program Changes;
  - c. Appendix 3 – 2009 Summary of Staffing Complement;
  - d. Appendix 4 – 2009 Capital Budget Summary;
  - e. Appendix 5 – 2009-2018 Capital Forecast Summary; and
  - f. Appendix 6 – Summary of Reserves and Reserve Funds,

as amended in that the \$70,000 budgeted for playground redevelopment at Barondale Green in 2011 be advanced to 2009 and that PN 9303 be increased from \$1,074,000 to \$1,144,000, to include this playground redevelopment; and

as amended to include \$80,000.00 to fund liability insurance coverage for affiliated community groups to be funded from the Insurance Reserve Fund.

2. That the balance of the Capital Revolving Fund be transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund to finance ongoing infrastructure needs without internal debt repayments and that Council be requested to approve in principal, the need to increase its investment in Capital Reserve Funds on an ongoing, annual basis as resources permit.
3. That the Capital Revolving Fund be closed.
4. That an additional infrastructure levy of \$2.7 million which equates to a 0.28% increase on the total residential tax bill, be implemented in 2009.
5. That a new Investing in Ontario (IOA) Reserve Fund be established to provide for revenue received under the *Investing in Ontario Act*, and that allocation of these funds to specific projects be approved by Council at a later date.
6. That the following projects with multi-year funding which are planned to commence prior to full funding being allocated, be approved to a maximum cost as follows:
  - a. Central Parkway Transit Facility Expansion at \$84.0 million funded from 2006 to 2010;
  - b. Fire Training and Mechanical Centre at \$35.5 million funded in 2008 and 2010;
  - c. Greater Toronto Farecard Project at \$12.23 million funded in 2007 to 2010;
  - d. Construction of the Bus Rapid Transit is \$237.81 million from 2008 to 2012. This total includes \$52.5 million in unfunded costs necessary to complete the project due to rising material costs;
  - e. Transit 2010 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 \$4.0 million funded in 2008 to 2010;
- g. Burnhamthorpe Road East – Arista Way to Dixie Road at \$6.5 million funded in 2009 and 2010;
- h. Port Credit Arena at \$12.52 million funded in 2008 to 2011 for design and construction;
- i. Meadowvale Community Centre and Library design only at \$3.4 million funded in 2009 and 2010;
- j. Woodlands Library at \$1.8 million funded in 2009 and 2010;
- k. Civic Square/Library Square design only at \$0.9 million funded in 2009 and 2010; and
- l. Business Continuity and Disaster Readiness at \$4.1 million funded in 2008 and 2010.

7. That all by-laws necessary to implement the approved budget for 2009 - 2010, be enacted.

FA.19

BC-0005-2009

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AND WHEREAS the only restriction placed on the \$24.9 million Mississauga received is that it be used for capital projects;

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BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the recommended projects be presented at Council for discussion and consideration for approval.

FA.08 / FA.19

BC-0006-2009

That staff be directed to report back with a full review of the City's Reserves and Reserve Funds for consideration at a future meeting.

FA.19

BC-0007-2009

That the email dated January 21, 2009 addressed to Mayor Hazel McCallion and Councillor Maja Prentice from resident Darrel Carvalho submitting his comments regarding the proposed infrastructure and residential tax levies, that was distributed to Budget Committee on February 3, 2009, be received for information.

FA.19

BC-0008-2009

That the deputation by resident Joe Lomangino to Budget Committee on January 26, 2009 during which he presented his opinions on various services provided by the City of Mississauga, be received for information.

FA.19