



MINUTES

BUDGET COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2008 – 9:18 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 Frank Dale Ward 4
Councillor Eve Adams Ward 5
Councillor Carolyn Parrish Ward 6
Councillor Nando Iannicca Ward 7
Councillor Pat Saito Ward 9
Councillor Sue McFadden Ward 10
Councillor George Carlson Ward 11

ABSENT: Councillor Katie Mahoney Ward 8

STAFF: Janice Baker, City Manager & Chief Administrative Officer
Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works
Ed Sajecki, Commissioner, 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

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CLOSED SESSION - Nil

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER – 9:18am

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DEPUTATIONS

A Introduction of the Service Area Business Plan and Budget

Director of Finance Roberto Rossini gave an overview of the presentations listed for this meeting, regarding the business plans and budgets for services provided by Mississauga. Mr. Rossini noted the process taken through 2008 to date and reviewed the priorities identified by Budget Committee while keeping tax rate and user fees at a viable level. Mr. Rossini noted that additional information will be presented to Budget Committee on December 8, 2008, and that subject to changes directed by Council, the tax rate for the City's portion could be kept to an increase of approximately one percent.

B Fire and Emergency Services

Acting Fire Chief John McDougall gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the services provided by Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services, noting that there will be less revenue as a result of no longer servicing an area of the Region of Halton Hills which has now implemented a fire station and crews. Acting Fire Chief advised labour costs is the largest component of their budget and that savings can result from the reduction of one (1) plans examiner position.

Mayor Hazel McCallion questioned whether the high cost of fuel has been considered during formulation of the budget. Director of Finance Roberto Rossini explained that the Transit division has the most fuel consumption and that the high cost of diesel fuel was addressed in the Transit Fares approved by Council on October 22, 2008. City Manager Janice Baker advised that the budget proposals have not incorporated the current cost of fuel. Discussion noted that fuel costs can be considered during deliberation of the budget in the new year.

Mayor Hazel McCallion questioned the number of false alarms being attended, to which Acting Fire Chief McDougall advised that the number of false alarm calls are decreasing as a result of public education.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish noted that the Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services appears to have a good record for saving houses attended for fire calls, noting that there appears to be few tax reductions issued for razed dwellings for the time when occupancy is not possible during rebuilding of the dwelling.

B Fire and Emergency Services cont'd...

Mayor Hazel McCallion questioned the ability to charge residents for attendance at collision scenes on local roads, to which Acting Fire Chief McDougall advised that Freedom of Information legislation precludes the ability for Fire staff to obtain information about the individuals involved, in order that they may be invoiced. Acting Fire Chief McDougall advised that charging a fee for attendance of collisions on local roads is not being done by Mississauga or other municipal Fire services for that reason, however as requested, staff is reviewing this matter.

Councillor Carmen Corbasson spoke to a situation where a resident was invoiced for Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services attending a collision scene on a provincial highway. Acting Fire Chief McDougall advised that a fee has been set for calls to vehicle collisions on the provincial highways traversing Mississauga however issuance of the invoice is to the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) which is relayed by the Ministry to the insurance company(s) of the party(s) involved. Mayor McCallion requested that information be provided to the Members of Council to explain how the collection of the fee for attending vehicle collisions on provincial highways is processed.

Further, Acting Fire Chief McDougall reviewed the proposed capital budget needs for Fire and Emergency Services, noting the inclusion of land acquisition for a new Station 106 to serve the Dixie and Bloor area, and advising negotiation is in progress to locate a community station for Peel Police and possibly Region of Peel ambulance services at that new station. Councillor Frank Dale questioned the amount of land required, to which Acting Fire Chief McDougall responded that 1.5 acres will be required for the new Station 106.

In response to the question by Mayor McCallion about the budget amount for purchasing safety clothing for fire personnel, Acting Fire Chief McDougall advised that the tender for the subject equipment is in progress including a testing process.

Councillor Pat Saito questioned whether infrastructure funding was received for the proposed Training Centre at Ninth Line and questioned when staff will be reporting back on the proposal. Councillor Saito questioned this in regard to a second storey being constructed to provide for maximum use of that facility. City Manager Janice Baker advised that re-negotiation with the Department of National Defence has delayed the project to 2011, and that servicing needs by the Region of Peel have been changed to require special design of a 400 mm pipes for services to that site which in turn related to changes to the design. Ms. Baker advised that tender will be issued in 2010, and due to cost increases, there is a small short fall for this project, however no additional funding is requested in the City's budget at this time. Responding to Councillor Saito's request for information on what is being proposed for the design, Mrs. Baker advised that a two storey design is proposed.

B Fire and Emergency Services cont'd...

Subsequently, Councillor Saito requested that staff provide information on the municipal and infrastructure funding for the subject Training Centre, noting that the development of adjacent lands may be delayed and therefore funding by the developer may not be available when the project commences.

Councillor Frank Dale questioned the possibility of re-developing a part of the park in the City Core known as Zonta Meadows to implement a fire station for that area, noting a similar scenario in an American city. Acting Fire Chief John McDougall acknowledged that the provision of fire service for the growing population in the city core is yet to be addressed.

Councillor Nando Iannicca noted the number of fire station projects listed as unfunded capital projects.

Councillor Pat Saito referenced the Region of Peel's review of Derry Road for possible widening to three (3) lanes each direction, and requested pre-emptive signals be installed in 2009 at the intersection of Derry Road West and Glen Erin Drive to accommodate vehicle operation out of Fire Station 111. Acting Fire Chief John McDougall questioned the viability of installing the pre-emptive system in close proximity of the signalized intersection at Glen Erin Drive, and concurred to review this suggestion and respond to Councillor Saito.

C Library Services

Don Mills, Director of Library Services reviewed the goals of the Mississauga Library System, later advising that it the sixth largest system in the country and that patron attendance is increasing as well as the number of materials being lent. Mayor McCallion initiated discussion regarding the need for library facility services for residents that are experiencing lay offs from their jobs as result of the recent economic down turn. Mr. Mills noted the resources provided by the library for research and employment needs, noting the new computer system proposed for 2009 as well as the expansion of electronic publications.

Councillor Maja Prentice noted the concern from the community in response to the proposal to reduce hours of operation at the Burnhamthorpe branch library, and requested a meeting with Mr. Mills to discuss the hours of operation proposed for that branch. In response to Councillor Prentice's question regarding the funding amount related to retaining the current hours of operation at that library, Mr. Mills replied that \$50,000. is required.

C Library Services cont'd...

Councillor Carolyn Parrish advised that the school board is currently putting a wing on The Woodland middle school, and that she will be meeting with the Minister of Education to discuss the feasibility of including a library in the new wing. Further, Councillor Parrish suggested that the existing library branch facility for senior adult programs, and requested that the proposed changes to operating hours serving this area be delayed until these discussions can be held.

Councillor Pat Saito expressed concern for accessibility access to the Meadowvale library when it is relocated to the Meadowvale Community Centre, and requested that Transit review how its buses can enter the Meadowvale Community Centre site to assist with travel to the library. Further, Councillor Saito advised that her meeting with Meadowvale branch library staff indicates that Friday night and Sunday hour reductions will not likely have a significant impact, and advised that she is therefore satisfied with the proposal to reduce the hours of operation at this branch, provided it is monitored and again reviewed in one year's time. Councillor Saito opined that each branch library needs to be reviewed for viable cuts to operating hours with the least impact on the community it serves. Don Mills advised that Future Directions study will include consultation with the library users.

In response to a further question by Councillor Pat Saito about unfunded and limited funding for translation services, Director of Library Services Don Mills advised there are opportunities to request additional provincial funding for translation services for the multi-lingual needs of Mississauga.

Mr. Mills reviewed the budget reductions directed out of the Budget Committee meeting on September 17, 2008, advising these can be achieved through attrition of staff and cooperation of the CUPE union.

Mayor Hazel McCallion noted that library association appears to have more impact with Provincial consultation, and issued a challenge to that association to support and seek additional funding for Mississauga's system.

Mr. Mills reviewed the capital budget forecast for the library system indicating the projects that will receive Development Charges funding and the related capital funding requirements. Councillor Carmen Corbasson advised her disappointment that the renovations to the Lakeview and Port Credit library branches will be delayed to 2013/2014, noting that the residents in those areas have life styles that require a high level of library service, and expressed concern for further delay as the cost of the renovations might increase during that time. Councillor Pat Saito suggested that the Lakeview library renovation project might be considered for some of the recently received provincial infrastructure funding. Further to reference of the Meadowvale branch library relocation project, Commissioner of Community Services Paul Mitcham advised that the Meadowvale branch library shows as a 'cash flowed' project.

C Library Services cont'd...

Further, Commissioner Mitcham explained that during review of capital projects, certain projects were determined for delay out of consideration for the condition of the respective buildings. Mayor Hazel McCallion spoke to the need to maintain the existing facilities, noting the positive results of spending money on the Streetsville arena. Further, Mayor McCallion noting that the community centres located in the newly developed areas of the city were funded by Development Charge fees, opining that there needs to be a balanced approach taken in this regard, and requested that staff report back to Budget Committee with a full review of all maintenance and capital projects and the funding sources to meet the needs of all branch libraries in the City.

Councillor Carmen Corbasson noted her concern with the condition of the Lakeview library by the time that the renovation project is targeted for funding in seven years. As well, Councillor Pat Mullin noted that all taxpayers pay a portion of any city-owned facility, even those constructed through Development Charges funding. Further, Councillor Mullin noted the indoor pool in Ward 2 is an outstanding project that keeps being set aside.

Councillor Maja Prentice noted that the Burnhamthorpe library renovation has been delayed to 2011 out of the results of a recent study and her agreement, and suggested that these delays be looked at carefully out of concern for the number of new facilities being built while maintenance of existing facilities keeps being delayed.

Councillor Sue McFadden reminded Committee that Ward 10 does not have its own community centre, noting the number of young families in that area who would benefit from a local facility, and subsequently requested information on the dollar value of the Development Charges paid for the development in Ward 10.

Councillor Carmen Corbasson noted her concurrence with the request for a detailed report about the library branches and questioned the feasibility of the using some of the \$24.95 million provincial infrastructure funding for outstanding renovations, and that a review be done to allow Budget Committee to determine whether there are other projects that might be delayed in favour of allowing the library renovations to be achieved within a viable schedule. Mr. Mitcham advised that staff is preparing a master plan for community centres and libraries, and that this will allow review and allocation of the respective facility needs. Further, Mr. Mitcham advised that staff can review the feasibility of maintenance level decorating of some of the facilities to temporarily improve aesthetics. City Manager Janice Baker noted that a review is in progress, toward updating that Development Charges By-law.

D Recreation and Parks

John Lohuis, Director of Recreation and Parks gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the business plans and related budgeting of recreation programs, community facilities and park operations. During the presentation, Mr. Lohuis addressed the need to include environmental needs of the community and enhance the amount of natural areas throughout the City, noting the various master plans in progress that will support the environment of the community. The major initiatives relating to infrastructure and 'living green' plans and studies were reviewed, with note for the need for a sustainable business plan that will allow Mississauga to remain competitive with other municipalities, including a review of the reductions directed by Budget Committee at its meeting on September 17, 2008.

Mayor Hazel McCallion initiated discussion expressing concern for the impact on revenues as a result of low attendance at events hosted at the Hershey Centre. Mr. Lohuis referenced the previous Future Directions plan where it targeted peak demand for rinks to occur in 2011, and advised that currently, Mississauga's fees are lower than the ice time charges required by the City of Toronto. Further, Mr. Lohuis noted the number of return performance events being held at the Hershey Centre as well as the Ontario Hockey League games, and advised that staff are working closely with the St. Mike's Majors organization toward uptake on attendance. Responding to Mayor McCallion's question about the impact on the 'assistance program' that funds youth participation with various recreation programs, Mr. Lohuis advised there has been an impact as the ticket prices are set to cover the event on the basis of need.

Councillor Carmen Corbasson questioned the status revenues at the Lakeview Golf Course, to which Mr. Lohuis advised that the 2008 revenue was about \$100,000.00 noting that there PGA event hosted at that course resulted in a slight decrease of revenues, as well as the impact of thirty (30) rain out days, resulting in about 36,000 rounds of golf being played at that course.

Councillor Carmen Corbasson questioned the results of marina operations, to which Mr. Lohuis advised that staff will be reporting on this once all the calculations for the 2008 season are completed.

Mayor McCallion questioned the results of the indoor soccer facility, to which Mr. Lohuis advised that these facilities are heavily booked by six local minor soccer groups, and that a local industrial 'lunch league' is also using the indoor soccer facility. Mr. Mitcham noted that the demand for soccer is very strong and that the outdoor pitches are also used well into the winter months. As well, Mr. Mitcham advised that the Town of Oakville is developing a facility similar to the Hershey Centre, and therefore staff will continue to review local demand. Mr. Lohuis advised the use of artificial turf resolves the issue of turf wear, and also precludes maintenance issues for soccer pitches and sports fields, which will result from the recently enacted *Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act*.

D Recreation and Parks cont'd...

Mayor Hazel McCallion requested that staff meet with her to review the Port Credit arena project.

Mr. Lohuis reviewed the upgrades proposed for Victory Hall in Malton for accessibility issues and washrooms to accommodate youth activities in that community. Mr. Mitcham explained that this is a separate project to the drop-in centre proposal for the Malton arena that is being done in conjunction with the Malton Community Neighbourhood Association.

Further, Mr. Lohuis reviewed the various unfunded capital projects and advised that staff will report back early in the year 2009 with the results of the consultant's report on the review of the issues with using pools located at school properties, including the results of the Medical Officer of Health and the provisions set out in the provincial *Health Protection and Promotion Act*. Mayor McCallion expressed that Council needs to determine whether to continue using these pool facilities prior to any renovations being done.

Councillor George Carlson questioned the tree planting projects listed as unfunded in 2009, to which Mr. Lohuis advised that this item was listed as an activity toward increasing bio-mass. Councillor Carlson confirmed with Mr. Lohuis that the existing tree planting program will be funded for continuation at its current level.

Mayor McCallion questioned the provision of portable washroom facilities in parks, to which Mr. Lohuis advised that these are provided through a contracted service, and that the intensification of the amount of activity for park use has created a shortfall in these facilities from time to time. As well, Mayor McCallion questioned the need for the expenditure to install a water feature proposed for the entrance to Riverwood Park versus the need to provide washroom facilities at parks throughout the city.

Councillor Maja Prentice questioned the cost of renovating the Meadowvale Community Centre, to which Mr. Lohuis explained that the existing building design creates complexities for expanding that facility, and therefore redevelopment is necessary to provide for the additional amenities proposed for that facility.

Mr. Mitcham noted the increases of construction material costs in particular those items related to petroleum products, and opined that there might a slight decrease along with the recent decrease in the cost of fuel.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish suggested that savings might be achieved by issuing a contract for the provision of all portable toilet needs for parks and city events such as the South Side Shuffle and the Bread and Honey Festival. Aside, Councillor Parrish suggested that a single source might be contracted to provide for all flower arrangements procured by the City. Mr. Lohuis advised that staff is currently reviewing the benefits of this resource.

D Recreation and Parks cont'd...

Councillor Eve Adams questioned the difference in the budgets for the respective arena projects, to which Mr. Lohuis advised that the engineering reviews of each arena determine the components that need to be rehabilitated or replaced, and that the budget is set to meet the particular needs. Responding to a further question of Councillor Adams on the enhancements proposed for other community facilities, Mr. Mitcham advised that the Parks Master Plan will show the needs in each community area, noting that focus will be given to the Malton area due to its geographic isolation.

At approximately 12:04pm, Committee recessed for lunch. At approximately 12:33pm, the meeting resumed.

Susan Burt, Director of Planning, Development and Business Services continued the PowerPoint presentation for the Recreation and Parks, and reviewed the proposed business plans and budget for various capital needs for the provision of community services. Mrs. Burt noted that the Fusion site redevelopment project has been moved past the ten year forecast, and also that the land acquisition plans will include the retention of natural areas. Further, Mrs. Burt reviewed the projects listed as unfunded in the capital program to 2018, and further, advised that additional funding may be required for design of the city centre park development.

Mayor Hazel McCallion questioned if the project proposed for the entrance to the Chappell Estate is necessary, to which Mrs. Burt advised that this project is necessary to meet the needs for accessibility and safety issues, including the rehabilitation of the retaining walls.

Mayor Hazel McCallion questioned bringing the Port Credit Memorial West project forward to 2009 in regard to safety issues. Mrs. Burt advised that this project is slated to commence in the year 2010. Councillor Carmen Corbasson advised her concurrence with moving this project forward, provided that the Ward 1 libraries are rehabilitated as soon as possible.

In response to Mayor McCallion's question about the renovation of the main house at the Fusion site, Mrs. Burt advised that there are several options being reviewed for the use of this property which will determine how the interior will be rehabilitated, noting that the exterior of the subject house needs to be maintained in the interim. Responding to a further question by Mayor McCallion as to whether there is a private proposal being contemplated for the Fusion house, Mrs. Burt advised that she was not aware of any such proposal. Mr. Mitcham advised that there are adaptive re-use plans being formulated for both the Cawthra House and the Fusion site. Councillor Pat Mullin advised that the Heritage Advisory Committee has expressed interest in the Fusion building and expressed concern that the cost of rehabilitating this site in relation to providing for other needs for the residents of Ward 2.

D Recreation and Parks cont'd...

Further, Councillor Mullin advised her concurrence with rehabilitating this site through a partnership for its use possibly as part of the Waterfront Trail activity, noting her hope that one of the adjacent businesses might be interested in participating with implementing a use of the Fusion site.

E Mississauga Transit

Geoff Marinoff, Director of Mississauga Transit gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Transit budget and Geoff Wright Director for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Office reviewed the BRT project and related funding.

Councillor Eve Adams initiated discussion questioning the status of the Hurontario corridor study to which Mr. Marinoff explained that the staff intend to present that study to Metrolinx as part of the business case. Responding to Councillor Adams' further question about the purchase of buses for the BRT in advance of the year 2012, Mr. Marinoff advised that staff is looking into implementing the BRT in segments.

Councillor Maja Prentice questioned the Dundas corridor in relation to land acquisition needs, to which Mr. Marinoff advised that the needs for acquisition will be determined and that constraints involved with the Dundas corridor will be considered as part of the Metrolinx 'benefits case' and will be included in future public consultation.

Mayor McCallion questioned who will be operating the Transit system(s) involved with the BRT which will be an inter-regional system, and whether public sector participation will be considered. Mr. Wright advised that Mississauga Transit will operate on the Mississauga located Routes and agreements will be entered into with other municipalities involved for operation of the routes in other jurisdictions. Further, funding is defined in the Federal agreement and that staff will be working with Infrastructure Ontario as part of the project. Mayor McCallion spoke of the over runs that are currently identified by Metrolinx, and spoke to the need to review the BRT project and related funding through a detailed analysis. Mayor McCallion also questioned the Light Rail Transit project in regard to getting the Hurontario Corridor study funded. Commissioner of Transportation and Works Martin Powell advised that Metrolinx will be looking at bundling projects among the thirteen (13) priority corridors.

F Roads, Storm Drainage and Water Courses

Joe Pitushka, Director of Engineering and Works gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the operating budget for the maintenance of roads, storm drainage and water courses, including erosion and flood control, as well as street lighting, traffic control systems and maintenance of the City's corporate fleet of vehicles.

F Roads, Storm Drainage and Water Courses cont'd...

Mayor McCallion initiated discussion addressing the need to repair or replace the noise attenuation walls along Burnhamthorpe Road. Commissioner of Transportation and Works Martin Powell clarified that staff are preparing a Corporate Report on this issue.

Further, Mayor McCallion opined that the zebra striping at crosswalks located at major intersections appears to be beneficial to pedestrian safety, and requested information on which intersections will be funded for this pavement marking in the program for the year 2009.

Councillor Pat Saito questioned the program for performing sidewalk inspections. Mr. Pitushka advised that all sidewalks are inspected during the spring months and repairs are done through various methods where needed. Mr. Pitushka advised that sidewalk maintenance can be achieved by patching, ramping or jacking of sidewalk slabs, noting that the reduction to the budget for this task will result in more patching being done than any replacements. Further, Mr. Pitushka noted that the Ontario Good Roads Association is reviewing the implementation of province-wide standards for sidewalks. Mayor McCallion noted the number of incidents and complaints received about snow and ice on sidewalks. Mayor McCallion noted that there is often ponding of water occurring on the asphalt surface applied to the sidewalk adjacent to Deer Run Park. Councillor George Carlson noted that this location involves a paved cycling path.

Councillor George Carlson noted the concerns raised in various published articles and also at a meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee, about the level of street light illumination, and questioned whether staff will be reporting back about the feasibility of flat lense light fixture installation. Commissioner of Transportation and Works Martin Powell advised that staff are reviewing this suggestion and will be reporting back in a due course. Councillor Carlson opined that lower wattage lighting fixtures could be used in less populated areas of the City, while still maintaining sufficient light for safety needs.

Councillor Maja Prentice questioned why asphalt is applied to certain sidewalks, to which Mr. Pitushka advised that this is done as a replacement at certain locations. Mr. Powell explained that the asphalt is applied at locations identified in a recent study for multi-use trails where routing occurs along the sidewalk, noting that it is problematic to install asphalt along side a cement sidewalk and therefore only asphalt is used for paving that section.

Councillor Carmen Corbasson questioned whether a Corporate Report on the proposed "Intelligent Transportation System" (ITS) will be presented for consideration. Mr. Pitushka noted that the subject system will assist with traffic flow during times when traffic congestion or grid lock occur, and advised that staff have been directed to work with the Region of Peel and Ministry of Transportation Ontario staff to determine the feasibility of using that technology, after which the matter will be reported to General Committee.

F Roads, Storm Drainage and Water Courses cont'd...

Councillor Carmen Corbasson further questioned the stakeholders involved with connecting video between facilities, to which Mr. Pitushka advised that staff is currently working with the City's Information Technology staff toward implementing WiFi technology between their facilities.

Councillor Eve Adams noted her prior request for information about sensors that allow for traffic signal operation that precludes grid lock, and requested that information about time saved for commuting be included when staff report back on this issue. Further, Councillor Eve Adams questioned the service standards for snow removal and questioned if the contracted plow operators are charged a penalty for any lack of service on their part. Mr. Pitushka advised that the contracts are issued for particular routes and that plowing service gets delayed when back to back snow storms occur.

Councillor Pat Mullin opined that the multi-use trails work well for recreation and some cycling for travel, noting the benefit of having bike racks installed on Transit buses for connecting travel. Councillor Pat Saito advised her concurrence with the implementation of multi-use trails noting the trail located in Ward 10 that meanders around telephone poles, and that the asphalt surface appears to preclude heaving from seasonal freeze and thaw despite the clay soil in that area. Councillor Maja Prentice noted that the trail system in Ward 3 is well used and advised that she supports the installation of multi-use trails provided that the surface is maintained to provide for safe travel and limited water ponding.

Wendy Alexander, Director of Transportation and Infrastructure Planning continued the PowerPoint presentation, reviewing the capital budget forecast noting the complexities related to the scarcity of certain materials for asphalt and concrete applications.

Councillor George Carlson initiated discussion expressing concern for gaining resident concurrence with curb and gutter installations, to which Commissioner of Transportation and Works Martin Powell advised that future discussions are required to address the unfunded capital projects, noting that there is already a decline in road conditions being observed and that there will be more pressures to come over the next ten (10) years.

Councillor Pat Mullin noted that most areas in Wards 1 and 2 have ditches rather than curb and gutters, and questioned if resurfacing is a different project. Mrs. Alexander advised that only resurfacing is budgeted for at this time and reconstruction of curbs and gutters where they exist. Mr. Powell noted that certain areas of the City have soil conditions which provide for longer life of road construction.

Councillor Maja Prenticed referenced the ditch along the north side of a section of Burnhamthorpe Road East, to which Mrs. Alexander advised that an assessment for re-design is currently being done.

F Roads, Storm Drainage and Water Courses cont'd...

Councillor Eve Adams questioned if any projects could be expedited to give support to the local economy, to which Mrs. Alexander explained that a two (2) to three (3) year process is involved with acquisition, review and implementation of a road construction project. City Manager Janice Baker advised that the Leadership Team has contemplated this question and that there may be opportunities to move certain projects forward if provincial and/or federal funds become available.

Mayor Hazel McCallion expressed concern for the backlog of capital projects that require funding in particular when new projects are being contemplated. As well, Mayor McCallion expressed concern with the deficit for funding infrastructure projects and the impact on the maintenance budget while replacement is delayed. Mrs. Baker advised that a portion of the capital budget is already allocated to maintenance of infrastructure, and staff is attempting to deal with this issue, noting that taxation will soon be the only source of revenue as the amount of development decreases. Further, Mrs. Baker referenced Council's approval to implement an infrastructure charge of one (1%) percent, noting that the rate of inflation is out-pacing the available funding. Further, Mrs. Baker advised that the amount of new infrastructure being proposed is limited, referencing the BRT as new project, and explained that most capital projects are rehabilitation of existing infrastructure. Mrs. Baker advised that the new Fire Training Centre will be replacing an existing facility.

G Other Service Areas

In response to the question by Mayor McCallion about the funding by taxation versus Development Charges, Mr. Rossini advised that it equates to approximately seventy (70%) tax base and thirty (30%) development charge funds. Mrs. Baker advised that the detailed budget document will show the funding sources.

Roberto Rossini, Director of Finance gave a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the budgets for service areas and the priorities for City operations, explaining the initiatives that will be one time expenditures through Reserve Funds. Also, Mr. Rossini noted the funding for the Official Plan review, Arts and Culture Master Plan and Environmental Strategy projects.

Mayor McCallion questioned if the study about affordable housing is a duplication of the Region of Peel study, to which Commissioner of Planning and Building Ed Sajecki advised that the budget only provides for Mississauga's study and that this is not a duplication of the Region of Peel project.

Further, Mr. Rossini reviewed the program reductions identified in prior Budget Committee discussions, noting that savings can be achieved through labour cost gapping that occurs when the filling of staff position vacancies is delayed.

G Other Service Areas cont'd...

Mr. Rossini explained that new revenues are anticipated, and advised that the federal Payments in Lieu (PIL) related to the airport will be based on passenger counts from the year 2006, noting the current economy fluctuations will show in the 2009. Further, Mr. Rossini noted stabilization reserves will be used to smooth out fluctuations over the next year.

The capital budget for facilities and information technology were reviewed, with note of the pressures created by new standards for security while handling electronic transactions. As well, life cycle maintenance of certain facility components, space planning and work space relocations of staff were reviewed.

Mr. Rossini concluded his presentation advising that the Alternate Capital Financing Scenarios will be presented at the meeting of Budget Committee scheduled for December 8, 2008, and that staff intend to distribute the Budget Books in January for detailed deliberation toward enactment of the 2009 budget in February.

Mayor McCallion initiated discussion enquiring about provincial and federal assistance and controls within the respective infrastructure programs, and requested information on which projects will qualify for infrastructure funding from the provincial and/or federal programs. City Manager Janice Baker advised that the details from the Federal government will likely not be available within the next sixty (60) days.

Councillor Pat Saito moved receipt of the presentations for information and referral of the matters in the Corporate Reports listed in items 1. through 7. of this agenda to the Budget Committee scheduled for December 8, 2008. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received for Information (Councillor Pat Saito)
Recommendation BC-0036-2008
MG.29

MATTERS CONSIDERED1. General Fees and Charges

Corporate Report dated November 17, 2008 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services & Treasurer presenting the fees and charges for various services and products provided by the City of Mississauga.

(1.) RECOMMENDATION

That a by-law be enacted, effective January 1, 2009, to establish and require payment of various fees and charges under the authority of the *Municipal Act*, incorporating recommended revisions as outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the Corporate Report on the General Fees and Charges By-law dated November 17, 2008, and that By-law 460-2007 be repealed.

Referred to Budget Committee 8 December 2008

Recommendation BC-0037-2008

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2. Amendments to the *Planning Act* Processing Fees and Charges

Corporate Report dated November 20, 2008 from the Commissioner of Planning and Building presenting the fees and charges for various services and products for land development processes.

RECOMMENDATION

That a by-law to establish and require payment of various fees and charges under the authority of the *Planning Act* and to repeal the *Planning Act* Processing Fees and Charges By-law 0435-2007, be enacted incorporating recommended revisions as outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the Report dated November 20, 2008 from the Commissioner of Planning and Building entitled "*Planning Act* Processing Fees and Charges By-law".

Referred to Budget Committee 8 December 2008

Recommendation BC-0037-2008

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3. Transportation and Works Fees and Charges By-law

Corporate Report dated November 20, 2008 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works presenting the fees and charges for various services and products provided by the Transportation and Works Department.

(3.) RECOMMENDATION

That a by-law be enacted to establish fees and charges for the Transportation and Works Department in accordance with the report to Budget Committee from the Transportation and Works Department dated November 20, 2008, and that the said by-law be effective as of January 1, 2009 and that By-law 433-07 be repealed.

Referred to Budget Committee 8 December 2008

Recommendation BC-0037-2008

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4. Transportation and Works – Road Occupancy, Lot Grading and Municipal Services Protection Deposit Fees

Corporate Report dated November 20, 2008 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works presenting the fees and charges related to deposits for services provided for roads, lot grading and municipal services.

RECOMMENDATION

That a by-law be enacted to establish Road Occupancy, Lot Grading and Municipal Services Protection deposits for the Transportation and Works Department in accordance with the report to Budget Committee from the Transportation and Works Department dated November 20, 2008, and that the said by-law be effective as of January 1, 2009, and that By-law 434-07 be repealed.

Referred to Budget Committee 8 December 2008

Recommendation BC-0037-2008

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5. Recreation and Parks Rental Rates (September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010)

Corporate Report dated November 20, 2008 from the Commissioner of Community Services seeking approval of the rates for Recreation and Parks ice, facility and sports facility rentals and related liability insurance, for the time period of September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010.

(5.) RECOMMENDATION

1. That a by-law be enacted incorporating revisions to the Recreation and Parks Ice and Facility Rental Rates for the period September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010, as outlined in Appendix A of the report dated November 20, 2008 from the Commissioner of Community Services.
2. That a by-law be enacted incorporating revisions to the Recreation and Parks Sport Field Rental Rates for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 and January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 as outlined in Appendix 1.
3. That a by-law be enacted incorporating rates for liability insurance fees from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 as outlined in Appendix 2.

Referred to Budget Committee 8 December 2008

Recommendation BC-0037-2008

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6. Recreation Program Fees (Spring 2009 through Winter 2010)

Corporate Report dated November 20, 2008 from the Commissioner of Community Services seeking approval of the rates for Recreation and Parks program fees for the time period of spring 2009 through winter 2010.

RECOMMENDATION

That a by-law be enacted incorporating the revisions to the Recreation Program Fees from the start of Spring 2009 through to Winter of 2010 as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report dated November 20, 2008 from the Commissioner of Community Services.

Referred to Budget Committee 8 December 2008

Recommendation BC-0037-2008

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7. Cemetery Fees

Corporate Report dated November 20, 2008 from the Commissioner of Community Services seeking approval of the fees for 2009 cemetery services.

(7.) RECOMMENDATION

That a by-law be enacted incorporating revisions to the Cemetery Fees for 2009 as listed in Appendix 1 of the report dated November 20, 2008 from the Commissioner of Community Services.

Referred to Budget Committee 8 December 2008

Recommendation BC-0037-2008

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CLOSED SESSION - Nil

ADJOURNMENT – 3:35pm

REPORT 7-2008

TO: THE MAYOR & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The Budget Committee presents its seventh report for 2008 and recommends:

BC-0036-2008

That the following deputations to Budget Committee at its meeting on December 2, 2008, be received for information:

- A Introduction of the Service Area Business Plans and Budgets (2009 to 2018)
by Roberto Rossini, Director of Finance;
- B Fire and Emergency Services by Acting Fire Chief John McDougall;
- C Library Services by Don Mills, Director of Library Services;
- D Recreation and Parks by John Lohuis, Director of Recreation and Parks
& Susan Burt, Director of Planning, Development & Business Services;
- E Mississauga Transit by Geoff Marinoff, Director of Mississauga Transit
& Geoff Wright, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Office;
- F Roads, Storm Drainage and Water Courses
by Wendy Alexander, Director of Transportation and Infrastructure Planning
& Joe Pitushka, Director of Engineering and Works;
- G Other Service Areas by Roberto Rossini, Director of Finance

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That consideration of the following matters presented to Budget Committee at its meeting on December 2, 2008, be referred to the Budget Committee meeting scheduled for December 8, 2008:

1. General Fees and Charges
2. Amendments to the *Planning Act* Processing Fees and Charges
3. Transportation and Works Fees and Charges By-law
4. Transportation and Works – Road Occupancy, Lot Grading and Municipal Services
Protection Deposit Fees
5. Recreation and Parks Rental Rates (September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010)
6. Recreation Program Fees (Spring 2009 through Winter 2010)
7. Cemetery Fees

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