



MINUTES

BUDGET COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008 – 9:10 AM

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

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

ABSENT: Councillor Maja Prentice Ward 3

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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CALL TO ORDER

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 by Roberto Rossini, Director of Finance

MATTERS CONSIDERED

(Unfinished Business)

1. General Fees and Charges
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(New Business)

8. Mississauga Transit Final Service Reduction Recommendations & Implementation Plan
9. Updates on Changes to Library Hours in 2009

CLOSED SESSION - Nil

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER – 9:10am

DECLARATIONS OF (DIRECT OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST - Nil

Mayor McCallion requested that staff formulate a list of projects that can be reviewed and chosen for application to the Federal Government infrastructure funding, such as City Core development. City Manager Janice Baker advised that staff will be reviewing the unfunded capital projects in the deputation by the Director of Finance listed on the agenda of this meeting, and that the project list can be made readily available.

Mayor McCallion spoke to allocation of the provincial infrastructure fund recently received, and opined that this funding should be applied with a balance between existing infrastructure needs and new projects.

DEPUTATIONS

A Alternative Capital Financing Scenarios

Roberto Rossini, Director of Finance gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding alternative capital financing scenarios, in response to enquiries of Budget Committee from its meetings earlier in the year 2008. Mr. Rossini advised that a budget can be achieved that will require an increase on the residential tax bill of less than one (1%) percent. Mr. Rossini explained that this is based on a scenario with assumptions that all funded and unfunded projects are included except the Bus Rapid Transit cost increase of \$52.5 million, the Capital Revolving Fund will be spend down so there is no repayment in all scenarios, and an infrastructure levy of one (1%) percent each year annually for the next ten (10) years.

Mr. Rossini reviewed the unfunded capital projects identified in the 2009 to 2018 capital forecast, to various scenarios at different levels of infrastructure funding on the tax bill impact for both residential and commercial/industrial.

The impact of debt financing projects was reviewed, during which discussion addressed the cost of carrying a debt within the various scenarios, for impact on the municipal tax bill.

Mr. Rossini ended his deputation presenting conclusions that it is not sustainable to repay the Revolving Fund, take on external debt and do an annual infrastructure levy; that operating increases projected for the year 2009 will have less than one (1%) percent impact on the total tax bill which provides an opportunity to invest in capital; there is a need to take a critical look at projects to review budgets and asset management plans and determine appropriate timing; that average tax rate increases over ten (10) years can be fairly similar but implementing a higher infrastructure levy today would give more flexibility and funding in the future; and that there is a need for the Federal and Provincial governments to provide sustainable funding.

DEPUTATION A -Alternative Capital Financing Scenarios cont'd...

During the presentation, Mayor Hazel McCallion initiated discussion questioning the status of negotiations for hosting the Pan Am Games which is being discussed by the Chief Administrative Officers of the municipalities in the Regions of Peel and Halton that have interest in being involved with this project.

Councillor Pat Saito and Councillor Sue McFadden respectively, requested that staff provide them with information regarding the feasibility of constructing a grade separation for the railway crossing at Tenth Line near the new GO station, and deferral of the widening of that roadway to the year 2011 or later until the development of adjacent lands can assist with the funding that project. Commissioner of Transportation and Works Martin Powell advised this can be included in the review of the Development Charges study.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish referenced the need to address the issues about operation of the Sheridan branch library; and subsequently requested that the proposal to develop a pool facility for the Pan Am Games be reported to Council along with information regarding the ulterior issues and impacts on the community, such as housing and transportation of the attendees of those games. Mayor McCallion noted that the location for the Pan Am Games has yet to be determined and that provincial funding will be involved. As well, Mayor McCallion advised that all matters that need approval have to come to Council. City Manager Janice Baker advised that staff will be reporting the results of the current discussions, to Council in January 2009.

Mayor McCallion and Mrs. Baker discussed the need to know Council's position on the principle on taking on a new project. Further, discussion was held regarding the implementation of additional institutions for post secondary education being located in Mississauga, noting this idea came out of the Building a City for the 21st Century (BC21) discussions.

Councillor Sue McFadden requested that she be involved in future negotiations regarding the development of Ninth Line lands and the grade separation at Tenth Line. Mayor McCallion noted that the details will be reported to Council in January 2009.

City Manager Janice Baker advised that \$160 million dollar increase previously mentioned is not now included in the current budget scenarios. Councillor Pat Saito requested that information be provided to residents with information about what the total dollar value of the respective operating and capital budgets will be for 2009, and the increases projected over the future years for infrastructure. Mr. Rossini advised that 1% percent equals \$10.50 added to the total tax bill on the average valued home. Further, Mr. Rossini replied that projects can experience a forty to sixty percent increase in cost by being delayed for a length of time.

DEPUTATION A -Alternative Capital Financing Scenarios cont'd...

Councillor Carolyn Parrish opined that this is the reason that reduction of the operating budget was imperative, and advised that she will be taking a vigilant approach when discussing the Region of Peel budget. Also, Councillor Parrish questioned if the infrastructure levy could be split over two (2) years, noting the cuts applied to the 2009 budget will reflect on the next years. Further, Councillor Parrish advised that she intends to issue her newsletter with detailed information about budget issues. Further, Councillor Parrish opined that one-time funding should come from the provincial and federal governments.

Councillor Pat Mullin expressed concern regarding the above-average assessment values of certain homes in Ward 2, in relation to applying a percentage quotient for infrastructure funding to the assessed value of property, opining that this will result in an unequal charge to owners of homes with higher assessed value, rather than a set dollar value per residential property. Subsequently, Councillor Mullin expressed concern for not having information in prior years when zero percent increases to the tax levy was determined, and requested information on the impact of calculating the infrastructure levy against the assessed value of homes.

Mayor McCallion opined that the information provided in the subject presentation is excellent. Further, Mayor McCallion opined that due to the current status of the world economy, there is a need to continue providing public facilities and services for the residents, noting that libraries appear to be the preferred venue for many people.

Councillor Eve Adams expressed concern with adding a special levy on to the municipal tax bill during the current economic recession for the purpose of putting those funds to reserve for future use. Councillor Adams opined that there is a need to determine which infrastructure projects could be accelerated, with suggestion that this could provide benefit to local economy, and requested information on which projects could be moved forward. Mayor Hazel McCallion noted her request for a Corporate Report on which capital projects can be accelerated, to which Mrs. Baker responded that this will be reported in January 2009, noting that the tender process and design timing involved will determine which of those projects can be presented in future application(s) for infrastructure funding.

Councillor Frank Dale acknowledged the concern expressed by Councillor Pat Mullin and opined that there could be an equal percentage across the city, noting the potential impact of the infrastructure levy amount for homes that have been re-assessed at a value higher than the average. Mayor McCallion noted that the new assessments will be phased in. Mrs. Baker advised that staff can prepare information that shows the impact of the infrastructure levy in dollar amounts related to average assessed values in each of the City's Ward areas. Councillor Dale questioned the percentages each year to be phased in and confirmed with Mr. Rossini that taxation increase does not occur until after a certain level of assessment increase.

DEPUTATION A -Alternative Capital Financing Scenarios cont'd...

Further, Mrs. Baker noted that the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) puts a number of the percentage increase on the assessment notices, and that staff will confirm whether this is an aggregate increase or the rate of the increase phased in over four (4) years. Subsequently, Councillor Nando Iannicca moved receipt of the subject deputation for information. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received for Information (Councillor Nando Iannicca)
Recommendation BC-0038-2008
FA.19

MATTERS CONSIDERED

(Unfinished Business)

1. 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.

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.

Councillor Katie Mahoney moved approval of the recommendation in the subject Corporate Report. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Approved (Councillor Katie Mahoney)
Recommendation BC-0039-2008 / By-law 0492-2008
FA.11

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.

(2.) 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”.

Councillor Frank Dale moved approval of the recommendation in the subject Corporate Report. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Approved (Councillor Frank Dale)

Recommendation BC-0040-2008 / By-law 0430-2008

FA.11

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.

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.

Councillor Carmen Corbasson moved approval of the recommendation in the subject Corporate Report. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Approved (Councillor Carmen Corbasson)

Recommendation BC-0041-2008 / By-law 0431-2008

FA.11

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.

Councillor Katie Mahoney moved approval of the recommendation in the subject Corporate Report. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Approved (Councillor Katie Mahoney)
Recommendation BC-0042-2008 / By-law 0432-2008
FA.11

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.

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.

- (5.) 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.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish moved that the subject matter be considered and complimented staff on the increases being applied appropriately for the respective programs. Further, Councillor Parrish questioned the increase to golf fees being less than other programs. Commissioner of Community Services Paul Mitcham advised that the golf fees were raised by ten (10%) percent in previous years and therefore a lesser rate of increase is required this year, noting that the Mississauga golf fees appear to be at par with those charged by other golf courses.

Subsequently, Councillor Carolyn Parrish moved approval of the recommendation in the subject Corporate Report. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Approved (Councillor Carolyn Parrish)
Recommendation BC-0043-2008 / By-law 0433-2008
FA.11

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.

Subsequently, Councillor Carolyn Parrish moved approval of the recommendation in the subject Corporate Report. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Approved (Councillor Carolyn Parrish)
Recommendation BC-0044-2008 / By-law 0434-2008
FA.11

7. Cemetery Fees

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

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.

Councillor Frank Dale moved approval of the recommendation in the subject Corporate Report. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Approved (Councillor Frank Dale)
Recommendation BC-0045-2008 / By-law 0435-2008
FA.11

(New Business)

8. Mississauga Transit Final Service Reduction Recommendations
& Implementation Plan

Corporate Report November 25, 2008 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works in response to requests by Budget Committee at its meeting on October 3, 2008, for further review of certain Transit Routes.

RECOMMENDATION

That the final service reduction recommendation and the proposed implementation plan outlined in the report dated November 25, 2008 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works Department, be approved.

Councillor Eve Adams requested clarification that Transit Route 15B will still operate for peak hour service, to which Director of Transit Geoff Marinoff replied that peak hour service will continue on that Route. Subsequently, Councillor Eve Adams moved approval of the recommendation in the subject Corporate Report. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Approved (Councillor Eve Adams)
Recommendation BC-0046-2008
FA.19 (TS.01)

9. Updates on Changes to Library Hours in 2009

Corporate Report dated December 3, 2008 from the Commissioner of Community Services responding to a request made by Budget Committee at its meeting on October 15, 2008, for review of the library operating hours.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report dated December 3, 2008 from the Commissioner of Community Services on changes to library hours in 2009, be received for information.

Councillor Eve Adams initiated discussion and advised her gratitude for the retention of adequate service at the Malton library branch, and referring to the subject Corporate Report, requested clarification that the Malton library will be open year round. Director of Library Services Don Mills advised that the Malton library branch will operate year round, noting that the Corporate Report charts the summer hours of operation apart from the winter hours of operation.

Councillor Pat Saito moved receipt of the subject Corporate Report for information, and also that staff be directed to review the results of the revised hours of operation for all branch libraries after the first quarter of the year 2009 (April 30, 2009) and report back to Budget Committee. The motion was voted upon and carried.

In response to a question by Mayor McCallion on the results of staff discussion with Councillor Maja Prentice regarding the Burnhamthorpe branch library, Director of Library Don Mills advised that hours of operation will be retained at the Burnhamthorpe library branch with further review through the "Future Directions" consultation process that will determine community preferences and service needs.

Received for Information / Directive (Councillor Pat Saito)

Recommendation BC-0047-2008

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CLOSED SESSION - Nil

ADJOURNMENT – 11:06am

REPORT 8-2008

TO: THE MAYOR & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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

BC-0038-2008

That the deputation regarding Alternative Capital Financing Scenarios by Roberto Rossini, Director of Finance, to the Budget Committee at its meeting on December 8, 2008, be received for information.

FA.19

BC-0039-2008

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 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Treasurer, and to repeal By-law 460-2007.

FA.11

BC-0040-2008

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

FA.11

BC-0041-2008

That a by-law be enacted to establish fees and charges to be effective as of January 1, 2009, for the Transportation and Works Department in accordance with the Corporate Report dated November 20, 2008 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, and that By-law 433-2007 be repealed.

FA.11

BC-0042-2008

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 Corporate Report dated November 20, 2008 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, and that the said by-law be effective as of January 1, 2009, and to repeal By-law 434-2007.

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BC-0043-2008

That a by-law be enacted to:

1. incorporate the 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 1 of the Corporate Report dated November 20, 2008 from the Commissioner of Community Services;
2. incorporate the 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 of the Corporate Report dated November 20, 2008 from the Commissioner of Community Service; and
3. incorporate the rates for liability insurance fees from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 as outlined in Appendix 2 of the Corporate Report dated November 20, 2008 from the Commissioner of Community Services.

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BC-0044-2008

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 Corporate Report dated November 20, 2008 from the Commissioner of Community Services.

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BC-0045-2008

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

FA.11

BC-0046-2008

That the final service reduction recommendations for Mississauga Transit the proposed implementation plan outlined in the Corporate Report dated November 25, 2008 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works Department, be approved.

FA.19 (TS.01)

BC-0047-2008

1. That the Corporate Report dated December 3, 2008 from the Commissioner of Community Services regarding changes to library hours of operation in 2009, be received for information.
2. That staff be directed to review the results of the revised hours of operation for the branch libraries after the first quarter of the year 2009 (April 30, 2009) and report back to Budget Committee.

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