Monday, March 19, 20 and 25, 2019

Members Present:
Mayor P. Brown (Chair)
Regional Councillor P. Vicente – Wards 1 and 5 (Vice-Chair)
Regional Councillor R. Santos – Wards 1 and 5
Regional Councillor M. Palleschi – Wards 2 and 6
Regional Councillor M. Medeiros – Wards 3 and 4
Regional Councillor P. Fortini – Wards 7 and 8
Regional Councillor G. Dhillon – Wards 9 and 10
City Councillor D. Whillans – Wards 2 and 6
City Councillor J. Bowman – Wards 3 and 4
City Councillor C. Williams – Wards 7 and 8
City Councillor H. Singh – Wards 9 and 10

Staff Present:
J. Pittari, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
A. Meneses, Commissioner, Community Services
B. Zvaniga, Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering
C. Duyvestyn, Acting Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering
R. Conard, Acting Commissioner, Planning and Development Services
J. Macintyre, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services
A. Milojevic, General Manager, Transit
B. Boyes, Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Services
D. McClure, Acting Director, Economic Development and Culture
D. Sutton, Treasurer, Corporate Services
P. Fay, City Clerk
C. Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk
S. Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk’s Office
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|                      | Call to order – 5:00 p.m.  
Recessed – 6:35 p.m. | Reconvened – 3:06 p.m.  
Recessed – 4:15 p.m.  
Reconvened – 7:04 p.m.  
Recessed – 8:21 p.m. | Reconvened – 9:33 a.m.  
Adjourned – 10:59 a.m. |
| Mayor Brown (Chair)  | Present | Present | Present |
|                      | Left at 4:15 p.m. – other municipal business | (assumed the Chair from 7:04 p.m. to 8:21 p.m.) | |
| Regional Councillor Vicente (Vice-Chair) | Present | Present | Present |
| Regional Councillor Santos | Present | Present | Present |
| Regional Councillor Medeiros | Present | Present | Present |
| Regional Councillor Palleschi | Present | Present | Present |
| Regional Councillor Dhillon | Present | Present | Present |
| (arrived at 10:00 a.m. – personal) | | | |
| Regional Councillor Fortini | Present | Present | Present |
| City Councillor Whillans | Present | Present | Present |
| City Councillor Bowman | Present | Present | Present |
| City Councillor Williams | Present | Present | Present |
| (arrived at 5:03 p.m. – personal) | | | |
| City Councillor Singh | Present | Present | Present |
Note: These minutes are not a chronology of the discussions of Committee. Individual motions were taken during consideration of the items listed in these minutes.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

   The following motion was considered.

   BC001-2019  
   That the agenda for the Budget Committee Meeting of March 19, 20 and 25, 2019, be approved, as printed and circulated.

   Carried

   The following supplementary information was provided to the City Clerk's Office after the agenda was published, and was distributed at the meeting:

   1. The following item was listed on the agenda to be distributed prior to the meeting:

      4.1. Presentation by J. Pittari, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, and D. Sutton, Treasurer, Corporate Services, re: **2019-2021 Operating and Capital Budgets**.

   2. **Re. Item 4.1 – Replacement pages for Engagement – Details of Community Input**

      - Pages 4.1-31 and 4.1-45 are being replaced, as some comments were inadvertently omitted

   3. **Re. Item 5.2 – Use of Biodiesel Blend in City's Diesel Fuel Contracts**

      Remarks and supporting material from the delegation, Aaron Freeman, Principal, Pivot Strategic Consulting Inc.

   4. **Re. Item 4.1 – 2019-2021 Operating and Capital Budgets**

      9.4. Correspondence from Chris Bejnar, Co-Chair, Citizens for a Better Brampton (CFBB), dated March 18, 2019

      9.5. Correspondence from George Startup, resident of Brampton, dated December 10, 2018
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5. Handout from staff re: Municipal Act, 2001 – Ontario Regulation 75/01 – Tax Matters – Property Tax Bills

6. Handout from staff re: Historic and Forecast Revenue – Permit and Development Charge Revenue

P. Fay, City Clerk, outlined the following procedural rules for the budget deliberations:

1. The Chair will entertain a motion to receive program budget submissions and presentations, external agency and organization presentations and public delegations after consideration of that program budget.

2. Public delegations are scheduled to be heard at 7:00 pm on March 20, unless otherwise noted.

3. All substantive motions introduced during the Committee meeting (e.g., approve as presented or amendment to a program budget) will be voted on at the time of consideration, and carried motions will be subject to a final vote before meeting adjournment, based on the following motion standard:

   That the 2019 Current Budget submission for the [program/department] be approved, as presented; and

   That the 2019 Capital Budget submission for the [program/department] be approved, as presented; and

   That the 2020 and 2021 Current Budget submission for the [program/department] be endorsed, in principle, as presented; and

   That the 2020 and 2021 Capital Budget submission for the [program/department] be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

4. Before adjournment, Committee will consider all the carried motions in their totality for a final vote to facilitate a complete set of Recommendations for presentation to the Special Council Meeting on March 27, 2019.

5. The Chair will open a 15 minute public question period at the end of each sitting day of the Committee to invite public comments on recommendations made during that specific meeting day.

2. Declarations of Interest Under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act
In response to a question from Committee, P. Fay, City Clerk, advised that effective March 1, 2019, a new requirement under the Municipal Act requires Members of Council who identify a conflict to do so verbally at the meeting and in writing by completing the appropriate form outlining the interest and its general nature with the Clerk. Mr. Fay added that this form will be made publicly available.

The following conflicts were declared.

1. City Councillor Fortini declared a conflict of interest on the compensation portion of the Enforcement and By-law Services Division of the Corporate Services Department budget, as his daughter is an employee in this division.

2. City Councillor Whillans declared a conflict of interest on the compensation portion of the Public Works and Engineering Department budget, as his brother and nephew are employees in this department.

3. **Consent**

   The following items listed with an asterisk (*) were considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Committee and were approved at one time.

   (nil)

4. **Presentations**


   - Council Questions – Pre-Budget Deliberations
   - Engagement – Details of Community Input

J. Pittari, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, and D. Sutton, Treasurer, Corporate Services, provided a presentation on the 2019-2021 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Members of Council expressed their thanks to staff for their efforts in the preparation of the Budget.

Committee discussion took place and staff responded to questions with respect to the 2019-2021 Operating and Capital Budgets, as follows:

- Impact of property assessment values on property taxes
- Federal and Provincial gas tax funding
- Fare collection equipment for Transit
Balmoral Recreation Centre construction and status of the Howden Recreation Centre

2019 base operating growth
- Staff requests
- Transit service increase
- Rideshare revenue

Infrastructure repair and replacement
- Infrastructure deficit and levy funding
- Impact of not investing in infrastructure

Funding sources for the 2019 Capital Budget

Regulations on the appearance of the tax bill, and the possibility of including additional information

Status of the City’s funding requests to senior levels of government for various City projects

Opportunity for the City to implement additional user fees

Councillor expenses for charitable donations

Process for forecasting development charge (DC) revenue

Development activity in Brampton and a request for information on building permits issued over the last five (5) years

Status of various Fire and Emergency Services projects

Budget for the Façade and Building Improvement program

Budget allocation for the Centre for Innovation and Connected Learning

Indication from staff that the impact of an Ontario Superior Court ruling regarding the powers granted to the OSPCA to enforce animal welfare legislation, is unknown at this time

Actual development charge collections in 2018 and projected increases from 2019-2021

Systems and processes for collecting data, the type of data collected and access to this information

IT budget increases and a request for information on software upgrades

Efficiencies resulting from new technology

Clarification of staff requests for:
- Information Technology
- Planning and Development Services
- Enforcement and By-law Services

Clarification regarding use of the Interest Rate Stabilization Reserve and the General Rate Stabilization Reserve

Status of various capital projects

Review of fuel contracts in relation to pursuing the use of biodiesel

Possibility of allowing City-affiliated seniors groups up to two (2) free facility room rentals per year, on evenings or weekends when the facility is not booked

Information from staff regarding the Green Fleet program

Planned retrofit for the 2nd floor of the South Fletcher’s Sportsplex
• Significant transit investments in the proposed budget
• Possibility of converting a portion of the lot adjacent to the Riverstone Community Centre into tennis courts
• Establishment of a fund for public safety initiatives and a suggestion that staff consult with the Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee
• Economic impact of an overall average property tax increase on the City’s portion of the tax bill of 0%
• Clarification from staff regarding the compression impacts identified in the proposed 2019 Operating Budget, resulting from the 2018 minimum wage increase
• Request that communications regarding the Council-approved 2019 Budget not include preliminary forecasted tax rates until considered by Council
• Information from staff regarding the draw on the General Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund for the 2019 budget
• Legislation relating to budget approval in an election year, and the potential impacts of the timing of the City’s 2019 budget approval (e.g. CD Howe rating)
• The need to ensure clarity in communications to residents regarding the City’s portion of the tax bill of 0%

The following motion was considered.

BC002-2019   That the presentation by J. Pittari, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, and D. Sutton, Treasurer, Corporate Services, to the Budget Committee Meeting of March 19, 20 and 25, 2019, re: 2019-2021 Operating and Capital Budgets be received.

Carried

The following motion was introduced:

That the 2019-2021 Current and Capital Budget Recommendations be amended to incorporate the following:

1. That the proposed 2019 Operating Budget be amended to include $0.45 million in recognition of foregone revenue as a result of implementing a reduced $15 monthly senior transit pass;

2. That the proposed 2019 Capital Budget be amended to include a one-time Capital Project in the amount of $0.11 million for the initial implementation of a reduced $15 monthly senior transit pass with funding to be transferred from the General Rate Stabilization Reserve;
3. That the Treasurer be authorized to allocate the 2019 announced one-time Federal Gas Tax Funds to eligible projects within the Capital Program as a substitute for the tax based funding previously identified;

4. That the tax based funding now made available as a result of the substitution of Federal Gas Tax Funds be redirected to fund in part the Centre for Innovation and Connected Learning as a substitute for previously identified debt financing and as a result releasing $30.6 million in debt capacity to finance future strategic projects at the City and reducing debt repayment charges by $1.77 million in the proposed 2019 Operating Budget;

5. That $1.2 million in compression impacts identified in the proposed 2019 Operating Budget resulting from the 2018 minimum wage increase be deferred to the 2020 Operating Budget;

6. That $1.07 million in operating costs in the proposed 2019 Operating Budget related to the Riverstone Community Centre be deferred to the 2020 Operating Budget to align with the timing of the opening; and,

7. That the 2019 Operating Budget will result in an overall average property tax increase on the City’s portion of the tax bill of 0%.

An amendment to the motion was introduced to add the following clause:

That staff be directed to establish a Public Safety Project, with appropriate initial funding of $300,000 from the General Rate Stabilization Reserve, for the purpose of funding community safety program initiatives, as determined by Council.

The motion, as amended, was considered as follows.

BC003-2019 That the 2019-2021 Current and Capital Budget Recommendations be amended to incorporate the following:

1. That the proposed 2019 Operating Budget be amended to include $0.45 million in recognition of foregone revenue as a result of implementing a reduced $15 monthly senior transit pass;

2. That the proposed 2019 Capital Budget be amended to include a one-time Capital Project in the amount of $0.11 million for the initial implementation of a reduced $15 monthly senior transit pass with funding to be transferred from the General Rate Stabilization Reserve;
3. That the Treasurer be authorized to allocate the 2019 announced one-time Federal Gas Tax Funds to eligible projects within the Capital Program as a substitute for the tax based funding previously identified;

4. That the tax based funding now made available as a result of the substitution of Federal Gas Tax Funds be redirected to fund in part the Centre for Innovation and Connected Learning as a substitute for previously identified debt financing and as a result releasing $30.6 million in debt capacity to finance future strategic projects at the City and reducing debt repayment charges by $1.77 million in the proposed 2019 Operating Budget;

5. That $1.2 million in compression impacts identified in the proposed 2019 Operating Budget resulting from the 2018 minimum wage increase be deferred to the 2020 Operating Budget;

6. That $1.07 million in operating costs in the proposed 2019 Operating Budget related to the Riverstone Community Centre be deferred to the 2020 Operating Budget to align with the timing of the opening;

7. That staff be directed to establish a Public Safety Project, with appropriate initial funding of $300,000 from the General Rate Stabilization Reserve, for the purpose of funding community safety program initiatives, as determined by Council; and

8. That the 2019 Operating Budget will result in an overall average property tax increase on the City’s portion of the tax bill of 0%.

A recorded vote was requested and the motion carried, unanimously, as follows:

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The following motion was considered.

BC004-2019  That communications regarding the Council-approved 2019 Current and Capital Budget focus on 2019 programs and services funding only, and not include preliminary forecasted tax rates until appropriately considered and approved by Council.

Carried

Note: City Councillor Fortini declared a conflict of interest on the compensation portion of the Enforcement and By-law Services Division of the Corporate Services Department budget, and left the room during the vote on this item.

City Councillor Whillans declared a conflict of interest on the compensation portion of the Public Works and Engineering Department budget, and left the room during the vote on this item.

The following motion was considered.

BC005-2019  1. That the 2019 Current Budget for the Corporate Departments and Programs be approved, except for:
   a. the compensation portion of the Public Works and Engineering Department budget;
   b. the compensation portion of the Enforcement and By-law Services Division of the Corporate Services Department budget;

2. That the 2019 Current Budget for the Corporate Departments and Programs, as it pertains specifically for the compensation portion of the Public Works and Engineering Department budget, be approved;

3. That the 2019 Current Budget for the Corporate Departments and Programs, as it pertains specifically for the compensation portion of the Enforcement and By-law Services Division of the Corporate Services Department, be approved;
4. That the 2019 Capital Budget for the Corporate Departments and Programs be approved;

5. That the 2020 and 2021 Current Budget for the Corporate Departments and Programs be endorsed, in principle, as presented;

6. That the 2020 and 2021 Capital Budget for the Corporate Departments and Programs be endorsed, in principle, as presented;

7. That the 2019 Current Budget for the Internal Audit Division be approved, as presented; and

8. That the 2020 and 2021 Current Budget for the Internal Audit Division be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Carried

The following motion was considered.

BC006-2019 That the following motion be referred to the Regular Council Meeting of March 27, 2019 for further consideration:

That the 2019 Current Budget for the Community Services Department be amended to allow City-affiliated seniors groups up to two (2) free facility room rentals per year, on evenings or weekends when the facility is not otherwise booked.

Carried

5. **Delegations**

5.1. Possible Delegations re: *2019-2021 Current and Capital Budget Approval, including Proposed 2019 Brampton Transit Fares and Related Charges*.

Notice regarding this matter was published on the City’s web portal on March 14, 2019.

In response to an inquiry from the Chair, no one expressed an interest in delegating Committee on this matter.

5.2. Delegation from Aaron Freeman, Principal, Pivot Strategic Consulting Inc., on behalf of Giovanni Angelucci, Canada Clean Fuels, re: *Use of Biodiesel Blend in City’s Diesel Fuel Contracts*.
Aaron Freeman, Principal, Pivot Strategic Consulting Inc., addressed Committee on behalf of Giovanni Angelucci, Canada Clean Fuels, regarding the use of biodiesel fuel. Mr. Freeman provided information regarding the environmental benefits, pricing, and performance of this fuel, and requested that the City resume the use of a biodiesel blend for its fleet.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:
- The City’s experience with biodiesel fuel and reasons for discontinuing its use
- Information regarding the City’s current fuel contract through Metrolinx
- Biodiesel supply, pricing and performance
- Environmental economics and the need to explore alternative fuel sources

The following motion was considered.

BC007-2019 That the delegation from Aaron Freeman, Principal, Pivot Strategic Consulting Inc., on behalf of Giovanni Angelucci, Canada Clean Fuels, to the Budget Committee Meeting of March 19, 20 and 25, 2019, re: Use of Biodiesel Blend in City’s Diesel Fuel Contracts be received.

Carried

6. Local Board and Other Presentations

6.1. Downtown Brampton BIA

Suzy Godefroy, Executive Director, Downtown Brampton BIA, presented information regarding the Downtown Brampton BIA and its 2019 budget request.

Discussion took place with respect to the following:
- Acknowledgement of the work of the Downtown Brampton BIA
- Importance of having a vibrant downtown
- Opportunity for funding from the Federal government
- Opportunity for additional support from the City and to better leverage existing partnerships
  - Suggestion that the BIA identify specific areas that would benefit from additional municipal support
- Request that the BIA organize events to attract youth

The following motion was considered.
1. That the presentation by Suzy Godefroy, Executive Director, Downtown Brampton BIA, to the Budget Committee Meeting of March 19, 20 and 25, 2019, re: **Brampton Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) 2019 Current Budget Request**, be received; and,

2. That the 2019 Current Budget submission for the Downtown Brampton BIA be approved, as presented; and

3. That the 2020 and 2021 Current Budget submission for the Downtown Brampton BIA be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

   Carried

6.2. **Brampton Public Library**

Jaipaul Massey-Singh, Board Chair, and Rebecca Raven, Chief Executive Officer, Brampton Library, presented information regarding the Brampton Library and its 2019 budget request.

Discussion took place with respect to the following:
- Brampton Library “On The Go” van
- Acknowledgement of the accomplishments of the Brampton Library
- Operating budget per capita, and clarification of the capital budget request
- Partnerships with post-secondary institutions (Sheridan College, Ryerson University, Algoma University) and the Region of Peel
- Success of after-hours study halls at three (3) library branches and options to expand this service
- Opportunities for sponsorships to support library services

The following motion was considered.

1. That the presentation by Rebecca Raven, Chief Executive Officer, and Jaipaul Massey-Singh, Board Chair, Brampton Library Board, to the Budget Committee Meeting of March 19, 20 and 25, 2019, re: **Brampton Library 2019 Current and Capital Budget Request** be received; and,

2. That the 2019 Current Budget for the Brampton Library be approved, as presented; and

3. That the 2019 Capital Budget for the Brampton Library be approved, as presented; and
4. That the 2020 and 2021 Current Budget for the Brampton Library be endorsed, in principle, as presented;

5. That the 2020 and 2021 Capital Budget for the Brampton Library be endorsed, in principle, as presented; and

6. That City staff be requested to work with the Brampton Library to investigate expanded after-hours programs at additional branches and facilities, for consideration during the 2020 budget process.

Carried

7. **Reports**

7.1. Report from A. Milojevic, General Manager, Transit, dated February 28, 2019, re: *Brampton Transit Fare Change*.

A. Milojevic, General Manager, Transit, provided an overview of the subject report, and responded to questions from Committee with respect to the following:

- Proposed increase to the adult fare category
- Indication that staff are exploring options for a multi-jurisdictional pass program for students
- Transit user fee benchmarking
- Objective to deter cash fares to reduce handling costs
- Possibility of providing reduced fares for persons with disabilities
- Indication from staff that PRESTO helps to mitigate fraudulent activities, like “fare jumping”
- Information on transit fares for veterans

The following motion was considered.

BC010-2019

1. That the report from A. Milojevic, General Manager, Transit, dated February 28, 2019, to the Budget Committee Meeting of March 19, 20 and 25, 2019, re: *Brampton Transit Fare Change*, be received;

2. That Brampton Transit fares and related charges be approved and set, with an effective date of May 12, 2019, as detailed in Appendix B of this report; and,

3. That a by-law be passed to amend Schedule G of User Fee By-law 380-2003, as amended, to reflect the approved 2019 Brampton Transit fares and related charges, as detailed in Appendix B of this report.

Carried
8. **Referred Matters** – nil

9. **Correspondence**

9.1. Correspondence from Todd Letts, Chief Executive Officer, Brampton Board of Trade, re: 2019 Budget Recommendations.

The following motion was considered.

BC011-2019 That the correspondence from Todd Letts, Chief Executive Officer, Brampton Board of Trade, to the Budget Committee Meeting of March 19, 20 and 25, 2019, re: 2019 Budget Recommendations be received.

Carried

9.2. Memorandum from P. Fay, City Clerk, City Clerk’s Office, re: Transmittal of Audit Committee Recommendations for the 2019-2021 Internal Audit Budget.

The following motion was considered.

BC012-2019 That the memorandum from P. Fay, City Clerk, City Clerk’s Office, to the Budget Committee Meeting of March 19, 20 and 25, 2019, re: Transmittal of Audit Committee Recommendations for the 2019-2021 Internal Audit Budget be received.

Carried

9.3. Correspondence from KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants, dated February 21, 2019, re: City of Brampton Service Delivery Review Update.

The following motion was considered.

BC013-2019 That the correspondence from KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants, dated February 21, 2019, to the Budget Committee Meeting of March 19, 20 and 25, 2019, re: City of Brampton Service Delivery Review Update be received.

Carried

9.4. Correspondence from Chris Bejnar, Co-Chair, Citizens for a Better Brampton (CFBB), dated March 18, 2019, re: 2019-2021 Operating and Capital Budgets.
The following motion was considered.

BC014-2019 That the correspondence from Chris Bejnar, Co-Chair, Citizens for a Better Brampton (CFBB), dated March 18, 2019, to the Budget Committee Meeting of March 19, 20 and 25, 2019, re: 2019-2021 Operating and Capital Budgets be received.

Carried

9.5. Correspondence from George Startup, resident of Brampton, dated December 10, 2018, re: 2019-2021 Operating and Capital Budgets.

The following motion was considered.

BC015-2019 That the correspondence from George Startup, resident of Brampton, dated December 10, 2018, to the Budget Committee Meeting of March 19, 20 and 25, 2019, re: 2019-2021 Operating and Capital Budgets be received.

Carried

10. Other/New Business – nil

11. Council Question Period

See Item 4.1

12. Public Question Period

1. Staff responded to questions from Sylvia Roberts, resident of Brampton, with respect to the following:
   - Impact of the City not receiving the anticipated funding from development charges and provincial gas tax funding
   - Williams Parkway widening project
   - Transit fare increases and funding
   - 2040 Vision to provide free transit
   - Investments in infrastructure and transit
   - City of Mississauga tax increase/budget
   - Potential impact of a 0% tax increase
   - Review of the City’s tax ratios
13. **Closed Session** – nil

14. **Adjournment**

The following motion was considered.

BC016-2019  That the Budget Committee do now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Carried

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Mayor P. Brown, Chair