Wednesday, April 06, 2016

Members:
Regional Councillor M. Medeiros – Wards 3 and 4 (Chair)
Regional Councillor G. Gibson – Wards 1 and 5
Regional Councillor E. Moore – Wards 1 and 5
Regional Councillor M. Palleschi – Wards 2 and 6
Regional Councillor G. Miles – Wards 7 and 8
(Vice-Chair, Corporate and Financial Affairs)
Regional Councillor J. Sprovieri – Wards 9 and 10
(Vice-Chair, By-law Enforcement)
City Councillor D. Whillans – Wards 2 and 6
City Councillor J. Bowman – Wards 3 and 4
City Councillor P. Fortini – Wards 7 and 8
City Councillor G. Dhillon – Wards 9 and 10

Staff Present:
Corporate Services Department:
P. Simmons, Chief Corporate Services Officer and Acting Chief Administrative Officer
R. Zuech, Acting City Solicitor, Corporate Services
P. Fay, City Clerk, Corporate Services
E. Evans, Deputy City Clerk, Corporate Services
S. Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator, Corporate Services
Minutes
Corporate Services Committee

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m., recessed at 4:25 p.m., moved into Closed Session at 4:37 p.m., recessed and moved back into Open Session at 5:25 p.m. and adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

   The following motion was considered.

   CS038-2016 That the agenda for the Corporate Services Committee Meeting of April 6, 2016 be approved, as amended, to add the following items:

   10.1. Discussion at the request of City Councillor Dhillon, re: **Electronic Voting**.

   10.2. Discussion at the request of Mayor Jeffrey, re: **Regional Governance**.

   Under Closed Session:

   18.1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

   18.2. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

   Carried

2. **Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act** – nil

3. **Consent**

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

   (8.1, 11.1)

   (Item 8.2 was removed from consent)

4. **Announcements** – nil

5. **Delegations** – nil

6. **Staff Presentations** – nil
7. **By-law Enforcement** – nil

8. **Corporate and Financial Affairs**

* 8.1. Report from D. Sutton, Director, Financial Planning and Budgets, Corporate Services, re: **Status of Provincial Offences Act Defaulted Fines**.

CS039-2016

| 1. | That the report from David Sutton, Director, Financial Planning and Budgets, dated February 16, 2016, to the Corporate Services Committee Meeting of April 6, 2016, re: **Status of Provincial Offences Act Defaulted Fines**, be received; and, |
| 2. | That staff be granted authorization to input the changes required to remove the uncollectable fine of $12,110.00 from the Integrated Court Offences Network (ICON) system, as summarized in Table E of the report, as all collection efforts as per the Standard Operation Procedure “Collection of Provincial Offences Act Fines Part I and III” and the Ministry of Attorney General directive have been exhausted, and proof of death of the debtor has been received. |

Carried

8.2. Report from D. Sutton, Director, Financial Planning and Budgets, Corporate Services, re: **By-Law to Establish Tax Ratios 2016**.

In response to a question from City Councillor Bowman, Martin Finnegan, Manager, Taxation and Assessment, Corporate Services, advised that the 2016 ratios are the same as in 2015.

The following motion was considered.

CS040-2016

| 1. | That the report from David Sutton, Director, Financial Planning and Budgets, Corporate Services, dated, March 3, 2016, to the Corporate Services Committee Meeting of April 6, 2016, re: **By-Law to Establish Tax Ratios for 2016** be received; and; |
| 2. | That a by-law to authorize the following tax ratios for the purpose of establishing tax rates be enacted: |
| 1.0000 for the residential property class |
| 1.7050 for the multi-residential property class |
| 1.2971 for the commercial property class |
| 1.4700 for the industrial property class |
| 0.9239 for the pipeline property class |
| 0.25 for the farmland class, and |
| 0.25 for the managed forest class. |

Carried
8.3. Report from D. Wilson, Executive Director, Human Resources, Corporate Services, re: Non-Union Compensation Structure.

Dave Wilson, Executive Director, Human Resources, Corporate Services, provided an overview of the subject report and provided details regarding the program implementation and administration for the new non-union compensation structure.

The following motion was considered.

CS041-2016 That the report from Dave Wilson, Executive Director, Human Resources, Corporate Services, dated March 21, 2016, to the Corporate Services Committee Meeting of April 6, 2016, re: Non-Union Compensation Structure be received.

Carried

9. Minutes – nil

10. Other/New Business

10.1. Discussion at the request of City Councillor Dhillon, re: Electronic Voting.

City Councillor Dhillon addressed Committee with respect to the need to enhance transparency and accountability to Brampton residents by providing easier access to Council voting results on the City’s website.

The following motion was introduced.

Whereas Brampton City Council has made significant strides to be more accountable and transparent with examples such as our lobbyist registry and gift registry; and

Whereas the City of Brampton has taken steps to provide access to Council meetings online and through YouTube; and

Whereas other large municipalities use a form of electronic voting to document important votes for the public record; and

Whereas electronic voting is a simple and organized method which would assist the public in knowing how Councillors vote at the City of Brampton;
Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be directed to report at a future meeting on the integration of electronically recorded votes onto the City of Brampton’s website as a database after each Council and Committee meeting.

Councillor Dhillon clarified that, with the exception of procedural motions, he would like all voting results to be documented electronically and made easily available to the public on the City's website.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:
- Clarification regarding the intent of the motion and information to be provided in the proposed database
  - Suggestion that only recorded votes (as defined in the Procedure By-law) be included in the database
- Varying opinions on the value of having recorded votes for all non-procedural motions
- Confirmation from staff that recorded votes can be requested at any time and are detailed in the meeting minutes as the official record of the City
- Clarification from staff that an amendment to the Procedure By-law is necessary in order to require recorded votes on all non-procedural motions
- Cost implications of the above-noted motion
- Voting practices/procedures in other municipalities
- Potential impact of requiring recorded votes on all non-procedural motions on the length of meetings, length of minutes and staff time
- Suggestion that residents can view meeting recordings online to determine how a Council Member votes
- Suggestion that the electronic voting method would enhance transparency and accountability by recording how each Council Member votes on an issue

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

And further that the Clerk be directed to report back on the implications of requiring a recorded vote for every non-procedural motion considered by Council and standing committees at its meetings.

In response to questions from Committee, staff:
- clarified the information to be provided in the report requested in the above-noted amendment
- explained a recorded vote, as defined in the Procedure By-law
- confirmed that the minutes are the official record for all Council decisions
- provided details regarding the operation of the electronic voting system
The following motion was considered.

CS042-2016 Whereas Brampton City Council has made significant strides to be more accountable and transparent with examples such as our lobbyist registry and gift registry; and

Whereas the City of Brampton has taken steps to provide access to Council meetings online and through YouTube; and

Whereas other large municipalities use a form of electronic voting to document important votes for the public record; and

Whereas electronic voting is a simple and organized method which would assist the public in knowing how Councillors vote at the City of Brampton;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be directed to report at a future meeting on the integration of electronically recorded votes onto the City of Brampton’s website as a database after each Council and Committee meeting;

And further that the Clerk be directed to report back on the implications of requiring a recorded vote for every non-procedural motion considered by Council and standing committees at its meetings.

Carried

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

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Carried

6 Yeas
5 Nays
0 Absent

10.2. Discussion at the request of Mayor Jeffrey, re: Regional Governance.
Mayor Jeffrey advised Committee with respect to discussions at Regional Council and the Regional Governance Task Force regarding regional governance. Mayor Jeffrey highlighted the importance for Council to formalize a position on this issue as soon as possible and provided information with respect to the following:

- Ongoing facilitation by the Region of Peel
- Moving towards representation by population on Regional Council
- The City of Mississauga’s formal position on regional governance and an indication that Mississauga has commenced discussions regarding its independence from the Region
- Council’s previous decision regarding fair representation for Brampton on Regional Council
- Importance for all Council Members to communicate the same position on regional governance

Mayor Jeffrey questioned whether Council’s previous position can be ratified at the next Council meeting, to ensure Brampton has a formal position to present at future meetings with the Region of Peel’s consultants. Mayor Jeffrey also stressed the importance for all Council Members to be consistent in communicating a unified position on this issue.

Peter Simmons, Chief Corporate Services Officer and Acting Chief Administrative Officer, confirmed that information relating to Council’s previous position on this issue can be provided at the next Council Meeting for consideration.

Committee discussion took place with respect to the following:

- Request that staff investigate how other regional governments are structured
- Indication that Brampton has been under-represented on Regional Council for a number of years
- Representation by population and concerns that this may not result in all Brampton Council Members at the Region
- Council’s previous position that all Brampton Councillors be members of Regional Council
- Concern regarding the potential for ward boundary realignments
- The need to confirm Council’s position prior to meeting with the Region’s consultants
- Request for further information regarding the City of Mississauga’s position on regional governance

11. **Referred Matters**

*11.1. Referred Matters List – Corporate Services Committee*
CS043-2016  That the **Referred Matters List – Corporate Services Committee** to the Corporate Services Committee Meeting of April 6, 2016, be received.

    Carried

12. **Deferred Matters** – nil

13. **Notices of Motion** – nil

14. **Correspondence** – nil

15. **Regional Council Business**

Victoria Mountain, Advisor, Corporate Development and Strategy, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, advised that a briefing note was previously provided to Members of Council regarding the agendas for the following meetings taking place on April 7, 2016:

- Peel Housing Corporation Board of Directors
- Audit and Risk Committee
- Procedure By-law Review Committee

Ms. Mountain provided a brief overview of the agenda items and recommendations for consideration.

The following motion was considered.

CS044-2016  That the verbal briefing from Victoria Mountain, Advisor, Corporate Development and Strategy, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, to the Corporate Services Committee Meeting of April 6, 2016, re: **Regional Council Business** be received.

    Carried

16. **Councillors Question Period**

1. In response to a question from Regional Councillor Gibson, Shirley Gannon, Director, Treasury Services, and Deputy Treasurer, Corporate Services, provided information regarding the current status of winter services contracts.
In response to a further question regarding winter operations, specifically in relation to recent weather events, Peter Simmons, Chief Corporate Services Officer and Acting Chief Administrative Officer, advised that staff will provide an update to all Council Members regarding this matter.

17. **Public Question Period** – nil

18. **Closed Session**

Regional Councillor Medeiros, Chair, outlined the reasons for moving into Closed Session.

The following motion was considered.

CS045-2016 That Committee proceed into Closed Session to consider matters pertaining to the following:

18.1. Personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

18.2. Personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Carried

Note: In Open Session, the City Clerk, at the request of the Chair, reported on the status of matters considered in Closed Session as follows:
- Item 18.1 – no direction was provided
- Item 18.2 – direction was provided to staff in Closed Session

19. **Adjournment**

The following motion was considered.

CS046-2016 That the Corporate Services Committee do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Regional Councillor M. Medeiros, Chair