

## **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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<b>Record of Attendance</b>	<b>Mar.19</b>	<b>Mar.20</b>	<b>Mar.25</b>
	Call to order – 5:00 p.m. Recessed – 6:35 p.m.	Reconvened – 3:06 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.
<b>Mayor Brown (Chair)</b>	Present	Present  Left at 4:15 p.m. – other municipal business	Present
<b>Regional Councillor Vicente (Vice-Chair)</b>	Present	Present  (assumed the Chair from 7:04 p.m. to 8:21 p.m.)	Present
<b>Regional Councillor Santos</b>	Present	Present	Present
<b>Regional Councillor Medeiros</b>	Present	Present	Present
<b>Regional Councillor Palleschi</b>	Present	Present	Present
<b>Regional Councillor Dhillon</b>	Present	Present	Present  (arrived at 10:00 a.m. – personal)
<b>Regional Councillor Fortini</b>	Present	Present	Present
<b>City Councillor Whillans</b>	Present	Present	Present
<b>City Councillor Bowman</b>	Present	Present	Present
<b>City Councillor Williams</b>	Present  (arrived at 5:03 p.m. – personal)	Present	Present
<b>City Councillor Singh</b>	Present	Present	Present

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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**

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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 publically 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

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

- **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

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- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the South Fletcher's Sportsplex

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- 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;

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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;



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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:

<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Santos	nil	nil
Vicente		
Whillans		
Palleschi		
Bowman		
Brown		
Medeiros		
Williams		
Fortini		
Dhillon		
Singh		

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Carried  
11 Yeas  
0 Nays  
0 Absent

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;

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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.**

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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

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- BC008-2019
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.

- BC009-2019
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

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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

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**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**.

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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



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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**

## **Thursday, September 26, 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  
(arrived at 5:35 p.m. – personal)  
Regional Councillor P. Fortini – Wards 7 and 8  
(left at 5:49 p.m. – personal)  
Regional Councillor G. Dhillon – Wards 9 and 10  
(arrived at 5:41 p.m. – personal)  
City Councillor J. Bowman – Wards 3 and 4  
(arrived at 5:35 p.m. – personal)  
City Councillor C. Williams – Wards 7 and 8  
City Councillor H. Singh – Wards 9 and 10

**Members Absent:** City Councillor D. Whillans – Wards 2 and 6 (vacation)

**Staff Present:** A. Meneses, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
J. Pittari, Commissioner, Corporate Services  
D. Boyce, Acting Commissioner, Community Services  
C. Crozier, Acting Commissioner, Planning and Development Services  
J. Holmes, Acting Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering  
A. Milojevic, General Manager, Transit  
B. Boyes, Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Services  
D. Soos, Acting City Solicitor, Corporate Services  
P. Fay, City Clerk  
S. Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk's Office

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The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m., recessed at 5:37 and moved into Closed Session at 5:41 p.m. Committee recessed from Closed Session at 5:49 p.m. and moved back into Open Session at 5:55 p.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

The following motion was considered

BC017-2019 That the agenda for the Budget Committee Meeting of September 26, 2019 be approved, as published and circulated.

Carried

**2. Declarations of Interest Under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

**3. Consent – nil**

Note: At this time in the meeting, there was Committee consensus to move into Closed Session.

See Item 13.1 – Recommendation BC020-2019

**4. Presentations**

**4.1. Presentation from EY Advisory Services, re: Operational Service Reviews:**

**Governance and Internal Services  
Public Works and Engineering  
Fire and Emergency Services  
Brampton Library**

Items 4.2 and 4.3 were brought forward and dealt with at this time.

Mohamed Bhamani, Engagement Partner, and David Bryden, Project Manager, EY Advisory Services, provided a presentation regarding the project team, scope and approach, workplan and timelines, deliverables and governance for the following Operational Service Reviews:

- Governance and Internal Services
- Public Works and Engineering
- Fire and Emergency Services
- Brampton Library

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Ian Shelley, Partner and Lead, Blackline Consulting, provided a presentation regarding the project scope, approach, opportunities, team and workplan for the Community Services Operational Service Review.

Mary Tate and Arminda Dumpierrez, Executive Oversight, Optimus SBR, provided a presentation regarding the project team, mission and success, work streams and study focus, approach and timelines for the following Operational Service Reviews:

- Economic Development and Culture
- Brampton Transit

City staff and consultants responded to questions from Committee, and provided information with respect to the following:

- Analysis process, including benchmarking, data collection
- Clarification from staff regarding the reduced project scope for the Human Resources Division and an indication that a separate review is being undertaken
- Review of:
  - service complaints from residents (e.g. 311)
  - staffing levels
  - procurement processes
  - technology (e.g. VoIP)
  - revenue opportunities, including revenue streams from senior levels of government
- Risk analysis for potential service efficiencies/reductions
- Request that quality of service be considered in conjunction with service costs
- Consultant collaboration and process for reviewing cross-departmental functions/programs
- Review of City assets and Council directives to staff (e.g. Referred Matters List)
- Impact of Operational Service Review work plans on the City's budget process/timelines and staff time
- Procurement process undertaken for retaining project consultants
- Estimated cost of the Operational Service Reviews and eligibility for funding through the Province of Ontario
- Role of City assigned project managers and a suggestion that the Chief Audit Executive assume a leadership role in this project
  - Potential impact of this suggestion on the Internal Audit work plan
- Questions regarding the project scope and the possibility of expanding it to include other areas for review

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BC018-2019      Whereas, Council passed a motion on December 12, 2018 authorizing KPMG to conduct a department by department value for service audit and core services efficiency review, and

Whereas, Council additionally authorized staff on June 3, 2019 to retain consulting services to further investigate the feasibility of the opportunities identified by KPMG along with operational reviews of all departments including Brampton Library, and,

Whereas, these additional consulting services have been presented and received at Budget Committee,

Let it be resolved, that each of the departmental reviews be forwarded back to KPMG for a holistic and centralized strategy, in order to recommend a prioritization of the recommendations, along with associated implementation costs and project timelines for Council's review and authorization, with input from the Office of Internal Audit.

Carried

BC019-2019      That the following presentations to the Budget Committee Meeting of September 26, 2019, be received:

1. Presentation from EY Advisory Services, re: **Operational Service Reviews: Governance and Internal Services, Public Works and Engineering, Fire and Emergency Services, Brampton Library**
2. Presentation from Blackline Consulting, re: **Operational Service Reviews: Community Services**
3. Presentation from Optimus SBR, re: **Operational Service Reviews: Economic Development and Culture, Brampton Transit**

Carried

4.2.            Presentation from Blackline Consulting, re: **Operational Service Reviews: Community Services**

**Dealt with under Item 4.1 – Recommendation BC019-2019**

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- 4.3. Presentation from Optimus SBR, re: **Operational Service Reviews:**  
**Economic Development and Culture**  
**Brampton Transit**

**Dealt with under Item 4.1 – Recommendation BC019-2019**

5. **Delegations** – nil

6. **Local Board and Other Presentations** – nil

7. **Reports** – nil

8. **Referred Matters** – nil

9. **Correspondence** – nil

10. **Other/New Business** – nil

11. **Council Question Period** – nil

12. **Public Question Period** – nil

13. **Closed Session**

- 13.1 Labour relations and employee negotiations and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

The following motion was considered.

- BC020-2019 That Committee proceed into Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to the following:

- 13.1. Labour relations and employee negotiations and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Carried

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In Open Session, the Chair reported on the status of matters considered in Closed Session, as follows:

- 13.1 – Committee considered this matter and no direction was given to staff in Closed Session

**14. Adjournment**

The following motion was considered.

BC021-2019      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

**Tuesday, February 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25, 2020**

**Members Present:** See Page 2 for Record of Attendance

**Staff Present:**

- D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer
- R. Forward, Commissioner, Planning and Development Services
- J. Pittari, Commissioner, Corporate Services
- J. Raina, Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering
- D. Boyce, Acting Commissioner, Community Services
- A. Milojevic, General Manager, Transit
- B. Boyes, Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Services
- C. Barnett, 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 – 1:03pm Recessed – 4:05pm	Reconvened – 7:03pm Recessed – 8:58pm	Reconvened – 1:06pm Recessed – 3:55pm	Reconvened – 9:35am Recessed – 11:57am Reconvened – 7:02pm Recessed – 8:54pm	Reconvened – 9:36am Recessed – 11:47am
Mayor Brown <b>(Chair)</b>	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Regional Councillor Vicente <b>(Vice-Chair)</b>	Present	Present	Present (Acting Chair – 2:42pm-3:55pm)	Present	Present
Regional Councillor Santos	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Regional Councillor Medeiros	Present	Present (arrived at 7:06pm – personal)	Present	Present (arrived at 9:42am – personal)	Present (arrived at 9:45am and left at 11:23am– personal)
Regional Councillor Palleschi	Present	Present	Present (Acting Chair – 2:17pm-2:29pm)	Present	Present
Regional Councillor Dhillon	Present (left at 3:07pm – personal)	Present (arrived at 7:05pm – personal)	Present (arrived at 1:07pm – personal)	Present (arrived at 10:16am – personal)	Present (arrived at 9:45am – personal)
Regional Councillor Fortini	Present	Present	Present (arrived at 1:12pm – personal)	Present	Present (arrived at 9:38am – personal)

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City Councillor Whillans	Present (left at 2:52pm – other municipal business)	Present	Present	Present	Absent (other municipal business)
City Councillor Bowman	Present (Acting Chair – 2:12pm-2:18pm)	Present (Acting Chair – 8:22pm-8:34pm)	Present	Present	Present (left at 11:23am – other municipal business)
City Councillor Williams	Present	Present	Present (arrived at 1:22pm – personal)	Present (Evening Session: arrived at 7:03pm – personal)	Present
City Councillor Singh	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

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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.

BC001-2020 That the agenda for the Budget Committee Meeting of February 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25, 2020, be approved as amended to add the following:

**4.7. Information Report – 2020 Proposed Operating and  
Capital Budgets – Pre-Budget Discussion**

Carried

The following supplementary information was published on the City's website, as follows:

**February 18, 2020**

- 4.1. Staff Presentation re: **2020-2022 Operating and Capital Budgets**
  - a. CAO – **Introductory Budget presentation**
  - b. Treasurer – **Financial Context and Budget Proposal**
- 4.3. Presentation re: **Operational Service Review Consolidation – Business Improvement & Prioritization**
- 4.6. Information Document re: **Consideration of Optional Investment and Efficiency Considerations**
- 4.7. Information Document re: **2020 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets Pre-Budget Discussion Document**
- 6.1. Presentation re: **Downtown Brampton BIA Budget**
- 7.6. Staff Presentation re: **Financial Assistance to the Downtown Brampton BIA (RM 15/2020)**
- 9.1. Correspondence re: **2020-2022 Operating and Capital Budgets**
  - 5. Peter Bolton, Brampton resident, dated February 18, 2020

**February 20, 2020**

- 4.4. **Departmental Presentations: 2020-2022 Capital Budgets**

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**4.5. Departmental Presentations: 2020-2022 Operating Budgets**

Supplementary Information re:

- **2019 Property Tax Rates**
- **Telephone Town Hall Results**
- **Public Feedback – 2020 Budget**

**February 24, 2020**

- 9.1. Correspondence re: **2020-2022 Operating and Capital Budgets**  
6. Adele Rochon, Brampton resident, dated February 23, 2020

Additional information (e.g. presentations, written submissions) provided by delegations was published on the City's website on February 18, 19, and 24, 2020

**2. Declarations of Interest Under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

The following conflicts were declared.

1. City Councillor Bowman declared a conflict of interest on the grant funding portion of the Economic Development and Culture Department budget, as his son provides graphics work for an organization that receives grant funding.
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. Regional 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 a part-time employee in this division.

**3. Consent – nil**

**4. Presentations**

Prior to presentations, Mayor Brown outlined the schedule for the 2020 Budget deliberations, announced the Telephone Town Hall taking place on February 18, 2020, and highlighted comparative information on the 2019 municipal property tax rates.

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Note: A comparative chart containing 2019 municipal property tax rates of comparable municipalities was displayed.

Staff responded to questions from Committee regarding the comparative chart, as it relates to the inclusion of levies and/or other fees and charges in the tax rates.

On February 19, 2020, Mayor Brown provided an overview of the Telephone Town Hall held on February 18, 2020, and highlighted the survey results.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Survey questions/results/response
- Questions regarding information provided to survey participants as it relates to the impact of a tax rate increase/reduction/freeze on programs and services
- Message that residents expect the City to approve an efficient budget

- 4.1. Presentation by D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, and D. Sutton, Treasurer, Corporate Services, re: **2020-2022 Operating and Capital Budgets**
- a. CAO – **Introductory Budget presentation**
  - b. Treasurer – **Financial Context and Budget Proposal**

D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, and D. Sutton, Treasurer, Corporate Services, provided presentations regarding the 2020-2022 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Items 4.6 and 4.7 were brought forward and dealt with at this time.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Budget surplus
- Continuation of the Park Enhancement program
- Service review timelines
- Delivery of Council priorities
- Update on a potential hospital levy in future budgets
- Information on the Premier's announcement on health care in Brampton
- Status of reserve funds and investment of these funds
- Establishment of a reserve fund for energy efficiency retrofits
- Use of surplus funds and stormwater surcharge
- General Rate Stabilization Reserve target methodology
- Proposed optimization of the grass cutting program and concerns regarding reduced number of cuts (12 to 10 cuts per season)
- Clarification that maintenance of trails and pathways has not been reduced
- Identifying efficiencies/redundancies in City services

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- Use of external debt financing for energy retrofit projects and review of facilities to identify energy efficiencies
- Value of building permits (new builds and renovations) and impacts on future budgets
- Opportunities to leverage the City's relationship with the Region of Peel

Committee requested additional information from staff on the following items:

- Potential for future levies (e.g. hospital) in future budgets
- Transit and infrastructure levies in other municipalities
- Building permits – number of actual renovation and new builds versus forecasted; number of actual commercial and industrial versus forecasted; development charges for each of forecasted and actual

The following motion was considered.

- BC002-2020
1. That the presentation by D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, and D. Sutton, Treasurer, Corporate Services, to the Budget Committee Meeting of February 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25, 2020, re: **2020-2022 Operating and Capital Budgets** be received; and
  2. That the following documents be received:
    - Consideration of Optional Investment and Efficiency Considerations (Item 4.6)
    - Information Report – 2020 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets – Pre-Budget Discussion (Item 4.7)

Carried

4.2. Information Report: **City of Brampton – Community Satisfaction Survey**

Note: On February 18, 2020, a procedural motion was passed to defer this presentation to the February 19, 2020 session.

Gary Milakovic, Forum Research Inc., provided a presentation on the City's Community Satisfaction Survey.

Committee discussion took place with respect to the type of information collected and the type of questions asked of residents during the survey.

The following motion was considered.

- BC003-2020
- That the information report from Gary Milakovic, Forum Research Inc., to the Budget Committee Meeting of February 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25, 2020, re: **City of Brampton – Community Satisfaction Survey** be received.

Carried

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**4.3. Operational Service Review Consolidation – Business Improvement & Prioritization**

Alan Mitchell and Steve Batty, KPMG, provided a presentation on Operational Service Review Consolidation – Business Improvement & Prioritization.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Reduction in annual grass cutting schedule (12 to 10 cuts per season)
  - Impacts of the reduction in grass cuttings
  - Benefits of naturalization
- Cross-departmental collaboration on key City priorities
- Clarification that there is no service reduction on the maintenance of trails and pathways
- Departmental service reviews
- Business case for increasing online services
- Review of library facilities and the role of libraries

The following motion was considered.

BC004-2020 That the information report and presentation from Alan Mitchell and Steve Batty, KPMG, to the Budget Committee Meeting of February 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25, 2020, re: **Operational Service Review Consolidation – Business Improvement & Prioritization** be received.

Carried

**4.4. Departmental Presentations: 2020-2022 Capital Budgets**

- a. Community Services
- b. Public Works and Engineering
- c. Transit
- d. Corporate Services

Item 4.5 was brought forward and dealt with at this time.

Staff presented the departmental presentations for the 2020-2022 Capital Budgets and the 2020 Operating Budget.

Committee discussion took place and topics of discussion included the following:

Community services:

- Interior design services budget
- Energy management program
- Electric vehicle charging locations
- Solar revenues and use of these revenues for green initiatives

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- Staff levels for Building, Design and Construction
- Work plan for a Municipal Development Corporation
- Embleton Recreation Centre project budget
- CAA Centre 2020 Capital request
- Solar panels at South Fletchers and solar revenues
- Animal Services service calls and volunteers
- School board partnerships
- Growth in the recreation budget
- Update on youth hubs in Brampton
- Space requirements for the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame
- Demand for space in recreation centres
- Facilities booking system

### Public Works and Engineering:

- Grass cuttings along residential yards and trail maintenance
- Use of the stormwater levy and clean-up/stabilization of waterways
- Impact of grass cuttings (shorter grass) on stormwater management and flood mitigation, and the importance of naturalization
- Photo radar cameras
- Fleet budget
- Park enhancements
- Prioritization of street light changes and road resurfacing
- Use of Cash-in-lieu of Parkland reserve funds

### Transit

- Possible use of smaller buses
- Service standards/thresholds and current service levels
- Options/opportunities to increase transit service levels and relieve pressures (e.g. York University and Pearson Airport routes)
- Economic impacts of additional transit investment
- Impact of federal/provincial infrastructure agreement delay on transit
- Optimizing/re-purposing transit routes and notification to/discussion with area councillors regarding route changes
- Transit affordability for youth and the City's vision to provide free transit to students
- Bus repair/replacement and preventative maintenance
- Future tracking of reduced vehicular traffic on roads and potential carbon savings, resulting from transit investments
- Funding allocated to free transit for seniors and the possibility of redistributing potential savings to other needs
- Capital savings related to the green fleet and the need for further discussion on the future of transit and the implications of e-buses
- Impact of changes to the provincial gas tax program
- Communication/engagement programs for youth and clarification regarding the youth pass



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- The need for further discussion with school boards regarding shared bussing services
- Transit staff levels and benefits

### Corporate Services

- Online solutions for e-bidding, business permits/licences
- Planning software for online submissions
- Budget allocated for Core Data and Voice
- IT refresh and upgrade requirements
- New platform for the City's website
- Impact of the legalization of cannabis on Enforcement operations and funding received from the Province
- Enforcement and By-law Services, POA Courthouse and IT staffing levels
- Impact of second unit registrations on staffing levels/pressures
- The need to increase heads-in-beds fees
- Request that staff consult with Council on software pilots / implementations that may impact staff positions
- Request for information on software purchases in the DI&IT capital submission

### Fire and Emergency Services

- Advanced dispatch equipment
- Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and status of various safety initiatives
- Request that staff identify possibilities for CRTC cost recovery advocacy with Federal and Provincial counterparts
- Green initiatives underway within Fire and Emergency Services

### Planning and Development Services

- New staff positions
- Cost for Urban Design Standards manuals
- Review of online solutions for application submissions

The following motions were considered.

- BC005-2020      That the following departmental presentations to the Budget Committee Meeting of February 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25, 2020, re: **2020-2022 Capital Budgets** be received:
- a. Community Services
  - b. Public Works and Engineering
  - c. Transit
  - d. Corporate Services

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- BC006-2020 That the following departmental presentations to the Budget Committee Meeting of February 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25, 2020, re: **2020-2022 Operating Budgets** be received:
- a. Public Works and Engineering
  - b. Fire and Emergency Services
  - c. Transit
  - d. Community Services
  - e. Corporate Services
  - f. Planning and Development Services

Carried

In response to a question from Committee regarding the budget for the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, it was noted that this information could be provided at the Special Council Meeting, scheduled to take place on February 26, 2020.

- 4.5. **Departmental Presentations: 2020-2022 Operating Budgets**
- a. Public Works and Engineering
  - b. Fire and Emergency Services
  - c. Transit
  - d. Community Services
  - e. Corporate Services
  - f. Planning and Development Services

**Dealt with under Item 4.4 – Recommendation BC006-2020**

- 4.6. **Consideration of Optional Investment and Efficiency Considerations**

**Received under Item 4.1 – Recommendation BC002-2020**

- 4.7. **2020 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets Pre-Budget Discussion**

**Received under Item 4.1 – Recommendation BC002-2020**

**5. Delegations**

- 5.1. Possible Delegations re: **2020-2022 Operating and Capital Budget Approval (including proposed 2020 Brampton Transit Fares, User and Licensing Fees)**

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The following members of the public addressed Committee and expressed their views, suggestions, concerns and questions with respect to the 2020 Budget:

February 19, 2020

1. Kevin Montgomery, Brampton resident – Brampton as a Police Community Partner
2. Vinkal Desai, Brampton resident – Provision of Ping Pong Tables at Cassie Campbell Community Centre
3. Sylvia Roberts, Brampton resident – Purpose of Brampton Transit
4. Todd Letts, Chief Executive Officer, and Glenn Williams, Brampton Board of Trade – 2020 Budget
5. Mark Seba, Brampton Resident – Transit Investments

February 20, 2020

1. Terry Miller, President, CARP – 2020 Budget
2. Myrna Adams, President, Brampton Senior Citizens Council – 2020 Budget
3. Peter Howarth, Past President, CARP – 2020 Budget

February 24, 2020

1. Azad Goyat, Brampton resident – Property Tax Freeze
2. Dave Kapil, President, Kapil Holdings Inc. – 2020 Budget
3. Ravi Kanagasabay, Brampton resident – 2020 Budget
4. Jotvinder Sodhi, Brampton resident – 2020 Budget
5. Surjit Singh, Brampton resident – 2020 Budget
6. Sylvia Roberts, Brampton resident
  - Budget and demographics
  - Property Rates and other municipalities
7. Malcolm Hamilton, Brampton resident – Environmental considerations

Committee discussion took place following each of the delegations, and included the following topics:

- Investments in transit and active transportation to improve quality of life for residents
- Funding and programming for ping pong (tennis) tables at Cassie Campbell Community Centre
- Identifying financial and process-based efficiencies
- Suggestion to establish a strategic economic development infrastructure fund to attract business
- Suggestion to diversify transit to reduce traffic congestion
- Possibility of meeting with community organizations (e.g. seniors groups) to review the City's budget in advance of Budget Committee meetings
- Availability of a "quick reference budget guide" for the public
- Municipal tax competitive study and a suggestion that information regarding Brampton's tax competitiveness be provided at the beginning of future budget deliberations

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- Downtown investments and support for high density development in downtown
- Reviewing projects through an environmental lens, and the possibility of creating an environmental sustainability coordinator position
- Environmental investments in Brampton
- Impact of Bill 108 in municipalities
- Transparency in the budget
- Tax comparisons with other municipalities
- Transit investments in Brampton
- Improvements to the second units registration process
- Clarification regarding funding for a university in Brampton

The following motion was considered.

BC007-2020 That the following delegations and related submissions, to the Budget Committee Meeting of February 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25, 2020, re: **2020-2022 Operating and Capital Budget Approval (including proposed 2020 Brampton Transit Fares, User and Licensing Fees)** be received:

February 19, 2020

1. Kevin Montgomery, Brampton resident – Brampton as a Police Community Partner
2. Vinkal Desai, Brampton resident – Provision of Ping Pong Tables at Cassie Campbell Community Centre
3. Sylvia Roberts, Brampton resident – Purpose of Brampton Transit
4. Todd Letts, Chief Executive Officer, and Glenn Williams, Brampton Board of Trade – 2020 Budget
5. Mark Seba, Brampton Resident – Transit Investments

February 20, 2020

1. Terry Miller, President, CARP – 2020 Budget
2. Myrna Adams, President, Brampton Senior Citizens Council – 2020 Budget
3. Peter Howarth, Past President, CARP – 2020 Budget

February 24, 2020

1. Azad Goyat, Brampton resident – Property Tax Freeze
2. Dave Kapil, President, Kapil Holdings Inc. – 2020 Budget
3. Ravi Kanagasabay, Brampton resident – 2020 Budget
4. Jotvinder Sodhi, Brampton resident – 2020 Budget
5. Surjit Singh, Brampton resident – 2020 Budget
6. Sylvia Roberts, Brampton resident
  - Budget and demographics
  - Property Rates and other municipalities
7. Malcolm Hamilton, Brampton resident – Environmental considerations

Carried

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**6. Local Board and Other Presentations**

**6.1. Downtown Brampton BIA**

Suzy Godefroy, Executive Director, and Kristina Romasco, Board Chair, Downtown Brampton BIA, presented the 2020 budget for the Downtown Brampton BIA.

The following motion was considered.

- BC008-2020
1. That the presentation by Suzy Godefroy, Executive Director, and Kristina Romasco, Chair, Downtown Brampton BIA, to the Budget Committee Meeting of February 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25, 2020, re: **Downtown Brampton Business Improvement Area (BIA) 2020 Operating Budget Request**, be received;
  2. That the 2020 Operating Budget submission for the Downtown Brampton BIA be approved, as presented.

Carried

**6.2. Brampton Public Library**

Susan Bartoletta, Interim Chief Executive Officer, and Jaipaul Massey-Singh, Board Chair, presented the Brampton Public Library budget.

Ms. Bartoletta responded to questions from Committee regarding the Library's extended hours of operation.

The following motion was considered.

- BC009-2020
1. That the presentation by Susan Bartoletta, Interim Chief Executive Officer, and Jaipaul Massey-Singh, Board Chair, Brampton Library Board, to the Budget Committee Meeting of February 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25, 2020, re: **Brampton Library 2020 Operating and Capital Budget Request** be received;
  2. That the 2020 Operating Budget submission for the Brampton Library be approved, as presented;
  3. That the 2020 Capital Budget submission for the Brampton Library be approved, as presented;
  4. That the 2021 and 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Brampton Library be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Carried

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**7. Reports**

7.1. Staff Report re: **Installation of a Brampton Sign for Tourism Promotion (RM 11/2020)**

K. Stahl, Senior Manager, Cultural Services, Economic Development and Culture, provided an overview of the subject report including benchmarking information.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Indication that funding for this sign would be an addition to the 2020 budget
- Request for further information on the costs for this sign, including potential sponsorship opportunities and return on investment

The following motion was considered.

- BC010-2020
1. That the report titled: **RM 11/2020 – Installation of a Brampton Sign for Tourism Promotion** to the Budget Committee Meeting of February 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25, 2020, be received, and;
  2. That staff be requested to report in approximately one month on potential partnerships.

Carried

7.2. Staff Report re: **Amendment to Adult Entertainment Establishment By-law 114-2017 to Increase Licensing Fee (R 20/2020 and File BJX)**

T. Olsen, Deputy Clerk, Administrative Services and Elections, City Clerk's Office, provided an overview of the subject report, and highlighted staff's recommendation to increase adult entertainment licensing fees to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile.

Committee discussion included the following:

- Possibility of increasing fees beyond the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile
- Benchmarking of adult entertainment licensing fees in other municipalities
- Potential negative impacts of significantly increasing licensing fees
- Impacts of these businesses on social and health services
- Information regarding investigations conducted by Enforcement and By-law Services

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- Indication that the City of Hamilton has the highest licensing fees for adult entertainment businesses in Ontario
- Request that staff:
  - look at ways to diminish the conditions that have allowed human trafficking to flourish
  - look into the potential impacts of higher fees and whether this may be discriminatory

An amendment to clause 2 of the staff report was introduced to read as follows:

That the adult entertainment related licence fee changes be set to align with the highest fees identified within the benchmarking study.

Further Committee discussion included the need for additional information on the impact of higher licensing fees, including feedback from Peel Regional Police, Region of Peel, Brampton Community Safety, and the City of Hamilton.

The above-noted amendment was not voted on.

The following motion was considered.

- BC011-2020      That the report titled: **Amendment to Adult Entertainment Establishment By-law 114-2017 to Increase Licensing Fee** (R20/2020, BJX), to the Budget Committee Meeting of February 18-25, 2020, be **referred** back to staff for further investigation, including feedback from Peel Regional Police, Region of Peel, Brampton Community Safety, and the City of Hamilton, and future report thereon at the earliest opportunity.

Carried

7.3.      Staff Report re: **Business Licensing Fee Increases for 2020 (R 428/2019 and File BJX)**

T. Olsen, Deputy Clerk, Administrative Services and Elections, City Clerk's Office, provided an overview of the subject report, and highlighted staff's recommendation to increase business licensing fees as outlined within the appendix to the report.

The following motion was considered.

- BC012-2020      1. That the report titled: **Business Licensing Fee Increases for 2020** (R428/2019, BJX) to the Budget Committee Meeting of February 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25, 2020, be received; and

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2. That the business license fee changes, as set out in Appendix 3 to this report, and the corresponding by-law amendment as generally set out in Appendix 4 to this report, be approved, effective February 26, 2020.

Carried

7.4. Staff Report re: **2020 User Fees – Community Services, Corporate Services, Fire & Emergency Services, Economic Development & Culture, Public Works & Engineering and Planning & Development Services (R 39/2020)**

The following motion was considered.

- BC013-2020
1. That the report titled: **2020 User Fees – Community Services, Corporate Services, Fire & Emergency Services, Economic Development & Culture, Public Works & Engineering, and, Planning & Development Services** to the Budget Committee Meeting of February 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25, 2020, be received; and
  2. That the Community Services user fee charges proposed for 2020, as set out in Appendix 1 in this report, be approved; and
  3. That the Corporate Services user fee charges proposed for 2020, as set out in Appendix 2 in this report, be approved; and
  4. That the Fire and Emergency Services user fee charges proposed for 2020, as set out in Appendix 3 in this report, be approved; and
  5. That the Economic Development and Culture user fee charges proposed for 2020, as set out in Appendix 4 in this report, be approved; and
  6. That the Public Works and Engineering user fee changes proposed for 2020, as set out in Appendix 5 in this report be approved; and
  7. That the Planning and Development Services user fee changes proposed for 2020, as set out in Appendix 6 in this report be approved; and
  8. That the respective schedules to User Fee By-Law 380-2003, as amended, be further amended to include the approved fees for 2020

Carried



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7.5. Staff Report re: **Brampton Transit Fare Change (R 34/2020 and File IB.C).**

A. Milojevic, General Manager, Transit, provided an overview of the subject report, and highlighted staff's recommendation for a fare change, close to the rate of inflation, to offset costs and maintain a similar revenue-to-cost ratio.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Varying opinions on the implementation of free transit for seniors
- Transit affordability for students
- Cost implications of not increasing youth fares

The following motion was considered.

- BC014-2020
1. That the report titled: **Brampton Transit Fare Change (R34/2020, IB.C)**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of February 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25, 2020, be received; and
  2. That Brampton Transit fares and related charges be approved and set, with an effective date of April 13, 2020, as detailed in Appendix B of this report;
  3. That Schedule G of the User Fee (Municipal Act) By-Law 380-2003, as amended be updated to reflect the approved 2020 Brampton Transit fares and related charges as detailed in Appendix B; and
  4. That there be no increase to fares for the youth fee category (12-19 years) at this time.

Carried

7.6. Staff Presentation re: **Financial Assistance to the Downtown Brampton BIA (RM 15/2020)**

Z. Majid, Senior Manager, Accounting Services and Deputy Treasurer, Corporate Services, provided a presentation regarding financial assistance to the Downtown Brampton BIA, due to the levy impact for City purchased properties. Two options for a financial mechanism to address future BIA levy impact were presented for Committee's consideration.

The following motion was considered.

- BC015-2020
- That the presentation from Z. Majid, Senior Manager, Accounting Services and Deputy Treasurer, Corporate Services, to the Budget Committee Meeting of February 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25, 2020, re: **Financial Assistance to the Downtown Brampton BIA (RM 15/2020)** be received; and

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Whereas properties purchased by the City that are within the geographic area comprising the Downtown Brampton Business Improvement Area and have no commercial tenants become tax-exempt; and

Whereas as a result of becoming tax-exempt, those properties no longer have the BIA levy applied to them.

Therefore be it resolved that on a go-forward basis:

The City absorbs the BIA levy impact for properties purchased by the City, that are within the geographic area comprising the Downtown, and have no commercial tenants thereby becoming tax-exempt;

The City tracks the total assessment value of properties within the geographic area comprising the Downtown and once this total assessment returns back to the 2018 assessment value (indexed) in future years, the City stops any further financial assistance to the BIA; and

City Staff track the actual BIA levy impact and report back to Council for approval as part of budget deliberations on an annual basis.

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

<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Dhillon	Bowman	Whillans
Singh		
Fortini		
Williams		
Medeiros		
Mayor		
Palleschi		
Vicente		
Santos		
		Carried
		9 Yeas
		1 Nays
		1 Absent

**8. Referred Matters**

**8.1. Staff Report re: 2019 Third Quarter Operating Budget and Reserve Report (R 321/2019)**

The following motion was considered.

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BC016-2020 That the report titled: **2019 Third Quarter Operating Budget and Reserve Report (R321/2019)**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of February 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25, 2020, be received.

Carried

**9. Correspondence**

**9.1. Correspondence re: 2020-2022 Operating and Capital Budgets**

The following motion was considered.

BC017-2020 That the following correspondence to the Budget Committee Meeting of February 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25, 2020, re: **2020-2022 Operating and Capital Budgets** be received:

1. Louis Kdouh, Brampton resident, dated February 15, 2020
2. Ewa Milewska, Brampton resident, dated February 15, 2020
3. Donna Laevens-Van West, Brampton resident, dated February 16, 2020
4. Cindy Evans, Brampton resident, dated February 17, 2020
5. Peter Bolton, Brampton resident, dated February 18, 2020
6. Adele Rochon, Brampton resident, dated February 23, 2020

Carried

**10. Other/New Business**

**10.1. Status Update on Budget Deliberations and Committee Consideration of Final Recommendations**

Committee consideration of the Corporate Departmental budgets included the following:

- Grass cutting maintenance program/schedule
- Request that staff consult with area councillors regarding naturalization in their respective wards
- Continuation of the park enhancement program and a request that park and playground enhancements be allocated equitably across the City, and that all Councillors be consulted
- Savings related to energy efficiency retrofits and establishment of a reserve account for energy efficiency initiatives
- Options to increase transit service
- Removing Core Data and Voice and City rebranding costs from the budget

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- Reallocating the budget for a Communications Master Plan to 2021
- Reducing the cost budgeted for a temporary parkette in downtown
- Request that staff provide a summary reconciliation to the Special Council Meeting for Budget, on the impacts of Budget Committee recommendations
- Winter maintenance service levels for trails and pathways
- Use of the cash-in-lieu reserve
- Creation of an environmental coordinator position
- 2020 reserve contribution
- Optional investment and efficiency considerations and strategic funding options

The following motions were considered.

- BC018-2020      That the 2020 Operating Budget submissions be amended to incorporate the following:
1. That the number of grass cuttings be maintained at 12 per season rather than the proposed 10 cuts per season, at a value of \$480,000;  
  
That cutting to fence lines be provided three times per season where practical, at an approximate value of \$100,000; and  
  
That the park enhancement program be continued for the 2020 budget year at a value of \$1.25 million, to be provided for a one-time allocation from reserves to be determined by staff.
  2. That the savings related to energy efficiency retrofits and other energy efficiency related programs be allocated to a reserve account to be re-invested toward further energy efficiency related initiatives; and  
  
That a minimum of 25 per cent of the annual surplus also be allocated to this account.
  3. Whereas through the Forum Community Research Program, residents mentioned that investments in commuting infrastructure, including transit, improves their quality of life;  
  
Whereas the City of Brampton has declared a climate emergency and improving transit services is a priority in responding to climate issues;  
  
Whereas the current transit operating budget does not provision for any additional service and does not account for any additional revenue through ridership growth;

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Whereas Pearson Airport is an important employment area for Brampton residents with more than 10,000 workers already choosing Pearson as a place of employment;

Whereas Brampton Transit ridership growth in the last half of 2019 averaged 4.7 per cent per month and was over 15 per cent in January 2020;

Whereas, if strong ridership growth continues through 2020, Transit could expect to collect additional operating revenue of approximately \$1.5 million;

Therefore be it resolved that:

1. The net Transit Operating Budget for 2020 be increased by \$900,000, from surplus, to extend Züm transit service to Pearson Airport; and
  2. The net Transit Operating Budget for 2020 be increased by \$1.5 million to help address critical ridership needs, to be offset with additional base revenue growth of \$1.5 million; and
  3. Staff continue to monitor ridership increase through 2020 and should ridership growth not be realized, then adjust 2021 operating budget to reflect the change in demand.
4. Whereas the City has a current total reserve balance of approximately \$480 million;

Whereas the City has approx. \$300 million in deferred revenue;

Whereas reserve contributions in the 2020 proposed budget is \$116 million which exceeds 2019 contributions by \$34 million;

Therefore be it resolved:

That Council reduce the 2020 over 2019 increase to the reserves from \$34 million to \$29 million;

That staff make the necessary adjustments within the reserve funds to accommodate; and

This saves the City \$5 million (or approximately 1 percent) from 2020 operating budget while still contributing more to reserves this year than last year.

5. That \$2 million be removed from the 2020 budget as allocated for Core Data and Voice, and leaving approximately \$1.85 million;

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That the \$35,000 be removed from the 2020 budget for the Communications Master Plan, and be shifted to 2021 in due course;

That the \$40,000 allocated for the rebranding of the City be removed from the 2020 Communications budget; and

That staff be requested to investigate means of reducing the need for \$700,000, and using natural materials, for a temporary parkette.

Carried

- BC019-2020      That the 2020 Operating Budget submission for the Corporate Departments and Programs be approved, as amended in the recommendation above, 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;
  - c. the grant funding portion of the Economic Development and Culture Department budget

That the 2020 Operating Budget submission for the Corporate Departments and Programs, as it pertains specifically to the compensation portion of the Public Works and Engineering Department budget, be approved;

That the 2020 Operating Budget submission for the Corporate Departments and Programs, as it pertains specifically to the compensation portion of the Enforcement and By-law Services Division of the Corporate Services Department budget, be approved;

That the 2020 Operating Budget submission for the Corporate Departments and Programs, as it pertains specifically to the grant funding portion of the Economic Development and Culture Department budget, be approved;

That the 2020 Capital Budget submission for the Corporate Departments and Programs be approved, as presented; and

That the 2021 and 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Corporate Departments and Programs be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Carried

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BC020-2020      That staff be requested to provide a recommendation to the Special Council Meeting for Budget, related to the creation of a position of environmental coordinator.

Carried

BC021-2020      That \$21 million in External Debt related to the Fire Headquarters be substituted with excess capital funding returned, which will result in a \$1.43 million (approximately 0.3 per cent) reduction in debt servicing costs to the taxpayer.

Carried

**11.      Council Question Period – nil**

**12.      Public Question Period**

1. Staff responded to questions from Sylvia Roberts, Brampton resident, regarding the following:
  - source of Brampton’s population data and per capita spending
  - accessibility standards for Budget information provided online

**13.      Closed Session – nil**

**14.      Adjournment**

BC022-2020      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



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### Budget Committee

#### The Corporation of the City of Brampton

**November 24, 26 and 30, 2020**

**December 1, 2020**

**Members Present:**

Mayor P. Brown  
Regional Councillor P. Vicente  
Regional Councillor R. Santos  
Regional Councillor M. Palleschi  
Regional Councillor M. Medeiros  
Regional Councillor P. Fortini  
Regional Councillor G. Dhillon  
City Councillor D. Whillans  
City Councillor J. Bowman  
City Councillor C. Williams  
City Councillor H. Singh

**Staff Present:**

David Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer  
Michael Davidson, Commissioner, Corporate Support Services  
Richard Forward, Commissioner, Planning, Building and  
Economic Development  
Derek Boyce, Acting Commissioner, Community Services  
Jayne Holmes, Acting Commissioner, Public Works and  
Engineering  
Bill Boyes, Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Services  
Alex Milojevic, General Manager  
Mark Medeiros, Acting Treasurer, Corporate Support Services  
Sameer Akhtar, City Solicitor  
Peter Fay, City Clerk  
Charlotte Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk  
Sonya Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator



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**1. Call to Order**

Note: In consideration of the current COVID-19 public health orders prohibiting large public gatherings of people and requirements for physical distancing between persons, in-person attendance at this Budget Committee meeting was limited and physical distancing was maintained in Council Chambers at all times during the meeting.

The meeting was called to order on November 23, 2020 at 1:01 p.m., recessed at 3:55 p.m., reconvened at 7:01 p.m. and recessed at 8:59 p.m.

On November 26, 2020, Committee reconvened at 5:15 p.m. and recessed at 7:39 p.m.

On November 30, 2020, Committee reconvened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 1:50 p.m.

On December 1, 2020, Committee reconvened at 1:01 p.m., recessed at 3:24 p.m., reconvened at 4:03 p.m., and adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

As this meeting of Budget Committee was conducted with electronic participation by Members of Council, the meeting started with the City Clerk calling the roll for attendance at each session of Budget Committee.

Members present for each meeting session:

Mayor Brown (Chair), Councillor Santos, Councillor Vicente, Councillor Whillans, Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Bowman, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Williams, Councillor Fortini, Councillor Singh, Councillor Dhillon

Members absent for each meeting session: Nil

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The following motion was considered.

**BC023-2020**

That the agenda for the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, be approved, as amended.

Carried

**3. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

City Councillor Bowman declared a conflict of interest with respect to the economic development grant section of the budget, as his son does graphic design work for a few organizations that have received grants in past.

Regional Councillor Fortini declared a conflict of interest with respect to the compensation portion of the Enforcement and By-law Services Division budget, as his daughter works in this division.

City Councillor Whillans declared a conflict of interest with respect to the compensation portion of the Public Works and Engineering Department budget, as his brother and nephew work in this department.

**4. Consent**

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

(nil)

**5. Presentations**

5.1 Presentation by D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, and M. Medeiros, Acting Treasurer, Corporate Support Services, re: 2021-2023 Operating and Capital Budgets

Prior to the presentation, Mayor Brown presented a slide entitled "Comparison of Residential Tax Rates Over Three Years" and provided information on Brampton's tax competitiveness with comparable municipalities and the impact of tax rates on Brampton residents.

D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, and M. Medeiros, Acting Treasurer, Corporate Support Services, provided a presentation regarding the proposed 2021-2023 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Reserve contributions and re-payment rates
- Value of unspent capital
- Council and non-union staff compensation adjustment for 2021
- Operational savings from unfilled staff vacancies ("gapping")
- Sustainability and potential impacts of a 0% tax increase

- Tax competitiveness with comparable municipalities
- Comparative analysis of salaries
- Municipal revenue tools and impact of the COVID-19 emergency on municipal revenues
- Attracting business investment through quality of life attributes
- The need to provide temporary financial relief to residents due to the impact of COVID-19
- Collection and use of development charges
- Indication that the City has not budgeted for the COVID-19 emergency
- Request for information regarding:
  - reserve payout and total amount of transfer journals in 2020
  - breakdown of compensation adjustment into union and non-union components by actual number/percentage
  - comparator municipal tax rate breakdown for other municipalities
  - impact of a series of past 0% tax increases on the City of Mississauga
  - reserve position of GTA municipalities

The following motion was considered.

**BC024-2020**

That the presentation by D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, and M. Medeiros, Acting Treasurer, Corporate Support Services, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, re: **2021-2023 Operating and Capital Budgets** be received:

- a. CAO – Introductory Budget presentation**
- b. Treasurer – Financial Context and Budget Proposal.**

Carried

Tuesday, November 24 and Thursday, November 26

5.2 Departmental Presentations

**a. Public Works and Engineering**

J. Holmes, Acting Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering, presented the 2021-2023 Capital and Operating Budget for the Public Works and Engineering Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Environmental Master Plan (EMP) and CEERP implementation timelines, and budget
- Asset Management Program
- Capital infrastructure, facility maintenance and review of assets to assess need
- Winter maintenance contract timelines and performance
- Request for information on:
  - additional budget to top up CEERP/EMP initiatives to \$500,000
  - snow clearing contract terms for court vs. non-court winter maintenance and seasonal start dates

**b. Fire and Emergency Services**

B. Boyes, Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Services, presented the 2021-2023 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Fire and Emergency Services Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Wellness program for firefighters
- Staffing resources for second unit inspections

**c. Transit**

A. Milojevic, General Manager, Transit, presented the 2021-2023 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Transit Department.

**d. Community Services**

D. Boyce, Acting Commissioner, Community Services, presented the 2021-2023 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Community Services Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Combining the Community Gardens and Backyard Gardens programs and increasing the budget by \$100,000
  - Suggestion that the issuance of certificates and/or plaques be considered within existing program funding
- Use of sponsorship funds to offset expenditures and support programs, and a request for additional information on this in future budgets
- Repair and replacement budget request for the CAA Centre

- Request for information on options for spending development charges and cash-in-lieu funds
- Shade shelter and park enhancement programs
- Value of City fitness memberships, and state of repair for fitness equipment
- Sports affiliation policy and the need to acquire additional space for community groups

**e. Corporate Support Services**

M. Davidson, Commissioner, Corporate Support Services, presented the 2021-2023 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Corporate Support Services Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Staff vacancies, savings realized through "gapping", and impact on existing staff
- Competitiveness of staff salaries
- Recruitment practices and policies
- Budget requests for data centre and technology
  - Information was provided on the uses of various technology and system upgrades
- Accounting for IT projects
- Clarification of transfer journals between departments resulting from the corporate re-organization
- Request for information on:
  - use and amount of consulting services
  - impact of a staff freeze
  - recruitment policies related to diversifying the workforce
  - breakdown of citywide technology requirements

**f. Planning, Building and Economic Development**

R. Forward, Commissioner, Planning, Building and Economic Development, presented the 2021-2023 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Planning, Building and Economic Development Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- \$2.1M allocation for the B-Hive incubator initiative
- New staff requests for the Building and Economic Development Divisions
- Request that additional information be provided at a future Council meeting on assistance for local businesses, the B-Hive incubator, and opportunities for indigenous communities

#### **g. Legislative Services**

D. Barrick, Acting Commissioner, Legislative Services, presented the 2021-2023 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Legislative Services Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Concerns regarding Enforcement and By-law Services Division workload
- Increase in the number of complaints from residents requiring enforcement services
- Revenue generated by the Enforcement and By-law Services Division
- Suggestion that four additional enforcement officer positions be added to the budget to improve operations
  - It was noted that these positions could be added with no impact to the tax levy
- Success and benefits of the AMPS program
- Communications strategy, fines and compliance relating to grass cutting and snow clearing offences
- Process relating to sidewalk snow clearing charges and enforcement of on-street parking during snow events
- Status of the "Igloo" training and operations centre and virtual component

#### **h. Office of the CAO**

D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, Office of the CAO, presented the 2021-2023 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Office of the CAO.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Investments in Council priorities
- Equity Office, Council Community Outreach, and PMO Office roles and staff positions
  - Concern regarding the duplication of roles in these offices with existing staff, and the possibility of re-assigning staff to these offices

- Clarification that these offices have been proposed in response to Council's direction and a recommendation from KPMG (PMO Office)
- Indication from staff that the investments in Council priorities provide value for money and address existing gaps in the Corporation
- Diversity and Inclusion training for all staff
- Organizational structure of the CAO's Office
- Jurisdiction and staff resources in the Community Safety Office
- Sustainability and impact of a 0% tax increase in the City's budget
- Council newsletters, including distribution during an election year
- Information from staff regarding funding allocated for phase two of Peel Memorial Hospital (\$20M) and for the Riverwalk project
- Request for information on:
  - the framework and activities of the Equity Office
  - Council Office budgets

## **BC025-2020**

That the following departmental presentations to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, re: **2021-2023 Capital and Operating Budgets** be received:

- a. Public Works and Engineering**
- b. Fire and Emergency Services**
- c. Transit**
- d. Community Services**
- e. Corporate Support Services**
- f. Planning, Building and Economic Development**
- g. Legislative Services**
- h. Office of the CAO**

Carried

## **6. Delegations**

- 6.1 Possible Delegations re: 2021-2023 Current and Capital Budget Approval  
November 24, 2020

Gideon Forman, Climate Change and Transportation Policy Analyst, on behalf of Malkeet Sandhu, Community Organizer, The David Suzuki Foundation, addressed Committee with respect to the need to increase funding for the

Environmental Master Plan (EMP) in order to achieve the actions and targets outlined within the CEERP.

Lajanthan (LJ) Prabakaran and Divya Arora, Board Members and Political Advocacy Team Representatives, Community Climate Council, addressed Committee with respect to the need to allocate appropriate funding for climate action in the City of Brampton. They advised that additional funds should be allocated for active transportation facilities, the EMP and CEERP, and for future transit projects.

Sylvia Roberts, Brampton Resident, addressed Committee regarding the low parking rates in the City's downtown parking garages and suggested that increasing parking rates would increase municipal revenues. In addition, Ms. Roberts requested that staff consider debt-based funds for parking garage repairs rather than tax-based funding.

Ivan Marco Macri, Brampton resident, provided information on his volunteer and advocacy work in the City and on social media, and expressed concern regarding the impact of a property tax increase on residents. Mr. Macri suggested that, given the significant impact of COVID-19, consideration be given to deferring additional investments and that reserves be used to mitigate tax impacts.

Committee discussions included the following:

- Indication from staff that
  - active transportation initiatives and projects are imbedded in multiple City projects
  - parking garage funding and parking fees will be reviewed
- Request for information on:
  - active transportation components included in other capital budget project requests to provide a broader picture of dedicated active transportation initiatives by the City
  - the comprehensive parking strategy

November 26, 2020

Members of the Brampton Board of Trade addressed Committee with respect to the 2021 Budget, and highlighted the following:

- Negative impact of a tax increase on the business community
- The need to attract more investment and build Brampton's competitive advantage



- Request to pause reserve contributions and freeze taxes
- Request that budget information be publicly available earlier to allow more time for review prior to budget deliberations
- Concerns regarding the budget process, budget assumptions, and revenue projections
- Request that future budgets include a 10-year projection
- The need to be ready for major projects in order to be eligible for federal and/or provincial funding
- Potential small business tax break (pending provincial approval)

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Request that staff consideration be given to providing a 10-year capital forecast
- Reserve contributions
- Investments in major projects (e.g. LRT, Riverwalk)

Azad Goyat, Brampton Resident, provided information regarding additional taxes received from increased property assessments, and tax comparisons with surrounding municipalities. He stated that Brampton residents pay more taxes for similar services, highlighted the need to attract more business investment to the City, and outlined the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Brampton residents. He stated that residents cannot afford a tax increase and requested Committee's consideration in this regard.

Jasmine Moulton, Ontario Director, Canadian Taxpayers Federation, addressed Committee regarding the proposed tax increase. She provided information on the following, and requested that property taxes not be increased:

- Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on taxpayers
- Average amount of taxes paid by Canadian families
- Unemployment rate in the Region of Peel
- The need to reduce municipal spending
- COVID-19 funding received from the federal and provincial governments

November 30, 2020

Rick Tredwell, Club Liaison, and Rosemary Miller, Brampton Tennis Club, provided background information on the Brampton Tennis Club and requested

that a winter tennis bubble be installed to cover the clay courts in downtown Brampton. The following information was provided:

- There is currently only one indoor tennis facility (hard surface)
- Hard surface courts are not suitable for all players
- The club attracts people to downtown Brampton
- There is increased interest from youth in tennis
- Bubbling the facility would allow for year-round play and training
- The Ontario Tennis Association and Tennis Canada are looking for more winter facilities to support their programs
- Status of the installation of the new clubhouse

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- The need for additional winter tennis facilities
- High demand for court time at the Chinguacousy indoor tennis facility
- Timelines for the construction and installation of the modular clubhouse
  - It was noted that the clubhouse can be relocated if needed for the Riverwalk project
- Indication that Brampton youth access facilities outside of Brampton for winter tennis lessons

Jotvinder Sodhi, Homeowners Welfare Association, provided background information on this organization and requested that consideration be given to freezing taxes due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on residents. He suggested that reserve funds be used to mitigate tax increases, and highlighted the need to support local businesses, build Brampton's employment base, improve transit service, and increase police presence in northeast and northwest Brampton.

Committee discussion took place regarding crime and safety concerns in northeast Brampton, and the need for a community police station in this area.

A motion was introduced with the following operative clause:

That the Mayor and Council send a letter to Peel Regional Police requesting a community station or satellite office in Brampton's east end for all reasons outlined.

Further Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Authority over this request and a suggestion that this matter be raised at Regional Council
- Similar needs for additional police presence in northwest Brampton
- Benefits of a having a community police station in northeast Brampton
- Possibility of the City providing space for a community police station
- Indication that residents have delegated and submitted correspondence to the Peel Regional Police Board regarding this matter

An amendment to the motion was introduced and accepted by the mover to add the following clause:

That staff be directed to identify a location and costs for a potential community station or satellite office in Brampton's east end, to be provided to Peel Police Service at no or minimal cost.

A recorded vote on the motion was requested, and the motion carried unanimously (11-0-0).

December 1, 2020

Mark Sebamaalai, Brampton Resident, addressed Committee with respect to the state of local infrastructure. He highlighted the infrastructure gap in 2018, 2019 and 2020, increasing annual needs and lack of revenue to meet these needs, construction class estimates, and 10-year new capital projects. Mr. Sebamaalai outlined the need to address the growing infrastructure gap and review the City's costs for each project, including debt capacity. In addition, he suggested that a 10-year capital project report be provided in future budgets.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Reliability of 10-year capital project report
- Indication from staff that available funding sources are reviewed for each capital project and debt is considered for large scale projects
- Indication that development charges can only be used for eligible projects and cannot be diverted to fund other priorities

Manjot Heer requested that a sports dome be installed on Creditview Road and Sandalwood Parkway, near the Cassie Campbell Community Centre, for use by Ontario Field Hockey players to train during the fall and winter seasons. He provided information on indoor and outdoor field hockey, noting that outdoor field hockey attracts international play. He outlined the challenges in finding suitable field hockey facilities in Ontario, and the impact this has on players.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Opportunity to host more international events
- Indication from staff that a possible location for a dome has been reviewed and funding has been allocated in the budget
- Other opportunities for field hockey play in Brampton to respond to the growing demand

The following motions were considered.

#### **BC026-2020**

That the following delegations to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, re: **2021-2023 Current and Capital Budget Approval** be received:

1. Gideon Forman, Climate Change and Transportation Policy Analyst, on behalf of Malkeet Sandhu, Community Organizer, The David Suzuki Foundation
2. Lajanthan (LJ) Prabakaran and Divya Arora, Board Members and Political Advocacy Team Representatives, Community Climate Council
3. Sylvia Roberts, Brampton resident
4. Ivan Marco Macri, Brampton resident

Carried

#### **BC027-2020**

That the following additional delegations to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, re: **2021-2023 Current and Capital Budget Approval** be received:

1. Vanessa White, Chair; Glenn Williams, Member; and Todd Letts, CEO, Brampton Board of Trade
2. Azad Goyat , Brampton Resident
3. Jasmine Moulton, Ontario Director, Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Carried

## **BC028-2020**

1. That the following additional delegations to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, re: **2021-2023 Current and Capital Budget Approval** be received:
  1. Jotvinder Sodhi, Homeowners Welfare Association
  2. Rick Tredwell, Club Liaison, and Rosemary Miller, Brampton Tennis Club, re: Installation of a Winter Tennis Bubble at the Brampton Tennis Club (Rosalea Park);
2. That the Tennis Club delegation requests be referred to staff for consideration; and
3. That the request from the Homeowners Welfare Association with respect to a police station for Brampton East be referred to staff for consideration.

Carried

## **BC029-2020**

Whereas Peel Regional Police plays a critical in the safety and well-being of Brampton's residents;

Whereas the City of Brampton has been a strong advocate for fairness and representation at the Region, and to the Province for healthcare funding;

Whereas there is a disproportionate representation of a police footprint within the wards in our city.

Whereas all other ward pairings in the City except Wards 9 and 10 have direct access to some sort of a police station;

Whereas the east end of Brampton, comprising of Ward 8, 9, and 10, there are approximately 200,000 residents making up 33 per cent of the city's population;

Whereas from 2014 to 2018 crimes against a person in east end wards have increased on average by 50 per cent while crimes against property increased by 34 per cent;

Whereas residents from these neighborhoods are experiencing anxiety and fear due to increased crime, lack of a police station, and severely delayed response times.

Whereas there have been numerous delegations (HOWA, Vales of Humber), communications, community organized meetings and town halls attended by the Councillors, Mayors, and police chiefs, advocating for greater police presence;

Whereas there has been increasing demand for a police station in the east end of Brampton.

Whereas there are no police stations east of Torbram Road.

Whereas it currently takes approximately 23 minutes to drive 19 kilometres to reach the northeast end of Brampton from 21 Division.

Whereas Brampton City Council has made it unequivocally clear that the safety and well-being of all its residents is its priority.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the Mayor and Council send a letter to Peel Regional Police requesting a community station or satellite office in Brampton's east end for all reasons outlined; and

That staff be directed to identify a location and costs for a potential community station or satellite office in Brampton's east end, to be provided to Peel Police Service at no or minimal cost.

Carried

#### **BC030-2020**

That the following additional delegations to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, re: **2021-2023 Current and Capital Budget Approval** be received:

1. Manjot Heer, Manvir Mander, Gaganpal Dhanju, re: Dome Facility for Field Hockey;
2. Mark Sebamaalai, Brampton Resident, re: State of Local Infrastructure

Carried

- 6.2 Delegation from Amrik Ahluwalia, John Brennen, Junipero Lagtapon and Jack Mady, Residents of Lionhead Estates - Headwall Replacement Committee, re: Headwall Replacements on Links Lane, Classic Drive and Champion Court - Ward 4

Report Item 8.6 was brought forward and dealt with at this time.

A video delegation was provided and included information regarding the deterioration of headwalls in the subject area, the number of headwalls approved for repair, the number of headwalls that require repair, and related safety concerns.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Indication from staff that the material used to construct the headwalls is failing
- Water flow concerns and the need to maintain storm water conveyance

The following motion was considered. (See Item 8.6 - Recommendations BC039-2020 and BC040-2020)

**BC031-2020**

That the delegation from Amrik Ahluwalia, John Brennen, Junipero Lagtapon and Jack Mady, Residents of Lionhead Estates - Headwall Replacement Committee, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, re: **Headwall Replacements on Links Lane, Classic Drive and Champion Court - Ward 4** be received.

Carried

**7. Local Board and other Presentations**

**7.1 Brampton Public Library**

Susan Bartoletta, Interim Chief Executive Officer, and Jaipaul Massey-Singh, Board Chair, Brampton Library Board, provided a presentation regarding the Brampton Library 2021 Operating and Capital Budget Request.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Expression of thanks to the Library staff and board members for their efforts
- Operational efficiencies and the need for more space to improve and expand library operations
- Elimination of late fees for children
- Additional budget request in the amount of \$189,000
- Impact of growth pressures on programs and services
- Request for information on comparator costs for municipal library services

The following motion was considered.

**BC032-2020**

1. That the presentation by Susan Bartoletta, Interim Chief Executive Officer, and Jaipaul Massey-Singh, Board Chair, Brampton Library Board, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, re: **Brampton Library 2021 Operating and Capital Budget Request** be received;

2. That the 2021 Operating Budget submission for the Brampton Library be approved, as amended to add funding support for:
  - 1) Security Guard Services - Four Corners (76K)
  - 2) Program & Services funding (81K); and
  - 3) Media Support (eResources) (32K);
3. That the 2021 Capital Budget submission for the Brampton Library be approved, as presented;
4. That the 2022 and 2023 Capital Budget submission for the Brampton Library be endorsed, in principle.

Carried

## 7.2 Downtown Brampton Business Improvement Area (DBBIA)

Suzy Godefroy, Executive Director, and Zeeshan Majid, Treasurer, Downtown Brampton BIA, provided a presentation regarding the Downtown Brampton Business Improvement Area (BIA) 2021 Operating Budget Request.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- COVID-19 impacts on downtown business and the DBBIA
- Assistance provided to businesses by the Economic Development Office
- Allocation of funds for marketing and beautification, and questions regarding funds for advocacy
- Downtown events and initiatives during the pandemic

The following motion was considered.

### **BC033-2020**

1. That the presentation by Suzy Godefroy, Executive Director, and Zeeshan Majid, Treasurer, Downtown Brampton BIA, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, re: **Downtown Brampton Business Improvement Area (BIA) 2021 Operating Budget Request**, be received;
2. That the 2021 Operating Budget submission for the Downtown Brampton BIA be approved, as presented.

Carried



**8. Reports**

8.1 Staff Report re: 2020 Third Quarter Operating Budget and Reserve Report

M. Medeiros, Acting Treasurer, Corporate Support Services, provided an overview of the subject report.

The following motion was considered.

**BC034-2020**

That the report titled: **2020 Third Quarter Operating Budget and Reserve Report**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, be received.

Carried

8.2 Staff Report re: Capital Project Financial Status Report – Q3 2020

M. Medeiros, Acting Treasurer, Corporate Support Services, provided an overview of the subject report.

The following motion was considered.

**BC035-2020**

That the report titled: **Capital Project Financial Status Report – Q3 2020**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, be received.

Carried

8.3 Staff Report re: 2021 User Fees – Community Services, Corporate Support Services, Fire and Emergency Services, Legislative Services and Public Works and Engineering

M. Medeiros, Acting Treasurer, Corporate Support Services, provided an overview of the subject report.

The following motion was considered.

**BC036-2020**

1. That the report titled: **2021 User Fees – Community Services, Corporate Support Services, Fire and Emergency Services, Legislative Services and Public Works and Engineering**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, be received;

2. That the user fee charges proposed for 2021, as set out in appendices of this report, be approved; and

3. That the respective schedules to User Fee By-Law 380-2003, as amended, be further amended to include the approved fees for 2021.

Carried

8.4 Supporting Documentation: 2021 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets Pre-Budget Discussion

In response to questions from Committee, M. Medeiros, Acting Treasurer, Corporate Support Services, explained how consultant services are budgeted and tracked for each department

The following motion was considered.

**BC037-2020**

That the **Supporting Documentation: 2021 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets Pre-Budget Discussion**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, be received.

Carried

8.5 Supporting Documentation: Summary of November 12, 2020 Telephone Town Hall and Other Public Feedback

The following motion was considered.

**BC038-2020**

That the Supporting Documentation: Summary of November 12, 2020 Telephone Town Hall and Other Public Feedback, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, be received.

Carried

8.6 Staff Report re: Driveway Headwalls in the Lionhead Executive Estates Subdivision - Ward 4

See Item 6.2 - Recommendation BC031-2020

The following motions were considered.

**BC039-2020**

1. That the report titled: **Driveway Headwalls in the Lionhead Executive Estates Subdivision – Ward – 4**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, be received; and

2. That staff be directed to include funds in the 2022 Capital Budget to replace all the deteriorating limestone headwalls in the Lionhead Executive Estates Subdivision, using cut stone (Option 4 as outlined below) close to the originals and to be consistent with the material used in the repair of the other driveways:

Option 4 - The City tenders to remove and replace all the remaining stone block driveway headwalls on the 76 driveways using pre-cut natural stone blocks driveway headwalls as a capital project, which matches the upscale aesthetics of the neighborhood and would be consistent with the replacements that have been completed to date, at an approximate cost would be \$700,000; and

3. That that prior to the work being done, the City require the residents execute such permissions to enter as may be required by the City to perform the work and confirming their agreement to the work being done.

Carried

#### **BC040-2020**

Whereas the properties located on Links Lane, Champion Court, and Classic Drive have been assessed by City of Brampton's Public Works and Engineering department who have determined the majority of headwalls to be in disrepair; and

Whereas the City of Brampton's Public Works and Engineering department has committed to repairing 11 of 87 headwalls in 2020 and 2021; and

Whereas the residents of Links Lane, Champion Court, and Classic Drive have submitted a petition the City of Brampton requesting the repairs for the remaining properties as soon as possible; and

Therefore Be It Resolved That staff be directed to include funds in the 2022 Capital Budget to replace all the deteriorating limestone headwalls in the Lionhead Executive Estates Subdivision, using cut stone close to the originals and to be consistent with the material used in the repair of the other driveways.

Carried

#### **9. Referred Matters List**

Nil

**10. Correspondence**

- 10.1 Correspondence from various interested persons, re: 2021-2023 Current and Capital Budget Approval

The following motions were considered.

**BC041-2020**

That the correspondence from various interested persons, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, re: **2021-2023 Current and Capital Budget Approval**, be received.

Carried

**BC042-2020**

That the correspondence from Aneedah and Aubrey Bacchus, Brampton Residents, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, re: **2021-2023 Current and Capital Budget Approval**, be received.

Carried

**11. Other/New Business**

- 11.1 Additional Documentation re: 2021-2023 Current and Capital Budget Approval

The following motion was considered.

**BC043-2020**

That the **Additional Documentation re: 2021-2023 Current and Capital Budget Approval**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, be received.

Carried

- 11.2 Final Budget Approval Recommendations

Discussion took place regarding the budget for the Environmental Master Plan. A motion with the following operative clause was introduced. A recorded vote was requested and the motion carried unanimously (11-0-0).

Therefore be it resolved that City of Brampton Council endorse increasing the Environmental Master Plan Implementation Capital Budget from \$200,000 to \$500,000 for 2021, 2022, and 2023 to expedite the implementation of climate change, sustainability, and natural heritage priorities, including but not limited to:

- Developing integrated energy plans for urban and town centres;
- Establishing a Home Energy Retrofit Program;
- Establishing a Centre for Community Energy Transformation
- Developing a Climate Change Adaptation Plan
- Developing and implementing Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plans (SNAP)
- Developing a Woodland Management Strategy

A further motion was introduced regarding Community Development and Healthy Community Living, with the following operative clause:

Therefore be it resolved that staff be directed to implement the Community Benefit Plan as outlined per the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the 2021 Budget.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Collection and growth of cash-in-lieu through developments
- Increased use of pathways and outdoor equipment
- Importance of promoting healthy lifestyles and responding to community needs
- Parks Enhancement program and how it differs from the Community Benefit Plan
- The need to repair paths and trails in Wards 7 and 8

A further motion was introduced with the following operative clause:

Therefore Be It Resolved, that staff reduce the proposed 2021 reserve contributions to achieve a 0% tax levy, as outlined in the staff 'consideration - path to 0%' while still maintaining another record capital contribution.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on residents
- Funding for major projects
  - Staff advised that a strategic amount of funding is available in City reserves and the City has a significant amount of debt capacity that can be used to fund major projects
- Suggestion that funds be allocated to specific projects
- Indication that there are no service impacts in the proposed budget

A recorded vote was requested and the motion carried, unanimously (11-0-0).

The following motion was introduced:

That all non-union management salaries and Member of Council compensation be frozen for 2021; and

That the anticipated cost savings and budget reduction of \$2.5 million (for all non-union staff) with approximately \$1.2 million to be reallocated to offset budget amendments and \$1.4 million to assist with funding community benefits enhancements.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Advice from the City Solicitor that Committee move into closed session to receive information on matters relating to: Open Meeting exception under Section 239 (2) (d) of the Municipal Act, 2001: Labour relations or employee negotiations
- Varying opinions regarding a freeze on non-union staff salaries
- Efforts and dedication of staff in supporting residents and the broader community during the COVID-19 emergency, and the need to acknowledge and extend thanks to staff
- Potential impact of the motion on staff morale
- Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on residents and local businesses
- Impact of a 0% tax increase on the municipality and the need to find savings to mitigate the impacts
- Request for information on where potential savings from non-union salaries (approx.\$2.5M) may be reallocated to
- Suggestion that Member of Council compensation increases be donated to a local charity
- Suggestion that Regional Council also be requested to consider freezing Councillor compensation for 2021
- Possibility of only freezing Regional Councillor compensation (not City Councillors)
- Suggestion that the matter of freezing non-union management salaries be reconsidered during the 2022 budget deliberations

A motion to defer the subject motion to the evening session of the December 1, 2020 Budget Committee meeting was introduced and later withdrawn.

A request to split the motion was introduced to vote on freezing non-union management salaries separately from freezing Member of Council compensation.

The following friendly amendments to the motion were introduced and accepted by the mover:

- That Member of Council compensation adjustment value be dedicated to local charitable causes chosen by the individual Member of Council
- That the Council of the Regional of Peel be requested to consider also freezing Councillor compensation for 2021

A motion to refer the proposed motion to the Special Council Meeting of December 9, 2020 was introduced and later withdrawn.

In response to questions from Committee, D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, outlined the significant workload of staff, and cost savings realized, during the COVID-19 emergency. In addition, Mr. Barrick highlighted the potential negative impacts of a salary freeze on staff morale and the City's brand as an employer of choice.

The proposed motion was withdrawn.

At this time in the meeting, all motions presented and previously considered by the Budget Committee were brought forward for a final vote. The motions were considered as follows.

Note: City Councillor Whillans declared a conflict of interest with respect to the compensation portion of the Public Works and Engineering Department budget, as his brother and nephew work in this department, and left the meeting during the vote on this item.

#### **BC044-2020**

That the 2021 Operating Budget submission for the Public Works and Engineering Department be approved, except for the compensation portion of the Public Works and Engineering Department budget;

That the 2021 Operating Budget submission, as it pertains specifically to the compensation portion of the Public Works and Engineering Department operating budget, be approved;

That the 2021 Capital Budget submission for the Public Works and Engineering Department be approved, as presented; and

That the 2022 and 2023 Capital Budget submission for the Public Works and Engineering Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Carried

**BC045-2020**

That the 2021 Operating Budget submission for the Fire and Emergency Services Department be approved;

That the 2021 Capital Budget submission for the Fire and Emergency Services Department be approved, as presented; and

That the 2022 and 2023 Capital Budget submission for the Fire and Emergency Services Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Carried

**BC046-2020**

That the 2021 Operating Budget submission for the Transit Department be approved;

That the 2021 Capital Budget submission for the Transit Department be approved, as presented; and

That the 2022 and 2023 Capital Budget submission for the Transit Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Carried

**BC047-2020**

That the 2021 Operating Budget submission for the Community Services Department be approved;

That the 2021 Capital Budget submission for the Community Services Department be approved, as presented; and

That the 2022 and 2023 Capital Budget submission for the Community Services Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Carried

Note: City Councillor Bowman declared a conflict of interest with respect to the economic development grant section of the budget, as his son does graphic design work for a few organizations that have received grants in past, and left the room during the vote on this item.



**BC048-2020**

That the 2021 Operating Budget submission for the Corporate Support Services Department be approved, except for the grant funding portion of the operating budget;

That the 2021 Operating Budget submission, as it pertains specifically to the grant funding portion of the Corporate Support Services Department operating budget, be approved;

That the 2021 Capital Budget submission for the Corporate Support Services Department be approved, as presented; and

That the 2022 and 2023 Capital Budget submission for the Corporate Support Services Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Carried

Note: City Councillor Bowman declared a conflict of interest with respect to the economic development grant section of the budget, as his son does graphic design work for a few organizations that have received grants in past, and the left the meeting during the vote on this item.

**BC049-2020**

That the 2021 Operating Budget submission for the Planning, Building and Economic Development Department be approved, except for the grant funding portion of the operating budget;

That the 2021 Operating Budget submission, as it pertains specifically to the grant funding portion of the Planning, Building and Economic Development Department operating budget, be approved;

That the 2021 Capital Budget submission for the Planning, Building and Economic Development Department be approved, as presented; and

That the 2022 and 2023 Capital Budget submission for the Planning, Building and Economic Development Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Carried

Note: Regional Councillor Fortini declared a conflict of interest with respect to the compensation portion of the Enforcement and By-law Services Division budget, as his daughter works in this division, and left the room during the vote on this item.

**BC050-2020**

That the 2021 Operating Budget submission for the Legislative Services Department be approved, as amended to incorporate the addition of four by-law enforcement officers with no levy impact, and except for the compensation portion of the Enforcement and By-law Services Division of the Legislative Services Department budget;

That the 2021 Operating Budget submission for the Legislative Services Department, as it pertains specifically to the compensation portion of the Enforcement and By-law Services Division of the Legislative Services Department budget, be approved;

That the 2021 Capital Budget submission for the Legislative Services Department be approved, as presented; and

That the 2022 and 2023 Capital Budget submission for the Legislative Services Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Carried

**BC051-2020**

That the 2021 Operating Budget submission for the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer be approved,

That the 2021 Capital Budget submission for the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer be approved, as presented; and

That the 2022 and 2023 Capital Budget submission for the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Carried

**BC052-2020**

That the 2021 Operating Budget submission for General Government be approved.

Carried

**BC053-2020**

Whereas a community garden is a unique opportunity available to Brampton residents whereby a group of community members will join together to manage and maintain an identified plot of land for the purpose of growing fresh produce and plants and;

Whereas the City of Brampton facilitates the use of public land for community gardening to help promote healthy eating, positive social interactions, outdoor activity, cross-cultural connections, and to reduce crime and vandalism in our parks and;

Whereas the 2020 Backyard Garden Program was an eco-friendly initiative to help support food security in our city and encourage residents to get active at home during the COVID-19 emergency and;

Whereas the City of Brampton was the first municipality in Canada to launch a citywide initiative to support residents in starting their own gardens in response to COVID-19 and;

Whereas the Backyard Garden Program was met with great enthusiasm and participation by community members and;

Whereas additional funding will support the New Backyard Program, the continuation of the current Community Garden Program and support staff in investigating the Front Yard Recognition Program;

Therefore be it resolved that the 2021 Budget request of \$150,000 be amended by \$100,000 to a total of \$250,000.

Carried

#### **BC054-2020**

Whereas in 2014 Brampton Council approved the Brampton Grow Green Environmental Master Plan as a framework to improve the Brampton's sustainability performances in six core components or People, Air, Water, Land, Energy, and Waste and;

Whereas on June 6, 2019 Brampton Council declared a Climate Emergency for the purpose of focusing, framing, and deepening the City of Brampton's commitment to the protection of our ecosystems and community from climate change and;

Whereas on September 30, 2020 Brampton Council approved the Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan with ambitious greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets of 30% GHG emissions reduction from 2016 levels by 2030, 50% from 2016 levels by 2040, and a pathway to reduce GHG emissions by at least 80% by 2050 and;

Whereas the Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan recommends the immediate implementation of six (6) priority projects to position Brampton to achieve the Plan's recommended objectives and targets;

Therefore be it resolved that City of Brampton Council endorse increasing the Environmental Master Plan Implementation Capital Budget from \$200,000 to \$500,000 for 2021, 2022, and 2023 to expedite the implementation of climate change, sustainability, and natural heritage priorities, including but not limited to:

- Developing integrated energy plans for urban and town centres;
- Establishing a Home Energy Retrofit Program;
- Establishing a Centre for Community Energy Transformation
- Developing a Climate Change Adaptation Plan
- Developing and implementing Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plans (SNAP)
- Developing a Woodland Management Strategy

Carried

### **BC055-2020**

Whereas The Parks and Recreation Master Plan helps define the City's role in contributing to the health and wellness of our residents;

Whereas The Parks and Recreation Master Plan integrates a robust methodology through which to guide decisions for the City's parks, recreation, and sport infrastructure to the year 2031 and beyond;

Whereas the City recognizes that structured and unstructured forms of play allow residents to lead healthy lifestyles by being physically active, socially engaged, exposed to natural surroundings, and benefitting from economic spinoffs attained through the local parks, recreation and sport system;

Whereas physical activity, and a healthy body weight are essential parts of a person's overall health and well-being;

Whereas healthy active living helps decrease a person's risk of developing serious health conditions, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and cancer;

Whereas the allocation of up to \$1,000,000/per ward from the Cash In Lieu Reserve to a Community Benefit Plan will provide the most suitable parks and recreational facilities and programs in suitable locations to address healthy community living;

Whereas parks and recreation planning is a crucial part of city building given the importance such infrastructure and services play in building a healthy, vibrant community;

Therefore be it resolved that staff be directed to implement the Community Benefit Plan as outlined per the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the 2021 Budget.

Carried

**BC056-2020**

That the 2021 Operating Budget be amended to include the following adjustments presented during the Budget Committee deliberations:

Amendment	Expenditures	Revenues	Levy \$ Variance	Levy % Overall
Insurance Premiums	(860,000)		(860,000)	(0.2)%
Increased Assessment Growth		(708,978)	(708,978)	(0.1)%
Equity Office	277,790		277,790	0.1%
Centre for Excellence and Capital Compliance	390,942		390,942	0.1%
Community Safety Office	164,638		164,638	0.0%
Increased Public Communication	303,000		303,000	0.1%
Council Community Outreach	150,000		150,000	0.0%
Library	189,000		189,000	0.0%
Enforcement Officers (4 F/T)	407,451	(285,216)	122,235	0.0%
Contribution to Reserves	(9,781,392)		(9,781,392)	2.0%

Carried

**BC057-2020**

That the 2021 Capital Budget be amended to include the following adjustments presented during the Budget Committee deliberations:

Amendment	2021	2022	2023
Riverwalk	4,880,000	7,250,000	14,000,000
Community Living	10,000,000	-	-
Environmental Master Plan (CEERP)	300,000	300,000	300,000
Community Gardens / Backyard Garden Program	100,000	100,000	100,000
I.T. - Internet Voting		(800,000)	
Mobile Inspect - Building (Change Funding from Tax Base to Building Reserve)	-		-

Carried

### **BC058-2020**

Whereas, the City of Brampton will have in excess of \$800 million in unspent and uncommitted capital dollars in 2021;

Whereas, a \$113,910,000 reserve contribution for 2021 would be the largest annual contribution to reserves in the City of Brampton's history;

Whereas, a 0% tax levy for 2021 can be achieved with this record reserve contribution;

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic has had far-reaching and dire affects in our community;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that staff reduce the proposed 2021 reserve contributions to achieve a 0% tax levy, as outlined in the staff 'consideration - path to 0%' while still maintaining another record capital contribution.

Carried

## **12. Council Question Period**

1. Regional Councillor Medeiros asked a question regarding the voting process for the corporate department budgets, and requested that each departmental budget be voted on separately.

At this time in the meeting, a Point of Order was raised by Regional Councillor Palleschi. The Chair gave leave for the Point of Order. Regional Councillor Palleschi sought clarification on comments made by Members of Council in regard to raising further questions and/or comments during consideration of the final budget recommendations.

Mayor Brown clarified that further questions and comments regarding the budget would be raised during the Special Council Meeting on December 9, 2020.

**13. Public Question Period**

1. The following question was received from Sylvia Roberts, Brampton Resident:

"The E&Y report last year said the Brampton Fire Department was in the top 10 in North America, why isn't the City telling residents that? Surely residents would find it useful to know their tax dollars are going to a best in continent fire department protecting their family and property."

B. Boyes, Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Services, thanked Ms. Robert's for her comments and noted that staff's focus is on promoting fire safety. He added that staff will take this suggestion under advisement.

2. The following question was received from Sylvia Roberts, Brampton Resident:

"Council and staff have talked about things such as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, as of November 2020 Brampton Transit's data says 40% of bus stops are not Accessible, how many of these 1100 inaccessible bus stops will be made accessible this year?"

A. Milojevic, General Manager, Transit, advised that approximately 15% of bus stops are not accessible and provided information on how many are made accessible each year.

**14. Closed Session**

Nil

**15. Adjournment**

The following motion was considered.

**BC059-2020**

That the Budget Committee Meeting of November 24, 26, 30 and December 1, 2020, do now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Carried

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Mayor P. Brown

Chair

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Regional Councillor P. Vicente

Vice-Chair





## Minutes

### Budget Committee

### The Corporation of the City of Brampton

**November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021**

**Members Present:**

Mayor P. Brown  
Regional Councillor P. Vicente  
Regional Councillor R. Santos  
Regional Councillor M. Palleschi  
Regional Councillor M. Medeiros  
Regional Councillor P. Fortini  
Regional Councillor G. Dhillon  
City Councillor D. Whillans  
City Councillor J. Bowman  
City Councillor C. Williams  
City Councillor H. Singh

**Staff Present:**

David Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, and Acting Commissioner, Corporate Support Services  
Richard Forward, Commissioner, Planning, Building and Economic Development  
Marlon Kallideen, Commissioner, Legislative Services  
Marion Nader, Commissioner, Community Services  
Mike Parks, Acting Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering  
Bill Boyes, Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Services  
Alex Milojevic, General Manager, Transit  
Sameer Akhtar, City Solicitor, Legislative Services  
Nash Damer, Treasurer, Corporate Support Services  
Mark Medeiros, Manager, Financial Planning, Corporate Support Services  
Peter Fay, City Clerk, Legislative Services  
Charlotte Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk, Legislative Services  
Sonya Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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**1. Call to Order**

Note: In consideration of the current COVID-19 public health orders prohibiting large public gatherings of people and requirements for physical distancing between persons, in-person attendance at this Committee of Council meeting was limited and physical distancing was maintained in Council Chambers at all times during the meeting.

On **November 29, 2021** the meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m., recessed at 2:03 p.m., reconvened at 3:31 p.m., and recessed again at 4:29 p.m. At 7:02 p.m. the Committee reconvened and recessed at 8:03 p.m.

On **November 30, 2021** the meeting reconvened at 9:30 a.m., recessed at 11:52 a.m., reconvened at 1:01 p.m. and recessed at 4:00 p.m.

On **December 1, 2021** the meeting reconvened at 7:01 p.m. and recessed at 11:19 p.m.

On **December 6, 2021** the meeting reconvened at 9:32 a.m., recessed at 10:56 a.m., moved into Closed Session at 11:16 a.m., recessed at 12:38 p.m., reconvened in Open Session at 1:18 p.m. and adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

As this meeting of Budget Committee was conducted with electronic participation by Members of Council, the meeting started with the City Clerk calling the roll for attendance at each session of Budget Committee.

Members present for each meeting session:

Mayor Brown (Chair), Councillor Santos, Councillor Vicente, Councillor Whillans, Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Bowman, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Williams, Councillor Fortini, Councillor Singh, Councillor Dhillon

Members absent for each meeting session: Nil

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Committee discussion took place with respect to proposed amendments to the agenda.

The following motion was considered.

**BC001-2021**

That the agenda for the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be approved, as amended, as follows:

**To Delete:**

- 8.4. Staff Report re: Budget Amendment and Request to Begin Procurement – Applicant Tracking System (ATS) for a Five (5) Year Period

Carried

**3. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

1. Regional Councillor Fortini declared a conflict of interest with respect to the compensation portion of the Enforcement and By-law Services Division budget, as his daughter works in this division.
2. City Councillor Whillans declared a conflict of interest with respect to the compensation portion of the Public Works and Engineering Department budget, as his nephew works in this department.

**4. Consent**

In keeping with Council Resolution C019-2021, the Meeting Chair reviewed the relevant agenda items during this section of the meeting and allowed Members to identify agenda items for debate and consideration, with the balance to be approved as part of the Consent Motion given the items are generally deemed to be routine and non-controversial.

No items were added into consent.

**5. Presentations**

- 5.1 Presentation by D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, and N. Damer, Treasurer, Corporate Support Services, re: 2022-2024 Operating and Capital Budgets

Prior to the presentation, Mayor Brown presented a slide entitled "Comparison of Residential Tax Rates Over Four Years" and provided information on Brampton's tax competitiveness with comparable municipalities and the impact of tax rates on Brampton residents.

D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, and N. Damer, Treasurer, Corporate Support Services, provided a presentation regarding the proposed 2022-2024 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Reserve contributions and comparison to similar municipalities
- COVID relief funding
- Development charge revenue and alternate sources of funding for future needs as growth declines
- Infrastructure levy and annual capital contributions to reserves
- Tax based contributions to infrastructure
- Capital program backlog and adjustments made, based on the pace of project delivery
- Asset management approach
- Earmarking funds for projects
- Reduced replacement value of assets in the Asset Management Plan
- Caledon Barn restoration project, including budget/debt obligation, contributions of the Friends of Historic Bovaird House, and public use/access
- Use of debt for projects and a request that staff develop a guideline
- Unspent capital funds
- Electrification of the City's fleet
- Requests for information regarding:
  - population projections and how they are determined
  - four-year trends on the:
    - balance of property tax between commercial and residential
    - proportion of salary and wages in the overall budget, and
    - reliance on property taxes and user fees
  - Caledon Barn restoration project, including a list of other non-profit groups that receive funding/debt finance opportunities from the City for similar projects
  - annual capital contributions by the Cities of London and Toronto

- amount of funds remaining in each department's allocated budget for 2021, as of the end of November 2021, including any direction from Council in this regard

The following motion was considered.

### **BC002-2021**

That the presentation by D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, and N. Damer, Treasurer, Corporate Support Services, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **2022-2024 Operating and Capital Budgets**, be received:

- a. CAO – Introductory Budget presentation
- b. Treasurer – Financial Context and Budget Proposal.

Carried

## 5.2 Departmental Presentations

### **a. Public Works and Engineering**

M. Parks, Acting Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering, presented the 2022-2024 Capital and Operating Budget for the Public Works and Engineering Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- New staff requests for internal security services
- Winter maintenance contract timelines
- Unspent funds for road widening projects and the return of these funds to original source
- Limitations in the use of development charges
- Flexibility in the budget for climate change activities
- Backlog of, and the capacity to deliver, capital projects
- Request for information on the amount of capital, operating and development charges spent and earmarked for downtown projects

### **b. Fire and Emergency Services**

B. Boyes, Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Services, presented the 2022-2024 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Fire and Emergency Services Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Status of the Lighthouse Program
- Spending of COVID-19 relief funds
- Future facilities and co-location opportunities with Paramedic Services and Peel Regional Police
- Electrification of the Fire and Emergency Services fleet
- Grant funding opportunities for environmental initiatives

### **c. Transit**

A. Milojevic, General Manager, Transit, presented the 2022-2024 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Transit Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Implementation of the free seniors transit pass and delays due to COVID-19
- Advocacy efforts for transit funding
- Pilot project for green roofs on bus shelters

### **d. Community Services**

M. Nader, Commissioner, Community Services, presented the 2022-2024 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Community Services Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- 311 services and improvements
- Service Brampton in-person "pop-up" centres
- Field hockey dome at Cassie Campbell Community Centre
- Community Safety Action Plan and alignment with the Region of Peel plan
- New staff requests
- Lighting at Centennial Park for horseshoe pits

- Budget reduction for recreation trails and playground repair and replacement
- Tree Planting program expansion/acceleration
- Request for information on the demand for cricket facilities, including investments needed to expand usage of existing facilities to meet demand

#### **e. Planning, Building and Economic Development**

R. Forward, Commissioner, Planning, Building and Economic Development, presented the 2022-2024 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Planning, Building and Economic Development Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Second unit permit applications
  - Surge of applications and processing backlog
  - 2022 request for additional staff and external resources to address this backlog
  - Monitoring and mitigating impacts on single-family neighbourhoods
- Provincial housing symposium

#### **f. Legislative Services**

M. Kallideen, Commissioner, Legislative Services, presented the 2022-2024 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Legislative Services Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- New Animal Shelter project budget
- 2021 staff requests and hires
- Status of report on the use of external legal consultants
- Requests for information on:
  - 2022 revenue projections for Court Administration
  - differences in Enforcement and By-law Services labour costs from 2021 to 2022

- staff resources needed to address backlog of complaints, and the associated costs
- Demand for proactive by-law enforcement

### **g. Corporate Support Services**

D. Barrick, CAO and Acting Commissioner, Corporate Support Services, presented the 2022-2024 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Corporate Support Services Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Capital budget request for Digital Innovation and IT
- Updates to the City's website to improve user experience
- 311 mobile app enhancements
- Budget allocated for Accela software
- Development of programming and supports for persons with special needs (e.g. employment opportunities)
- Human Resources revenue and expenses
- Budget for Strategic Communications, Culture and Events
- Tracking of funds spent, and cost recovery for COVID related initiatives
- Requests for information on:
  - funds allocated in previous budgets to improve the City's website
  - budget allocated for the Accela program in 2022 and investments from 2018 to present
  - funds spent in 2021 on consultants to install software
  - total cost of severances paid in 2021
  - allocation of funds for COVID related items/initiatives by department and details on how funds were spent
  - number of contract staff in Digital Innovation and IT

### **h. Office of the CAO**



D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, Office of the CAO, presented the 2022-2024 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Office of the CAO.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Equity Office initiatives and new staff requests
- Status of Brampton U and staff dedicated to this initiative
- Status of the Centre for Innovation, including construction timelines and relationship with the University of Guelph-Humber
- Possible duplication of staff resources related to equity, diversity, and post-secondary initiatives, and a suggestion that some roles may be absorbed by existing staff
- Co-op and internship opportunities at the City
- Requests for information on:
  - capital lease transfer to capital (1.7%), (\$8.4 M), and potential advantages
  - funds spent on consultants and lobbyist activities relating to Brampton U
  - breakdown of the total number of employees by department, including new staff requests, from 2018 to present

The following motion was considered.

**BC003-2021**

That the following departmental presentations to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1, and 6, 2021, re: **2022-2024 Operating and Capital Budgets** be received:

- a. Public Works and Engineering
- b. Fire and Emergency Services
- c. Transit
- d. Community Services
- e. Planning, Building and Economic Development
- f. Legislative Services
- g. Corporate Support Services
- h. Office of the CAO

Carried

## 6. Delegations

### 6.1 Possible Delegations re: 2022-2024 Budgets and Approval of the 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets

#### 6.1(1)

Michelle McCollum, Chair, and Glenn Williams, Volunteer, Brampton Board of Trade, presented the recommendations of the Brampton Board of Trade for the 2022 Budget, and outlined the following:

- Request that budget materials/reports be available well in advance of Budget Committee meetings to allow sufficient time for review
- Capital Asset Management Program, including unspent funds and changes to the funding strategy
- Concerns from businesses regarding the City's ability to plan and deliver projects
- Concern regarding the impact of deferring costs and increased use of debt on future tax rates
- Suggestion that staff prepare a 10-year capital plan

Committee discussion took place and included the following:

- Suggestion to put down payments on City priorities to demonstrate commitment to projects in a manner that will not impact funding opportunities from senior levels of government
- Impact of shifting and deferring costs on future budgets
- The importance of quality of life and tax predictability and stability for businesses to invest and thrive
- Appropriate use of external debt
- Backlog in the capital program and the need to complete essential projects that improve quality of life
- Development of a 10-year capital plan and 3-5 year tax projections to understand the impact of Council decisions
- Importance of tax competitiveness and access to talent for business investment and attraction

The following motion was considered.

**BC004-2021**

That the delegation from Michelle McCollum, Chair, and Glenn Williams, Volunteer, Brampton Board of Trade, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **2022-2024 Budgets and Approval of the 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets**, be received.

Carried

6.1(2)

Sylvia Roberts provided a presentation regarding the Brampton Transit Budget, which included information regarding rapid transit and night service in the GTHA, Brampton Transit ridership and service hours, and the benefits in increasing transit service hours.

The following motion was considered.

**BC005-2021**

That the delegation from Sylvia Roberts, Brampton Resident, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Brampton Transit 2022 Budget**, be received.

Carried

6.1(3)

Michael Avis, Chairman, Friends of Historic Bovaird House, provided information to Committee regarding the history of the Historic Bovaird House property, loss of heritage barns in Brampton, purpose and cost of the barn restoration project, and the role and efforts of the Friends of Historic Bovaird House, to fundraise and provide programming for the Historic Bovaird House facility.

Committee discussion took place with respect to the following:

- Programming at the Historic Bovaird House provided by the Friends of Historic Bovaird House on behalf of the City
- Status of the partnership agreement with the Friends of Historic Bovaird House
- Friends of Historic Bovaird House initiatives and possible grant funding opportunities
- Confirmation that the Historic Bovaird House is a City-owned facility

- Request for information on the City's investment in this facility
- Grant funding process for non-profit organizations
- Funding source and budget for the barn restoration project
- Possibility of the Friends of Historic Bovaird House to collaborate with other community groups to expand the use of this facility
- Purpose of the barn restoration to store and display artifacts and vintage farm vehicles, and an indication that it would not be suitable for multi-purpose uses
- History of the Bovaird family/house and the importance of investing in, recognizing and preserving, the City's history
- Contributions and donations from the Friends of Historic Bovaird House to this facility, and the resulting cost savings to the City
- Proposed budget of \$1 million for the barn restoration project
- Authenticity of the barn and the need to source additional materials for its restoration

The following motion was introduced:

WHEREAS the Caledon Barn (Robinson Barn), would complete the homestead property on Bovaird House providing a unique cultural, educational and heritage view of life in the City over the past 150 years;

WHEREAS the Bovaird House property is a City-owned facility, totally run by dedicated volunteers;

WHEREAS the remnants of the Barn were purchased solely by the Friends of Bovaird House to be resurrected on the Bovaird House site;

WHEREAS the cost of restoration, renovation and repairs requires an investment to upgrade and meet safety standards and quality codes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$500,000 be assigned for the Caledon Barn Restoration through the 2022 Capital Projects list, with funding sourced from the tax base; and the remaining \$500,000 left in the 2023 Capital Budget.

A Point of Order was raised by Regional Councillor Santos. The Chair gave leave for the Point of Order. Councillor Santos sought clarification from the City Clerk regarding procedural rules relating to delegation requests and the appropriateness of the motion introduced above.

P. Fay, City Clerk, advised that as this is a Budget Committee meeting, the motion introduced is appropriate and may be dealt with at this time or held for consideration during the departmental budgets.

Further Committee discussion included concerns regarding the outstanding partnership agreement between the City and the Friends of Historic Bovaird House, and the allocation of funds for this project. It was noted that other non-profit groups apply for funding through the Advance Brampton Fund.

A Point of Order was raised by City Councillor Whillans. The Chair gave leave for the Point of Order. In response to comments from Regional Councillor Santos, Councillor Whillans clarified that funding for the barn restoration project is in the capital budget and as such, comments relating to funding requests from other non-profit groups are not relevant.

On a Point of Personal Privilege, Regional Councillor Santos clarified her comments, noting that she was comparing funding provided to the Friends of Historic Bovaird House to that provided to other non-profits groups through the Advance Brampton Fund.

On a Point of Personal Privilege, City Councillor Bowman outlined the difference between the Friends of Historic Bovaird House and other non-profit groups, in that the subject barn will be a City-owned asset, located on City property.

An amendment to the operative clause of the motion was introduced and not accepted by the mover to provide that the funding be subject to the execution of an up-to-date partnership agreement between the Friends of Historic Bovaird House and the City.

A motion to Call the Question was introduced and subsequently withdrawn.

In response to questions from Committee, staff provided information on the scope of work for the barn restoration project and associated costs.

A motion was introduced to refer the main motion above to staff for consideration.

On a Point of Personal Privilege, City Councillor Bowman clarified the intent of the motion, noting that a total of \$1 million remains in the budget for this project (\$500,000 in 2022 and \$500,000 in 2023).

A motion to Call the Question was introduced, voted on and carried. In accordance with the Procedure By-law, Members who had not spoken on this topic were given the opportunity to do so.

Further Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Project timelines and the need to further review this project and funding request
- Information from staff on previous City investments in this facility

The motions were considered as follows:

**BC006-2021**

*That the delegation from Michael Avis, Chairman, Friends of Historic Bovaird House, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Robinson Barn Installation**, be **referred** to staff for consideration and a report thereon to Budget Committee, with regard to status of financial investment in historic Bovaird House to date and sources of funding; and*

*That staff provide a copy of the original agreement, and any subsequent agreements, between the City and the Friends of Historic Bovaird House, for reference.*

*A recorded vote was requested and the motion lost, as follows:*

*Yea (5): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, and City Councillor Singh*

*Nay (6): Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, and City Councillor C. Williams*

*Lost (5 to 6)*

**BC007-2021**

*That the following motions be **referred** to staff for consideration:*

*Moved by City Councillor Bowman*

*Whereas the Caledon Barn (Robinson Barn), would complete the homestead property on Bovaird House providing a unique cultural, educational and heritage view of life in the City over the past 150 years;*

*Whereas the Bovaird House property is a City-owned facility, totally run by dedicated volunteers;*

*Whereas the remnants of the Barn were purchased solely by the Friends of Bovaird House to be resurrected on the Bovaird House site;*

*Whereas the cost of restoration, renovation and repairs requires an investment to upgrade and meet safety standards and quality codes;*

*Therefore Be It Resolved that \$500,000 be assigned for the Caledon Barn Restoration through the 2022 Capital Projects list, with funding sourced from the tax base; and the remaining \$500,000 left in the 2023 Capital Budget.*

*Moved by Regional Councillor Santos*

*That the following amendment to the operative clause of the main motion be approved:*

*Therefore Be It Resolved that \$500,000 be assigned for the Caledon Barn Restoration through the 2022 Capital Projects list, subject to execution of an up-to-date partnership agreement between the Friends of Historic Bovaird House and the City, with funding sourced from the tax base; and the remaining \$500,000 left in the 2023 Capital Budget.*

*A recorded vote was requested and the motion lost, as follows:*

*Yea (5): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, and City Councillor Singh*

*Nay (6): Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, and City Councillor C. Williams*

*Lost (5 to 6)*

### **BC008-2021**

*That the following amendment to the operative clause of the main motion be approved:*

*Therefore Be It Resolved that \$500,000 be assigned for the Caledon Barn Restoration through the 2022 Capital Projects list, subject to execution of an up-to-date partnership agreement between the Friends of Historic Bovaird House and the City, with funding sourced from the tax base; and the remaining \$500,000 left in the 2023 Capital Budget.*

*A recorded vote was requested and the amendment lost, as follows:*

*Yea (5): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, and City Councillor Singh*

*Nay (6): Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, and City Councillor C. Williams*

*Lost (5 to 6)*

**BC009-2021**

Whereas the Caledon Barn (Robinson Barn), would complete the homestead property on Bovaird House providing a unique cultural, educational and heritage view of life in the City over the past 150 years;

Whereas the Bovaird House property is a City-owned facility, totally run by dedicated volunteers;

Whereas the remnants of the Barn were purchased solely by the Friends of Bovaird House to be resurrected on the Bovaird House site;

Whereas the cost of restoration, renovation and repairs requires an investment to upgrade and meet safety standards and quality codes;

Therefore Be It Resolved that \$500,000 be assigned for the Caledon Barn Restoration through the 2022 Capital Projects list, with funding sourced from the tax base; and the remaining \$500,000 left in the 2023 Capital Budget.

A recorded vote was requested and carried, as follows:

Yea (6): Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, and City Councillor C. Williams

Nay (5): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, and City Councillor Singh

Carried (6 to 5)

**BC010-2021**

That the delegation from Michael Avis, Chairman, Friends of Historic Bovaird House, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1, and 6, 2021, re: **Robinson Barn Installation**, be received.

A recorded vote was requested and carried, as follows:



Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

6.2 Delegation from Chris Drew, re: Brampton Transit Investments

Chris Drew provided a presentation regarding City investments in the annual bus shelter program and advised that bus shelters provide comfort and safety to transit riders and improve the transit experience. He provided information on the criteria used to evaluate shelter requests, and outlined various locations throughout the City where bus shelters could be installed and would benefit transit riders. In addition, Mr. Drew shared innovative ideas for bus shelters from around the world and encouraged Committee to support and invest in the bus shelter program.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Evaluation criteria for bus shelters
- Installation of bike racks near bus stops

The following motion was considered.

**BC011-2021**

That the delegation from Chris Drew, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1, and 6, 2021, re: **Brampton Transit Investments**, be received.

Carried

6.3 Delegation from Jotvinder Sodhi, Home Owners Welfare Association, re: Property Tax Freeze and the Property Tax Rebate Program for low income seniors and persons with disabilities

Jotvinder Sodhi, Home Owners Welfare Association, requested that consideration be given to implementing a property tax freeze due to the financial impacts of COVID-19, and increasing the property tax rebate for low income seniors and persons with disabilities from \$400 to \$1200. Mr. Sodhi outlined the impacts of inflation on seniors and highlighted the need to address financial barriers for seniors to be active and participate in health and fitness programs.

Committee discussion included the need to explore options to increase the property tax rebate for low income seniors and persons with disabilities.

The following motion was considered.

**BC012-2021**

That the delegation from Jotvinder Sodhi, Home Owners Welfare Association, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Property Tax Freeze and the Property Tax Rebate Program for low income seniors and persons with disabilities**, be received.

Carried

6.4 Delegation from Jotvinder Sodhi, Home Owners Welfare Association, re: Public and Road Safety

Jotvinder Sodhi, Home Owners Welfare Association, provided information to Committee regarding public and road safety concerns in northeast Brampton, and outlined the need for more police presence in this area. In addition, Mr. Sodhi outlined the need for bus rapid transit in this area, noting that ridership is low due to the current wait times for transit service.

Committee discussion took place with respect to the following:

- Construction of regional roads and concerns regarding Mayfield Road project delays
- Community safety education programs
- Traffic calming measures to address speed concerns
- Request for a community police station

The following motion was considered.

**BC013-2021**

That the delegation from Jotvinder Sodhi, Home Owners Welfare Association, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Public and Road Safety**, be received.

Carried

6.5 Delegation from Mike Hardcastle, General Manager, CAA Centre, and Hedayat Nasoody, Vice President, Asset Management, Realstar Management, re: Capital Funding for CAA Centre

Prior to the delegation, S. Akhtar, City Solicitor, provided information and responded to questions from Committee regarding matters that should be discussed in closed session in relation to the subject delegation.

A Point of Order was raised by Regional Councillor Palleschi. The Chair gave leave for the Point of Order. Councillor Palleschi raised concerns regarding the information provided by the City Solicitor as it relates to matters to be discussed in closed session.

Mr. Akhtar advised that matters relating to contract options and legal advice should be considered in closed session.

Mike Hardcastle, General Manager, CAA Centre, and Hedayat Nasoody, Vice President, Asset Management, Realstar Management, provided background information on the CAA Centre and presented the 2022 Capex request.

Committee discussion took place regarding the capital funding request for the CAA Centre and included the following:

- Events held at the CAA Centre
- Condition of the roof and the need for replacement
- Sidewalk and curb repairs
- City capital obligations and funding for major repairs
- Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the CAA Centre and relief funds received
- Efforts to secure a professional team for the CAA Centre

The following motion was considered.

**BC014-2021**

That the delegation from Mike Hardcastle, General Manager, CAA Centre, and Hedayat Nasoody, Vice President, Asset Management, Realstar Management, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Capital Funding for CAA Centre**, be received.

Carried

6.6 Delegation from Tracy Pepe, CEO, The Scented L'air, re: Budget Request for the John Street Junction Pilot Project

Tracy Pepe, My Nose Initiative Inc., provided information on, and sought Committee's support for, a funding request for the John Street Junction Pilot Project. Ms. Pepe outlined the importance of this initiative to support businesses and revitalize the downtown community, and provided details on project costs and timelines, the provincial grant received, and the funding shortfall of \$52,000.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Provincial grant received for this project
- The need to mitigate the impacts of construction on downtown businesses
- Project timelines
- Indication that staff have been working with the delegation on this project
- Similar grant received by the BIA and the opportunity for the delegation to collaborate with the BIA on this project

The following motion was considered.

**BC015-2021**

That the delegation from Tracy Pepe, My Nose Initiative Inc., to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Budget Request for the John Street Junction Pilot Project**, be **referred** to staff for consideration and a report back to Budget Committee, if possible, on a recommendation regarding the project and potential funding source and/or in-kind funding.

Carried

**7. Local Board and other Presentations**

7.1 Downtown Brampton BIA

Suzy Godefroy, Executive Director, and Zeeshan Majid, Treasurer, Downtown Brampton BIA, presented the Downtown Brampton BIA 2022 Operating Budget request.

The following motions were considered.

### **BC016-2021**

That the presentation by Suzy Godefroy, Executive Director, and Zeeshan Majid, Treasurer, Downtown Brampton BIA, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Downtown Brampton BIA 2022 Operating Budget Request**, be received.

Carried

### **BC017-2021**

That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Downtown Brampton BIA be approved, as presented.

A recorded vote was requested and carried, as follows:

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

## 7.2 Brampton Public Library

Todd Kyle, CEO, Brampton Public Library, presented the Brampton Library 2022 Operating and Capital Budget request.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- COVID-19 impacts
- Community supports, services and resources provided by the library
- Costs associated with electronic materials
- Fundraising efforts

The following motions were considered.

### **BC018-2021**

That the presentation by Jaipaul Massey-Singh, Board Chair, and Todd Kyle, CEO, Brampton Public Library , to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Brampton Library 2022 Operating and Capital Budget Request**, be received.

Carried

## **BC019-2021**

1. That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Brampton Library be approved, as presented;
2. That the 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Brampton Library be approved, as presented; and
3. That the 2023 and 2024 Capital Budget submission for the Brampton Library be endorsed, in principle.

A recorded vote was requested and carried, as follows:

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

## **8. Reports**

- 8.1 Staff Report re: Budget Amendment and Request to Begin Procurement for the Design, Contract Administration and Advisory Services of a Cricket Stadium

The following motion was considered, pursuant to Closed Session discussion on Item 14.2.

## **BC020-2021**

1. That the report titled: **Budget Amendment and Request to Begin Procurement for the Design, Contract Administration and Advisory Services of a Cricket Stadium**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received;
2. That staff be requested to report back to Council in early 2022 with a report on a framework and public-private-partnership (P3) option for a multi-purpose cricket facility at the CAA lands, where the City retains ownership of all or most of the CAA lands, and options for possible private sector facility development and/or management, for a possible Request to Begin Procurement process for Council approval.

A recorded vote was requested and carried, as follows:

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

## 8.2 Staff Report re: Toronto Global Results Update

Committee discussion took place with respect to the subject report and included the following:

- Current funding agreement with Toronto Global and concerns with their performance
- Indication that staff are working with Toronto Global on future programming to improve results for Brampton
- Funding allocation in the 2022 budget for a potential new agreement with Toronto Global or an alternative plan for economic development

The following motion was considered.

### **BC021-2021**

That the report titled: **Toronto Global Results Update (File CE.x)**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received.

Carried

## 8.3 Staff Report re: Preliminary Feasibility of Financial Support for Healthcare Expansion in Brampton

A motion was introduced and subsequently withdrawn to refer the subject report back to staff for further consideration after the matter has been considered by Regional Council, and to report back to City Council thereafter at the appropriate time.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Discussions with the Region of Peel regarding their financial contribution for a hospital in Brampton
- Varying opinions on the implementation of a tax levy to fund the hospital

- Current capacity issues at Brampton Civic Hospital and the resulting impact on residents
- Lobbying the Province for hospital funding
- Options for Brampton's financial contribution for the hospital, including Option #4 in the subject report
- Use of unspent capital funds to fund the hospital, and concerns regarding the potential future financial impact on the infrastructure reserve
- Examples of hospital funding commitments in other regions and previous contributions from the Region of Peel
- Financial impact of COVID-19 on Brampton residents
- Funding commitment timelines for the hospital project
- Mississauga hospital funding announcement
- Council Resolution C365-2021 regarding funding for the hospital
- The need to demonstrate the City's commitment to the hospital

The following motion was considered.

#### **BC022-2021**

1. That the report titled: **Preliminary Feasibility of Financial Support for Healthcare Expansion in Brampton**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received;
2. That Option 4, as identified in Item 8.3, Staff Report re: Preliminary Feasibility of Financial Support for Healthcare Expansion in Brampton, which identifies City Funds of 50 per cent of \$125 million with Existing Reserves, Phase 2 - Peel Memorial Funding Available of \$21,957,000 and Return of Capital Identified through 2022 Budget of \$40,543,000, with a zero per cent tax levy impact, be approved.

A recorded vote was requested and carried, as follows:

Yea (7): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Nay (4): Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, City Councillor Whillans, and City Councillor Bowman

Carried (7 to 4)



- 8.4 Staff Report re: Budget Amendment and Request to Begin Procurement – Applicant Tracking System (ATS) for a Five (5) Year Period

**Deleted under the Approval of Agenda - Recommendation BC001-2021**

- 8.5 Staff Report re: Request to Begin Procurement – Physical Security Services at various City of Brampton locations for a three (3) Year Period

The following motion was considered.

**BC023-2021**

1. That the report titled: **Request to Begin Procurement – Physical Security Services at various City of Brampton locations for a three (3) Year Period**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received; and
2. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to begin the procurement for Physical Security Services at various City of Brampton locations for a three (3) year period with two (2) additional one (1) year optional renewal terms.

Carried

- 8.6 Staff Report re: Winter Maintenance - Windrow Snow Clearing (RM 57/2021)

Item 11.3 was brought forward and dealt with at this time.

Committee discussion took place with respect to the subject report and included the following:

- Costs associated with providing windrow snow clearing as part of the City's winter maintenance program
- Suggestion that windrow snow clearing be a priority in the negotiation of future winter maintenance contracts
- Increasing the Snow Removal Financial Assistance Program grant
- Current winter maintenance service practices
- Previous Council decision related to the Fall Leaf Vacuum Program
- Request for information on the cost to include the community of Churchville in the Fall Leaf Vacuum Program

The following motions were considered.

**BC024-2021**

Whereas, the City of Brampton currently has a Financial Assistance Program to help senior citizens and physically challenged homeowners with costs incurred from hiring a service provider to remove snow from their sidewalks and driveways;

Whereas, qualifying applicants under the Financial Assistance Program may receive a grant of up to \$200 for non-corner lot properties or up to \$300 for corner lot properties with sidewalks on two sides of the property and where both sidewalks are not cleared by City forces;

Whereas, applicants must be 65 years of age or more at the date of the application OR be permanently confined to a wheelchair, restricted to the permanent use of crutches or braces, or otherwise be permanently disabled in such a way as to restrict physical mobility;

Whereas, applicants must own and occupy the property on which the application is made, and not have claimed a credit on any other property for the same winter season, and not be living in a condominium dwelling whereby all snow removal is the direct responsibility of the condominium corporation;

Whereas, the grants allowed under the Financial Assistance Program are not sufficient to cover Seniors Snow Removal costs due to rising prices;

Whereas, the cost of any alternative measures such as Windrow would be vastly more expensive to taxpayers on an annual basis; and

Whereas, any proposed enhancement to the current Financial Assistance Program would be less costly than other more expensive alternatives;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the City of Brampton increase the grant under the Financial Assistance Program to qualifying applicants for non-corner lot properties from \$200 to \$300;

That the City of Brampton increase the grant under the Financial Assistance Program to qualifying applicants for corner lot properties with sidewalks on two sides of the property and where both sidewalks are not cleared by City forces from \$300 to \$400;

That the increases proposed above be included in the 2022 budget; and

That windrow clearing be a priority in future winter maintenance budget discussions.

Carried

**BC025-2021**

1. That the report titled: **Winter Maintenance - Windrow Snow Clearing**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, be received;
2. That the current Winter Maintenance Service Levels be maintained; and
3. That windrow clearing be a priority in negotiation of future winter maintenance contracts.

Carried

8.7 Staff Report re: James and Margaret McGie Park Cost and Implementation Plan

The following motion was considered.

**BC026-2021**

1. That the report titled: **James and Margaret McGie Park Cost and Implementation Plan**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, be received; and
2. That an adjustment be made to the proposed 2022 Operating and Capital Budget for Community Services, subject to confirmation from the Treasurer, to accommodate James and Margaret McGie Park trail development as follows:
  - 2022 capital budget increase of adjustment of \$140,000; and
  - 2022 operating budget increase of \$5,000

Carried

8.8 Staff Report re: Recreation Facility Investment by Ward

Committee discussion took place with respect to the subject report and included the following:

- Discrepancy in recreation facilities by ward
- Parking at the Gore Meadows Community Centre and growth impacts in wards 9 and 10
- Factors considered in the review of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (e.g. asset replacement, usage by non-residents, equitable distribution of services, etc.)

- Lack of recreation facilities in some areas and the need to explore options for providing services (e.g. community hubs vs larger facilities)
- Benefits and shortcomings of larger recreation facilities
- Opportunities and partnerships with school boards to reduce costs
- Caledon Barn restoration project, including the proposed budget and contributions of the Friends of Historic Bovaird House
- Spaces for culture and creative arts
- Urban community hub in the Shoppers World redevelopment project
- Request for information on the value of recreation facilities by ward

The following motion was considered.

**BC027-2021**

That the report titled: **Recreation Facility Investment by Ward**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30 and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received.

Carried

8.9 Staff Report re: Implementation of Speed Cushions

Committee discussion took place with respect to the staff report and included the following:

- Use of speed cushions as a traffic calming measure
- Consultation with Fire and Emergency Services prior to implementation
- Impacts on snow clearing services
- Public consultation prior to implementing speed cushions
- Budget for the Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Guide and the possibility of implementing additional speed cushions across the City with increased funding

A motion was introduced to replace recommendation #2 in the staff report with the following:

2. Whereas speeding is a high priority issue across the City of Brampton, and a serious concern for public safety;

Whereas speed cushions can be used to reduce speed in our neighborhoods and force drivers to slow down, making our roads safer especially in areas with a higher number of pedestrians;

Whereas many speeding complaints are being addressed through City of Brampton's existing traffic calming devices such as Automated Speed Enforcement cameras, roads diets, and bike lanes, the addition of speed cushions will help reduce speed and increase public safety in neighborhoods of concern where other speed reducing measures cannot be implemented;

Whereas speed cushions are used in other municipalities such as Toronto and Mississauga;

Whereas City of Brampton staff can utilize the Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Guide (NTCG) to implement where the speed cushions should be placed;

Therefore be it resolved that, in consultation with ward councillors, \$200,000 be included in the Traffic Services 2022 budget to implement additional speed cushions, to be distributed evenly per ward across the City of Brampton in the highest priority areas in accordance with the NTCG.

Further discussion took place with respect to the following:

- Evaluation criteria for the implementation of speed cushions and a request that this information be provided on the City's website
- Request that staff consult with area councillors regarding the implementation of speed cushions in their respective wards
- Possibility of requiring speed cushions to be installed by developers in new areas, where appropriate

An amendment to the motion above was introduced and accepted by the mover to add the following clause:

That staff be requested to develop a draft strategy for the integration of speed cushions in future development areas, and report thereon for Council consideration.

The motion, as amended, was considered as follows.

## BC028-2021

1. That the report titled: **Implementation of Speed Cushions (File I.AC)**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received; and,
2. Whereas speeding is a high priority issue across the City of Brampton, and a serious concern for public safety;

Whereas speed cushions can be used to reduce speed in our neighborhoods and force drivers to slow down, making our roads safer especially in areas with a higher number of pedestrians;

Whereas many speeding complaints are being addressed through City of Brampton's existing traffic calming devices such as Automated Speed Enforcement cameras, roads diets, and bike lanes, the addition of speed cushions will help reduce speed and increase public safety in neighborhoods of concern where other speed reducing measures cannot be implemented;

Whereas speed cushions are used in other municipalities such as Toronto and Mississauga; and

Whereas City of Brampton staff can utilize the Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Guide (NTCG) to implement where the speed cushions should be placed;

Therefore Be It Resolved that, in consultation with ward councillors, \$200,000 be included in the Traffic Services 2022 budget to implement additional speed cushions, to be distributed evenly per ward across the City of Brampton in the highest priority areas in accordance with the NTCG; and

That staff be requested to develop a draft strategy for the integration of speed cushions in future development areas, and report thereon for Council consideration.

Carried

### 8.10 Staff Report re: Business Licence Fees - 2022 Recommendations for Adjustments

Committee discussion took place with respect to the subject report and included the following:

- Impact of COVID-19 closures on personal care businesses such as hair salons, and a suggestion to waive the 2021 or 2022 business licensing fee for these types of businesses only
- Indication from staff that all 2021 business licensing fees have been paid
- Clarification from staff regarding Option #4 outlined in the subject report
- Cost of eliminating the business licensing fee for personal care businesses and reducing fees for all other businesses, except adult entertainment, by 50 per cent
- The need to ensure that only businesses impacted by COVID-19 closures receive financial relief, and the possibility of excluding other businesses (e.g. big box stores and fast food chains)
- Request for information on the business sectors most impacted by COVID-19 closures
- Request for information on the financial impacts of the proposed 2022 licence fee adjustments by licence type

Later in the meeting Item 11.4 was added to the agenda and included further information on the potential revenue impacts of licence fee adjustments for 2022.

The following motion was considered.

#### **BC029-2021**

1. That the report titled: **Business Licensing Fees – 2022 Recommendations for Adjustments**, to the Budget Committee Meeting November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received;
2. That Council provide direction to eliminate the business licencing fee for the category of “Personal Services Facility” for the 2022 business licence renewal, and that fee relief of 50 per cent of the 2020 fees prescribed in the by-laws be provided, up to a maximum of \$300 only to renewal business licensing categories that were affected by provincially mandated closures; with the exclusion of the “Adult entertainment” category; and
3. That new applications be charged the current rate in accordance with the appropriate by-law.

Carried

8.11 Staff Report re: 2022 User Fees

P. Fay, City Clerk, Legislative Services, provided an overview of the subject report.

The following motion was considered.

**BC030-2021**

1. That the report titled: **2022 User Fees – Community Services, Corporate Support Services, Fire & Emergency Services, Legislative Services, Public Works & Engineering and Planning, Building & Economic Development**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received;
2. That the user fee charges proposed for 2022, as set out in appendices of this report, be approved; and
3. That the respective schedules to User Fee By-Law 380-2003, as amended, be further amended to include the approved fees for 2022.

Carried

8.12 Staff Report re: 2021 Third Quarter Operating Budget and Reserve Report

M. Medeiros, Manager, Financial Planning, Corporate Support Services, provided an overview of the subject report.

Committee discussion included the following:

- Tracking of costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic
- Cash-in-lieu of parkland, and the need to ensure there is adequate parkland in areas where cash was received

The following motion was considered.

**BC031-2021**

That the report titled: **2021 Third Quarter Operating Budget and Reserve Report**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30 and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received.

Carried



8.13 Staff Report re: Capital Project Financial Status Report – Q3 2021

M. Kuzmanov, Manager, Accounting, Corporate Support Services, provided an overview of the subject report.

Committee discussion included the following:

- Unspent funds and the City's capacity to deliver capital projects
- Various capital projects where funding was returned to source (e.g. Centre for Innovation)
- Possibility of reallocating unspent funds to the hospital
- Request for a table showing available funding by source that can be used to fund the hospital

The following motion was considered.

**BC032-2021**

1. That the report titled: **Capital Project Financial Status Report – Q3 2021**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30 and December 1 and 6 2021, be received;
2. That the Treasurer be authorized to amend budgets for Capital Projects listed in Schedule D of this report with no net impact on the overall approved City budget.

Carried

8.14 Staff Report re: 2021 Corporate Asset Management Plan

Amit Gupta, Manager, Corporate Asset Management, Corporate Support Services, and Andrew Mirabella, Hemson Consulting, provided a presentation entitled "Development of a Corporate Asset Management Plan".

Committee discussion took place and included the following:

- Evaluation and re-evaluation of the condition of assets, including changes to this process
- Maturity assessment of the Corporate Asset Management Plan
- Planning and accounting for the disposal, replacement or renewal of assets
- Request for a list of assets in very poor condition

- The need to repair assets in a timely manner to prevent further deterioration and more costly future repairs
- Revised infrastructure gap
- Review timelines for the Corporate Asset Management Plan
- Consideration of resident expectations for the condition of assets

The following motion was considered.

**BC033-2021**

That the report and presentation titled: **2021 Corporate Asset Management Plan**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30 and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received.

Carried

8.15 Staff Report re: Interest Rate Stabilization Reserve Status Update

The following motion was considered.

**BC034-2021**

1. That the report titled: **Interest Rate Stabilization Reserve Status Update**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30 and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received; and
2. That Council approve the following two step approach to be completed by staff to address the investment income structural deficit in the 2022 Operating Budget:
  - That funding in the amount of \$13,307,000 be transferred to the Interest Rate Stabilization Reserve (IRS), with \$8,102,000 funded from the Workers Compensation Reserve Fund (Reserve 3) and \$5,205,000 funded from the Employee Benefit Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund (Reserve 19); and
  - That the investment income annual deficit of \$3.6 million be eliminated through subsequent annual operating budget adjustments over an 8-year period prior to the projected exhaustion of the \$13.3 million in funding recommended to be transferred through this report (Table 3).

Carried

8.16 Staff Report re: Seniors Tax Rebate and the Printing of Old Tax Bills

Committee discussion took place with respect to the request outlined in correspondence Item 10.1 to increase the Property Tax Rebate Program for low income seniors and low income persons with disabilities, and included the following:

- The possibility of increasing the seniors tax rebate to the CPI adjusted level
- Information from staff on the current by-law and program for annual increases to the tax rebate, and the possible application of an annual CPI adjustment
- Eligibility for the Property Tax Rebate Program
- The possibility of providing taxpayers with online access to view and print property tax bills and payment receipts for a period of up to five preceding years.

The following motion was considered.

**BC035-2021**

1. That the report titled: **Seniors Tax Rebate and the Printing of Old Tax Bills**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received;
2. That the rebate be increased to the Toronto CPI level (to a rate of \$514); and
3. That staff work to provide an online ability for Brampton taxpayers to generate tax bills and payment receipts for up to the period of five preceding years.

A recorded vote was requested and carried, as follows:

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

9. **Referred Matters List**

Nil

10. **Correspondence**

- 10.1 Correspondence re: Request to Increase the Property Tax Rebate Program for low income seniors and low income persons with disabilities, and support for other seniors programs

The following motion was considered.

**BC036-2021**

That the following correspondence re: **Request to Increase the Property Tax Rebate Program for low income seniors and low income persons with disabilities, and support for other seniors programs**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received:

1. Myrna Adams, President, Brampton Senior Citizens Council, dated November 8, 2021
2. Home Owners Welfare Association (See Item 6.3)

Carried

- 10.2 Correspondence from Chris Bejnar, Brampton Resident, re: Funding for Brampton Hospitals

The following motion was considered.

**BC037-2021**

That the correspondence from Chris Bejnar, Brampton Resident, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Funding for Brampton Hospitals**, be received.

Carried

- 10.3 Correspondence from Jessica Thyriar, Brampton Resident, dated December 2, 2021, re: Property Tax Support

The following motion was considered.

**BC038-2021**

That the correspondence from Jessica Thyriar, Brampton Resident, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Property Tax Support**, be received.

Carried

- 10.4 Correspondence from Marjorie Taylor, Brampton Resident, re: Additional Equity Office Staff in the 2022 Budget

The following motion was considered.

**BC039-2021**

That the correspondence from Marjorie Taylor, Brampton Resident, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Additional Equity Office Staff in the 2022 Budget**, be received.

Carried

- 10.5 Correspondence from Daisy Wright, Brampton Resident, re: Equity Office & Anti-Black Racism Unit Budget

The following motion was considered.

**BC040-2021**

That the correspondence from Daisy Wright, Brampton Resident, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Equity Office & Anti-Black Racism Unit Budget**, be received.

Carried

**11. Other/New Business**

- 11.1 Public Engagement Document

The following motion was considered.

**BC041-2021**

That the **Public Engagement Document**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30 and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received.

Carried

- 11.2 2022 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets Pre-Budget Discussions

The following motion was considered.

**BC042-2021**

That the **2022 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets Pre-Budget Discussions**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30 and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received.

Carried

- 11.3 Discussion Item at the request of Regional Councillor Fortini, re: Snow Removal Financial Assistance

**Dealt with under Item 8.6 - Recommendation BC024-2021**

- 11.4 2022 Budget Committee Questions

The following motion was considered.

**BC043-2021**

That the additional information provided by staff re: **2022 Budget Committee Questions**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30 and December 1, and 6, 2021, be received.

Carried

- 11.5 Capital Lease Options – South West Tower

The following motion was considered.

**BC044-2021**

That the additional information provided by staff re: **Capital Lease Options – South West Tower**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30 and December 1, and 6, 2021, be received.

Carried

- 11.6 Departmental Budget Recommendations

Staff responded to questions from Committee regarding labour expenditures in the budget and COVID-19 related impacts. Staff clarified that labour expenditures in the 2022 budget have not been adjusted for COVID-19 and reflect a normal service level.

The following motions were considered, and a recorded vote was requested for each.

### **Public Works and Engineering**

#### **BC045-2021**

1. That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Public Works and Engineering Department be approved, except for the compensation portion of the Public Works and Engineering Department budget;
2. That the 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Public Works and Engineering Department be approved, as presented; and
3. That the 2023 and 2024 Capital Budget submission for the Public Works and Engineering Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

Note: City Councillor Whillans declared a conflict of interest with respect to the compensation portion of the Public Works and Engineering Department budget, as his nephew works in this department, and left the meeting during consideration of the motion below.

#### **BC046-2021**

That the 2022 Operating Budget submission, as it pertains specifically to the compensation portion of the Public Works and Engineering Department operating budget, be approved.

Yea (10): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Absent (1): City Councillor Whillans

Carried (10 to 0)

## **Fire and Emergency Services**

### **BC047-2021**

1. That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Fire and Emergency Services Department be approved;
2. That the 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Fire and Emergency Services Department be approved, as presented; and
3. That the 2023 and 2024 Capital Budget submission for the Fire and Emergency Services Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

## **Transit**

### **BC048-2021**

1. That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Transit Department be approved
2. That the 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Transit Department be approved, as presented; and
3. That the 2023 and 2024 Capital Budget submission for the Transit Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

## **Community Services**

Staff responded to questions from Committee regarding the timelines for the Embleton Recreation Centre project.



**BC049-2021**

That the Field Hockey/Multi-Use dome project forecasted for 2023/2024 be accelerated to be completed at the earliest feasible date and;

Further that the project consist of the construction of a new Field Hockey dome at Cassie Campbell and relocation of the existing cricket field from Cassie Campbell to Creditview/Sandalwood Park that will include a premier field with lighting and other amenities and;

Further that with the project estimated to total \$13 million with \$1 million previously allocated, an advancement of \$12 million from Development Charges be apportioned to complete this project.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

**BC050-2021**

1. That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Community Services Department be approved;
2. That the 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Community Services Department be approved, as amended by Recommendation BC049-2021 (Field Hockey/Multi-Use Dome project); and
3. That the 2023 and 2024 Capital Budget submission for the Community Services Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

**Planning, Building and Economic Development**

**BC051-2021**

1. That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Planning, Building and Economic Development Department be approved;

2. That the 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Planning, Building and Economic Development Department be approved, as presented; and
3. That the 2023 and 2024 Capital Budget submission for the Planning, Building and Economic Development Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

## **Legislative Services**

### **BC052-2021**

Whereas the City of Brampton Enforcement and Bylaw Services investigates and enforces by-laws enacted by the City Council to uphold community standards and public safety through education and consistent and impartial enforcement;

Whereas the City of Brampton enforcement officers uphold city bylaws to enhance public safety, property standards, and an overall sense of pride in our city;

Whereas the City of Brampton has been actively enforcing the city sign and parking bylaws through four (4) permanent part-time officers and two (2) pilot PT officers realizing a 36.5 % increase in penalty notices which is \$1.4 million in parking fines issued by these officers;

Whereas the part-time officers have collected 34,829 signs in 2021, which is an increase of 56% from 19,500 in 2016;

Whereas the cost of a part-time officer is approximately \$37,878 and the total cost for an additional four (4) part-time officers is approximately \$151,512;

Whereas the City of Brampton enforcement and bylaw services have seen a marked increase to the amount of calls for property standards of approximately 13,000 complaints and backlog of over 1,000 driveway complaints;

Therefore be it resolved the Enforcement and Bylaw services extend the pilot program and increase the number of permanent PT bylaw officers by four (4) for a total compliment of eight (8) permanent part-time officers;

That Enforcement and Bylaw services use revenue from pilot program to increase number of property stands officers by two (2) to address the property standards complaints.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

### **BC053-2021**

1. That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Legislative Services Department be approved, as amended by Recommendation BC052-2021 (Enforcement and By-law Services staff additions), and except for the compensation portion of the Enforcement and By-law Services Division of the Legislative Services Department budget;
2. That the 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Legislative Services Department be approved, as presented; and
3. That the 2023 and 2024 Capital Budget submission for the Legislative Services Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

Note: Regional Councillor Fortini declared a conflict of interest with respect to the compensation portion of the Enforcement and By-law Services Division budget, as his daughter works in this division, and left the meeting during consideration of the motion below.

### **BC054-2021**

That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Legislative Services Department, as it pertains specifically to the compensation portion of the Enforcement and By-law Services Division of the Legislative Services Department budget, be approved.

Yea (10): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Absent (1): Regional Councillor P. Fortini

Carried (10 to 0)

## **Corporate Support Services**

### **BC055-2021**

1. That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Corporate Support Services Department be approved;
2. That the 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Corporate Support Services Department be approved, as presented; and
3. That the 2023 and 2024 Capital Budget submission for the Corporate Support Services Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

## **Office of the Chief Administrative Officer**

### **BC056-2021**

Whereas advancing equity, diversity, inclusion and anti-racism via the newly established Equity Office is a stated priority of City Council;

Whereas a focus on being a well-run city is a stated Council priority under the Term of Council Priorities;

Whereas the Corporate Projects, Policy and Liaison Division aims to co-ordinate and drive priority initiatives forward across the entire organization;

Whereas the staff of the Equity Office has conducted, an operational review to ensure the program meets the Term of Council Priorities established by Mayor Brown and Members of Council. The operational review conducted a forecast on the staffing requirements from short, medium and long-term perspectives to

balance the implementation in a fiscally responsible manner. The staffing objectives can be adjusted based on proactive planning, responsive to emerging business and environmental needs in addition to ensuring continued engagement with the community;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the Manager, Equity Office adjust the operational review timelines and implement a strategy to include additional staffing for the programs in 2022 inclusive of one (1) Coordinator, one (1) Advisor, in addition to the one (1) Senior Advisor position requested in support of the Indigenous Reconciliation Project;

That the Economic Empowerment & Anti-Black Racism (EE-ABR) initiatives and associated staffing resources are consolidated within the Equity Office;

That the Manager, Equity Office continues to evaluate internal opportunities for collaboration and consolidation with the City's programs to ensure there are no duplication of efforts within the corporation and moving forward to have the opportunity to request additional resources to ensure continued alignment with municipal best practices as needed; and

That an update will be provided to Council by the end of Q2 2022.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

### **BC057-2021**

1. That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer be approved, as amended by Recommendation BC056-2021 (Equity Office); and
2. That the 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer be approved.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

## **General Government**

### **BC058-2021**

That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for General Government be approved.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

A motion was introduced with the following operative clause:

Therefore Be It Resolved that Council approves its 2022 budget with a zero per cent tax levy after assessment by directing staff as follows:

- a) That staff be directed to transfer the capital lease for the West Tower to the 2022 Capital Budget in the amount of \$8,400,000, which represents a reduction in the 2022 proposed tax levy impact of 1.7%; and
- b) That staff be directed to adjust the Transit Fuel allocation in the 2022 operating budget by \$3,400,000, thereby representing a tax levy savings of 0.7%; and
- c) That the 2022 infrastructure contribution be maintained at the record breaking 2021 infrastructure contribution level of \$116,648,000.

Committee discussion took place with respect to the transfer of the capital lease for the West Tower to the 2022 Capital Budget.

The motion was considered as follows.

### **BC059-2021**

Whereas the City of Brampton Members of Council recognizes that municipal fiscal responsibility and accountability are integrated with the Term of Council Priority for a well-run City;

Whereas the City of Brampton Members of Council recognizes that citizens have experienced considerable personal, professional, and financial sacrifices in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, and it's the City's obligation to balance the municipal tax levy, infrastructure, and ensure the resources are available to secure success with recognition of the challenges experienced by individuals and families since 2020;

Whereas the City of Brampton Members of Council recognized that in order to support individuals and families, municipal taxes in Brampton must be consistent with other municipalities in Ontario; and

Whereas the City Council solidifies its commitment to individuals and families with a 2022 Zero per cent (0%) increase in municipality property taxes to help recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is recognized that this would represent the fourth (4) sequential budget year that the collaboration between Members of Council and staff resulted in a Zero per cent (0%) municipal property tax increase for the City of Brampton.

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Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

**12. Council Question Period**

Nil

**13. Public Question Period**

Members of the public were given the opportunity to submit questions via e-mail to the City Clerk's Office regarding any decisions made at this meeting.

P. Fay, City Clerk, Legislative Services, read out loud, and staff provided a response, to the following questions submitted by Sylvia Roberts, Brampton resident:

- "1. Why does the Corporate Asset Management Plan, plan for assessment growth from new construction to be routed to paying for replacing existing infrastructure, instead of paying for growth assets? Shouldn't growth pay for growth, instead of growth paying for existing assets?
2. When was, or will the third hospital site dedicated?
3. Does the 2022 budget meet or exceed the 8% GHG reduction per year needed to meet the 50% reduction target mentioned in motion C312-2021?
4. As far as I know, the stormwater levy had not been originally planned to fund Riverwalk, how does the City plan to replenish the tens of millions taken from the stormwater fund for Riverwalk?"

#### **14. Closed Session**

The following motion was considered.

##### **BC060-2021**

That Committee proceed into Closed Session to address matters pertaining to:

- 14.1. Open Session meeting exception under Section 239 (2) (i), (j) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001:

A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization; and a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value; and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

- 14.2. Open Meeting exception under Section 239 (2) (c) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001:

A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality; and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality.

Carried



In Open Session, the Chair reported on the status of matters considered in Closed Session, as follows:

14.1 – This item was considered by Committee in Closed Session, information was received and procedural direction was given to **refer** the matter to the January 26, 2022 Council meeting

14.2 - This item was considered by Committee in Closed Session, information was received and no direction was given to staff (See Item 8.1 - Recommendation BC020-2021)

**15. Adjournment**

The following motion was considered.

**BC061-2021**

That the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, do now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Carried

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Mayor P. Brown, Chair

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Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Vice-Chair