

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 (Chair)	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Regional Councillor Vicente (Vice-Chair)	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:

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- 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

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- 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**

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- 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
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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 75th percentile.

Committee discussion included the following:

- Possibility of increasing fees beyond the 75th 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

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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

Mayor P. Brown, Chair