

Present: Mayor Mitchell
Councillor Coe
Councillor Drumm
Councillor Emm
Councillor Gleed
Councillor Roy
Councillor Yamada

Also Present: R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer
P. LeBel, Commissioner of Community & Marketing Services
K. Nix, Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer
B. Rice, Director of Operational Services
R. Short, Commissioner of Planning
D. Speed, Fire Chief
D. Wilcox, Town Clerk
S. Cassel, Deputy Clerk

Regrets: Councillor Leahy

1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

- 1.1 Councillor Drumm made a declaration of pecuniary interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act pertaining to matters relating to the Whitby Public Library as he has a family member who is employed by the Whitby Public Library. Councillor Drumm did not participate in the discussion on these matters.
- 1.2 Councillor Emm made a declaration of pecuniary interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act pertaining to matters relating to Whitby Hydro, as he has family member who sits on the Whitby Hydro Board. Councillor Emm did not participate in the discussion on these matters.

Resolution # 56-15

Moved By Councillor Roy
Seconded By Councillor Coe

That Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole with Councillor Gleed, Chair of Treasury Services, in the Chair.

Carried

2. Presentations

2.1 2015 Current and Capital Budgets - Establishment of Tax Rate
Verbal Update from the Chief Administrative Officer and the
Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer

Councillor Gleed assumed the Chair and requested R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer, to provide an overview of the 2015 budget target session.

R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that the PowerPoint presentation provided was a condensed version of the presentation provided to Council on January 21, 2015.

Mr. Petrie asked the Chair if Members of Council wanted to go through the presentation or proceed with questions to staff, noting that the purpose of this meeting was to establish the target budget rate.

It was the consensus of Members of Council to proceed without going through the presentation slides again.

K. Nix, Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer, appeared before Council to answer questions.

A detailed question and answer period ensued with respect to:

- fuel costs and possible savings if gas prices remain low;
- interest and borrowing rates;
- proposed new positions and positions approved in the previous year's budget that are still vacant;
- the need to identify resources to achieve Council's goals;
- opportunities for operating efficiencies; and,
- the need for service delivery reviews.

Moved By Mayor Mitchell

That staff be directed to develop the annual budget to target a local increase under 3% provided that existing services are maintained and resources are available to address Council's goals.

Carried

Moved By Councillor Coe

That Council rise from Committee of the Whole.

Carried

Mayor Mitchell resumed the Chair.

3. Confirmatory By-Law

3.1 Confirmatory By-law

Resolution # 57-15

Moved By Councillor Gleed
Seconded By Councillor Roy

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law and to dispense with the reading of the by-law by the Clerk to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Whitby at its special meeting held on January 26, 2015, and that the same be considered read and passed and that the Mayor and the Clerk sign the same and the Seal of the Corporation be thereto affixed.

Carried

4. Adjournment

4.1 Motion to Adjourn

Resolution # 58-15

Moved By Councillor Coe
Seconded By Councillor Gleed

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Debi A. Wilcox, Town Clerk

Don Mitchell, Mayor