

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION  
OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2012 AT THE  
HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. IN THE MEETING HALL OF THE WHITBY MUNICIPAL  
BUILDING AS CALLED BY THE HEAD OF COUNCIL TO CONSIDER AND  
POTENTIALLY ADOPT THE 2012 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

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PRESENT: Mayor Perkins  
  
Mayor Perkins in the Chair

Councillor Coe  
Councillor Drumm  
Councillor Emm  
Councillor Hanson  
Councillor Mitchell  
Councillor Montague  
Councillor Roy

STAFF PRESENT: R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Beale, Commissioner of Public Works  
M. Gerrard, Fire Chief  
D. Gibson, Supervisor of Network Services  
P. LeBel, Commissioner of Community & Marketing Services  
K. Nix, Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer  
S. Pohjola, Town Solicitor  
I. Ross, Chief Librarian  
R. Short, Commissioner of Planning  
D. Wilcox, Town Clerk  
M. Pettit, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Drumm made a declaration of interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* with respect to the 2012 Current and Capital budgets concerning the Whitby Public Library as he has a family member employed by the Whitby Public Library and Iroquois Park Sports Complex (IPSC) as he has a family member who is married to an employee of the IPSC. Councillor Drumm did not take part in the discussion or vote on these matters.

RESOLUTION NO. 39-12

MOVED by Councillor Coe  
Seconded by Councillor Montague

That Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole with Councillor Roy, Chair, Finance, in the Chair for the purpose of considering the draft 2012 operating and capital budgets.

CARRIED

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Councillor Roy in the Chair.

Councillor Roy, Budget Chair, provided opening remarks outlining the highlights of the 2012 budget process and the method of reviewing the budget that would be undertaken during the meeting.

Summary Overview by the Chief Administrative Officer

R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer, provided opening remarks regarding the budget documents before Council members and highlighted recent updates made to the documents since the last public meeting held on January 26, 2012.

R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer, outlined the highlights of a recent letter from the Toronto Real Estate Board which advised that a recent survey of Whitby residents indicated that 70% were satisfied with the level of services provided within the Town.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Members of Council had the following pieces of correspondence before them for information.

- a) CORR 03-12 - Email dated February 8, 2012 from Tom Kearns regarding  
Proposed Tax Increases for 2012
- b) Response to questions raised during budget overview
- c) CORR 04-12 – Email dated February 15, 2012 from Ed Vikari  
re: 2012 Whitby Budget Concerns / Suggestions

MOVED by Councillor Coe

That CORR 03-12, CORR 04-12 and the response to questions raised during the budget overview be received for information.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS

- b) Delegation (s) further to Public Notice Re: Adoption of 2012 Current and Capital Budgets

The Chair asked for submissions from the public.

Ron Inche, 44 Evergreen Drive, listed on the delegation list was not available to attend the meeting.

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Blair Morris, 1106 – 340 Watson St. W., appeared before Committee of the Whole, and referred to an earlier budget meeting held in January 2012 and advised he supports the comments made by the speaker at that meeting who referenced needs versus wants and advised that Council would need to make some hard decisions in order to keep tax rates competitive. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Town currently is middle of the pack with its comparators and is actually below average in some cases when you compare similar houses/taxes paid.

There were no further public submissions.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE 2012 CURRENT AND CAPITAL BUDGET

The 2012 Current and Capital Budgets were then before Committee of the Whole. Chair Roy advised that the Budget Review would be completed in the order as noted in the agenda.

4.1 CURRENT AND CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW

- i) Taxation
- ii) Executive & Legislative
- iii) CAO
- iv) Corporate Services
- v) Corporate Revenue and Expenses
- vi) Miscellaneous Grants
- vii) Fire and Emergency Services
- viii) Planning
- ix) Special Events
- x) Community & Marketing Services
- xi) Public Works`

Discussion ensued on the budget including matters related to finding efficiencies within the budget, the payroll support system, the Corporate Contact Centre, the demolition of the house on Baldwin Street South, the roof replacement of 1710 Charles Street, the Heritage Tax Rebate Program, copier/printer purchases, downtown improvement plans, special events including the 2012 Ribfest, defibrillators in recreation buildings, the hiring of additional staff, replacement of the picnic shelter at Port Whitby Marina, the Iroquois Skate Board Park, the Willow Park Splash pads, increasing opening hours at the Brooklin Community Centre Library and winter control.

MOVED by Councillor Hanson

That the Contact Centre in the amount of \$130,580 be removed from the 2012 Operating Budget.

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MOVED by Mayor Perkins

That staff report back on the status of the demolition of the house located on Baldwin Street South and the future feasibility of utilization for fire training or other purposes.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Emm

That staff report back on the funding required for the roof replacement at 1710 Charles Street.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Hanson

That a one time contribution of \$10,000 from the Program Reserves Category, and specifically the Long Term Capital Financing Reserve Fund, be approved to finance the 2012 Ribfest.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Drumm

That the position of Parks Long Range Planning - Planner be eliminated from the 2012 Budget.

MOTION LOST

MOVED by Mayor Perkins

That the matter of installation of Sunday hours at the Brooklin Community Centre library be referred to staff for a full review, complete with cost benefit analysis and identify where there might be efficiencies found to fund this service.

MOTION LOST

MOVED by Councillor Mitchell

That the installation of Sunday operating hours at the Brooklin Community Centre Library with a budget impact of \$6,500 in 2012 and \$18,000 annualized be approved and funded by a reduction in the Winter Control budget.

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MOVED by Councillor Drumm

That the positions of Administrative Assistant in Public Works and the Manager of Transportation and Parking Services be eliminated from the 2012 Budget.

MOTION LOST

Council recessed for 10 minutes at 10:20 p.m.

Council reconvened at 10:30 p.m.

5. RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE 2012 CURRENT AND CAPITAL  
BUDGETS

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Based on the conflict declared earlier by Councillor Drumm, Items 1 and 9 were separated from the main motion for voting purposes.

MOVED by Councillor Coe

2. That the proposed 2012 Capital Budget in the amount of \$22,777,841 be approved, as amended to reflect the removal of the Leash Free Park Areas in the amount of \$100,000 (Capital Project number 70121602) and the Protective Enclosure for Merryweather in the amount of \$8,000 (Capital Project number 20120406) and the multi-year forecast be received for information;
3. That a one time contribution of \$30,000 from the Program Reserves Category, and specifically the Long Term Capital Financing Reserve Fund, be approved to finance the recommended 2012 One-Time Capital Decision Items;
4. That a one time contribution of \$347,000 from the Program Reserves Category, and specifically the Long Term Capital Financing Reserve Fund, be approved to finance the Town's portion of the capital cost of the recommended 2012 Growth Related Capital Decision Items;
5. That the Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer be authorized to issue a payment of \$500,000 to Durham College representing the first and second installments of the Town of Whitby's \$1,000,000 over four year investment commitment to the Durham College Whitby Campus Expansion project;

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6. That staff report back on the status of the demolition of the house located on Baldwin Street South and the future feasibility of utilization for fire training or other purposes;
7. That staff report back on the funding required for the roof replacement at 1710 Charles Street;
8. That a one time contribution of \$10,000 from the Program Reserves Category, and specifically the Long Term Capital Financing Reserve Fund, be approved to finance the 2012 Ribfest;
10. That the Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer be directed to set the 2012 property tax levy at \$65,494,903 representing a 2.79% tax levy increase; and
11. That the requisite by-law be brought forward for Council approval.

CARRIED

Having previously declared a conflict of interest, Councillor Drumm did not take part in the discussion or vote on these matters.

MOVED by Councillor Coe

1. That the proposed 2012 Operating Budget in the amount of \$98,552,842 be approved, as amended to reflect a decrease of \$100,000 for vacancy savings; the removal of the Contact Centre in the amount of \$103,580; the inclusion of one time funding of \$10,000 for the 2012 Ribfest; the inclusion of \$6,500 for Sunday operating hours at the Brooklin Community Centre Library and a reduction of \$6,500 in the Winter Control budget;
9. That the installation of Sunday operating hours at the Brooklin Community Centre Library with a budget impact of \$6,500 in 2012 and \$18,000 annualized be approved and funded by a reduction in the Winter Control budget;

CARRIED

Mayor Perkins resumed the Chair.

RESOLUTION NO. 40-12

MOVED by Councillor Coe

Seconded by Councillor Montague

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That Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED

6. RATIFY RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLUTION NO. 41-12

MOVED by Councillor Roy

Seconded by Councillor Montague

That the Report Recommendations from Committee of the Whole be adopted as follows: (noting Items 1 and 9 were separated due to Councillor Drumm's conflict of interest);

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10. That the Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer be directed to set the 2012 property tax levy at \$65,494,903 representing a 2.79% tax levy increase; and
11. That the requisite by-law be brought forward for Council approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
ON A RECORDED VOTE

Having previously declared a conflict of interest, Councillor Drumm did not take part in the discussion or vote on these matters.

RESOLUTION NO. 42-12

MOVED by Councillor Roy  
Seconded by Councillor Montague

1. That the proposed 2012 Operating Budget in the amount of \$98,552,842 be approved, as amended to reflect a decrease of \$100,000 for vacancy savings; the removal of the Contact Centre in the amount of \$103,580; the inclusion of one time funding of \$10,000 for the 2012 Ribfest; the inclusion of \$6,500 for Sunday operating hours at the Brooklin Community Centre Library and a reduction of \$6,500 in the Winter Control budget;
9. That the installation of Sunday operating hours at the Brooklin Community Centre Library with a budget impact of \$6,500 in 2012 and \$18,000 annualized be approved and funded by a reduction in the Winter Control budget;

CARRIED ON A RECORDED VOTE  
AS FOLLOWS:

YES  
Councillor Coe  
Councillor Emm  
Councillor Hanson  
Councillor Mitchell  
Councillor Montague  
Councillor Roy  
Mayor Perkins

NO

ABSTAINED  
Councillor Drumm



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7. BY-LAW TO ADOPT THE BUDGET – BY-LAW NO. 6586-12

RESOLUTION NO. 43-12

MOVED by Councillor Roy seconded by Councillor Hanson that leave be granted to introduce a by-law and to dispense with the reading of the by-law by the Clerk to adopt the 2012 Current and Capital Budget and that the same be considered read a first, second and third time and finally passed and that the Mayor and the Clerk sign the same and the Seal of the Corporate be thereto affixed.

CARRIED

8. CONFIRMING BY-LAW – BY-LAW NO. 6587-12

RESOLUTION NO. 44-12

MOVED by Councillor Mitchell seconded by Councillor Coe 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 February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012, and that the same be considered read a first, second and third time and finally passed and that the Mayor and the Clerk sign the same and the Seal of the Corporation be thereto affixed.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 45-12

MOVED by Councillor Emm  
Seconded by Councillor Coe

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 p.m.