

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL (BUDGET) MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011 AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. IN THE MEETING HALL OF THE WHITBY MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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, Director of Public Works
M. Gerrard, Fire Chief
P. LeBel, Director of Community & Marketing Services
K. Nix, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
R. Short, Director of Planning
D. Wilcox, Town Clerk
M. Pettit, Deputy Clerk

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Drumm made a declaration of interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* with respect to the 2011 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 on these matters.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-11

MOVED by Councillor Coe
Seconded by Councillor Hanson

That Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole with Councillor Roy, Chair of Treasury Services, in the Chair for the purpose of receiving a presentation from the Chief Administrative Officer on the 2011 Recommended Budget Target.

CARRIED

Councillor Roy in the Chair.

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2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 2011 Current and Capital Budgets – Establishment of Tax Rate
– Verbal Update from the Chief Administrative Officer

R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a detailed overview with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation on the 2011 Recommended Budget Target.

A detailed question and answer period ensued.

Discussion ensued with respect to the following;

- original cost of the soccer dome, success of the Club in paying down the debt and need to look at another dome
- goal to have revenues pay the expenses, with the understanding not all uses can be covered
- success of Downtown grant façade program, noting 3 to 1 investment
- funding for the Hwy 401/Lakeridge Road interchange
- confirmation of no debt associated with the Brooklin Community Centre
- business case and rationale for the review of requested staff positions
- service delivery review and need to review how the Town delivers services
- the need for an education session of Council on the Contact Centre, specifically to understand the impact on all Departments and that approval is not for funding at this time, just the concept
- funding of the Contact Centre is to be completed through a formal staff report
- review of the proposed tax rate guideline
- Town-wide fencing issue and concern the Region has not allocated fencing monies on Regional roads.

The Chief Administrative Officer was thanked and commended for the excellent budget presentation.

Chair Roy advised that Members of Council would be receiving their budget books on March 15, 2011.

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RECOMMENDATION

MOVED by Councillor Mitchell

That staff be directed to bring forward a 2011 Budget with a net tax increase not to exceed 2.9%.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Roy

That the Committee of the Whole rise and report to Council.

CARRIED

Council was now in an open session of Council.

Mayor Perkins in the Chair.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-11

MOVED by Councillor Roy

Seconded by Councillor Mitchell

That Council adopt the recommendation as presented from the Committee of the Whole:

That staff be directed to bring forward a 2011 Budget with a net tax increase not to exceed 2.9%.

CARRIED

3. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION NO. 82-11

MOVED by Councillor Roy, seconded by Councillor Mitchell, 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 March 8, 2011, 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

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4. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 83-11

MOVED by Councillor Drumm
Seconded by Councillor Emm

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Debi A. Wilcox, Town Clerk

Patricia Perkins, Mayor