

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWN OF WHITBY HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2011 AT THE HOUR OF 7:00
P.M. IN THE MEETING HALL OF THE WHITBY MUNICIPAL BUILDING AS CALLED BY THE
HEAD OF COUNCIL

PRESENT: Mayor Perkins

Councillors Coe, Drumm, Emm, Hanson, Mitchell, Montague and Roy

Mayor Perkins in the Chair

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
S. Pohjola, Town Solicitor
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. 89-11

MOVED by Councillor Coe
Seconded by Councillor Montague

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

CARRIED

Councillor Roy assumed the Chair and advised the audience that the intent for this meeting was to receive a staff presentation and public submissions with respect to the 2011 current and capital budgets.

2. PRESENTATION

2.1 Presentation of 2011 Current and Capital Budgets

Robert Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a detailed overview of the 2011 Current and Capital budget with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

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2.2 Public Submissions

Edward Vikari, 54 Markwood Crescent, appeared before Committee and cited concerns regarding apparent unused budget funds and budget surpluses from previous budget years, the protocols regarding distribution of funds to charitable/non-profit organizations, the apparent lack of full disclosure for capital projects, the long term plans in place for the former temporary Brooklin Library building and the proposed use of funds anticipated from the sale of Cullen Gardens.

Trish McAuliffe, 23 Tamarisk Street, appeared before Committee and enquired on the status of the hospital and where this project would fit in the proposed 2011 budget. Chair Roy and Mayor Perkins provided an update and historical information on the status of the Town's efforts in communicating to the Province the need for a full service hospital in Whitby. Ms. McAuliffe applauded the efforts made to date and stated that an aggressive approach with the Province should be continued to ensure a successful resolution.

Barb Pryor, 1 Lipton Crescent, appeared before Committee and enquired about the proposed \$1 million payment to the Durham College Whitby Campus and whether municipalities were mandated to provide support to post secondary institutions. The CAO clarified that municipalities are not mandated to provide funds to post secondary institutions but that if approved by Council this would benefit the students in the area and the community as a whole. Ms. Pryor also enquired where the reserve funds were invested. Mr. Nix advised that reserve funds were regulated by the Municipal Act and that the Town had various long term and short term investment opportunities in place and a long-standing rapport with the banking community.

Dan McCarroll, 6 Briargreen Court, appeared before Committee and cited concerns with Fire Hall Station No. 2, as it is an older station and queried whether the foundation of the structure was sufficient to uphold the current weight of modern fire trucks. The CAO advised that staff would investigate the matter and that if an issue was discovered, this would be addressed at a later date and not necessarily in the 2011 budget process currently underway.

Christian Pryor, 1 Lipton Crescent appeared before Committee and enquired about the amount of funding allotted to fencing. The CAO advised that a Town policy was in the process of development to define what the long-term fencing requirements would be. Committee members assured Mr. Pryor that when this item appeared before Committee and Council he would be notified.

There were no further submissions from the audience.

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Mayor Perkins advised that the description on page 35 of the Detail Reports regarding Project 1110701 described as Mayor's Office Renovations was incorrect and that this project referred to renovations necessary to address safety concerns required to the Storage Room in the Mayor's Office area.

Councillor Mitchell requested that the Administrator provide a listing of what sources of revenue go in the Reserve Funds that were identified in the presentation.

Councillor Coe enquired on the status of a Service Delivery Review that would assist in identifying new revenue streams and increase efficiencies and potential cost savings within the Town.

MOVED by Councillor Coe

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

CARRIED

Mayor Perkins resumed the Chair.

Mayor Perkins thanked the CAO and the Treasurer and Finance staff for their continued efforts throughout the budget process.

3. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 90-11

MOVED by Councillor Drumm
Seconded by Councillor Hanson

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Debi A. Wilcox, Town Clerk

Patricia Perkins, Mayor