

Special Council Minutes
December 11, 2017 -5:00 pm
Council Chambers
Whitby Municipal Building

Present: Mayor Mitchell
Councillor Drumm
Councillor Emm
Councillor Gleed
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Roy (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)
Councillor Yamada (arrived at 5:16 p.m.)

Also Present: M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Beale, Commissioner of Public Works
P. LeBel, Commissioner of Community & Marketing Services
W. Mar, Commissioner of Legal and By-law Services/Town Solicitor
K. Nix, Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer
R. Saunders, Commissioner of Planning and Development
C. Siopis, Manager of Corporate Communications
D. Speed, Fire Chief
C. Harris, Town Clerk
S. Dave, Legislative Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: None noted

1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

1.1 There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

2. Presentations

2.1 M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer and K. Nix, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Re: 2018 Budget Forecast Education Session

M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer, and K. Nix, Commissioner of Corporate Services, provided an education and training session to Council with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Ensuring that Council goals are the foundation of the Town's

Budget priorities;

- The need to make strategic investments to ensure that services are maintained and/or enhanced;
- Meeting fiscal responsibilities while delivering programs and services to ensure that the Town provides a high quality of life as it plans for future growth;
- Being cognizant of budget pressures such as aging infrastructure, maintaining facilities and anticipated investments in staffing;
- How property taxes are used and what kind of services taxpayers receive for their taxes;
- Actively pursuing all available external funding opportunities, including federal and provincial grants and development charges, to minimize taxpayers' investment in infrastructure; and
- Considering annualization impacts, growth and capital maintenance funding, and the use of one-time short-term options in 2018 for the 2019 Budget.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council, Mr. Gaskell and Mr. Nix regarding:

- Reviewing short term savings with respect to the Town's benefits program as demographic or provincial legislative changes could mean that these savings would be extended;
- The purpose of the Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund and its use to minimize the budget impacts for taxpayers;
- Exploring revenue sharing options with the Province and the Region for legalized cannabis;
- Projections for future taxes once the employment lands along Highway 412 are open;
- Providing Council a memorandum explaining the Whitby Marina debt and how that has been addressed in the budget; and
- How new growth capital funding will impact future tax rates.

3. Adjournment

3.1 Motion to Adjourn

Resolution # 562-17

Moved By Councillor Leahy

Seconded By Councillor Yamada

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

Don Mitchell, Mayor