

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

Also Present: R. Petrie, 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. Short, Commissioner of Planning
D. Speed, Fire Chief
C. Harris, Town Clerk
S. Cassel, Deputy Clerk

Regrets: Regional Councillor - Vacant

1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

- 1.1 Councillor Drumm made a declaration of pecuniary interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act regarding Item 6.1, regarding the proposed 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets with respect to matters relating to the Whitby Public Library and Iroquois Park Sports Centre as he has family members who are employed at these locations. Councillor Drumm did not participate in the discussion or vote on these matters.

Resolution # 77-15

Moved By Councillor Leahy
Seconded By Councillor Emm

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

Carried

2. Items for Consideration by Council in Committee of the Whole

2.1 Opening Remarks by Councillor Gleed, Chair of Finance

Councillor Gleed, Chair of Finance, provided opening remarks regarding the 2016 Budget acknowledging staff for their efforts in achieving the target set by Council. He provided comparators in other municipalities that had experienced significant growth and stated that Whitby was facing a similar situation noting that growth brings both prosperity and pressures. He spoke to placing needs first over wants and the importance of planning and prioritizing for those needs. He stated that this year's budget planning was well thought out and maintained a strong adherence to fiscal management.

3. Correspondence

3.1 There was no correspondence.

4. Delegations/Presentations

4.1 There were no delegations or presentations.

5. Consideration of the 2016 Current and Capital Budgets

5.1 Current and Capital Budgets Review

Discussion ensued with respect to several aspects of the budget documents including:

- the summer play program and accommodating the shortfall in the future through other means such as sponsorship;
- the Durham Region Healthy Neighbourhoods Report initiative in relation to the development and redevelopment of Whitby parks;
- the China Investment Attraction Trade Strategy, next steps in moving forward with the Strategy, the return on investment and the contribution commitments beyond the 2016 budget;
- the possibility of receiving regular quarterly updates on economic development initiatives;
- expansion of the Operations Centre and the need to consider a satellite building in Brooklin with the growth and development of West Whitby;
- the redevelopment of Cullen Park, improvements for the log cabin, bocci courts and addition of pickle ball;

- the consideration of an entrance from Cullen Park into Heber Down Conservation lands, trail connections and the recreational opportunities;
- the redevelopment of the pump house and the possible federal and private funding that could be used for this project;
- the cost of maintenance for stormwater ponds;
- financial impacts of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and whether the allocated funds were sufficient to accomplish the removal and replanting of trees;
- external contributions for road surface treatments and the ability to move forward some of the contributions set aside in future years to offset pressures;
- improvements to accessibility for events held at Victoria Fields including investigating the costs of specialized matting that would provide greater accessibility for wheelchairs and other accessible devices on the grassy turf of the fields;
- the total number of assisted listening devices utilized by the Town and the financial impact;
- the timelines for the conversion to LED lighting in arenas;
- the ability to take advantage of low fuel prices and the possibilities for storing fuel;
- whether the studies listed in the budget included the cost for consultants required to conduct the study;
- potential options for selling Town owned property and the inclusion of the funds from the sale in one time Capital reserves;
- use of public-private partnerships;
- the need for an employment strategy along the corridor of Highways 407 and 412 and the need to understand how that strategy will flow through the Capital component of future budgets; and,
- including a commentary in future budgets pertaining to vacant positions to explain discrepancies.

6. Recommendation regarding the 2016 Current and Capital Budgets

6.1 Discussion ensued with respect to:

- the Operating and Capital Budgets;
- the presentation provided by Whitby Fire and Emergency Services (WFES) at the Special Meeting of Council held on January 25, 2016; and,
- the impacts of the requested needs of WFES to accomplish the goals set out in the Master Fire Plan.

Moved By Councillor Roy

1. That the proposed 2016 Operating Budget in the amount of \$110,927,870 be approved;
2. That the proposed 2016 Capital Budget in the amount of \$47,458,050 be approved, and the multi-year forecast be received for information;
3. That the Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer be authorized to transfer the reserve and reserve fund budgeted transfers as summarized on pages 104 and 105 of the 2016 Budget Book;
4. That the budgetary increase of \$2,214,405 be approved; and,
5. That assessment growth be included in the 2016 Operating Budget and be used to offset the impacts of outstanding appeals at the Assessment Review Board during 2016, and that any unutilized assessment growth be contributed to the Growth Reserve Fund.

Carried later in the meeting [See following motion]

Moved By Councillor Drumm

1. That a special budgetary increase of \$1,184,000 for the purpose of providing an additional fire suppression crew (20 Firefighters) and a new Training Officer to address community safety needs be approved in the 2016 Operating Budget, it being noted that an additional increase in the same amount, above and beyond inflationary and other budget increases will be required in the 2017 Operating Budget and, the additional crew and training officer would not be hired until 2017, and;
2. That the additional revenue resulting from this special budgetary increase in 2016 be transferred to the Town's Growth Reserve Fund and used along with Development Charges to pay for the necessary capital improvements and acquisitions required to accommodate the additional fire suppression crew and training officer, and;
3. That the 2016 Capital Budget be amended to include the following items:
 - a. Fire Hall 5 Interior Renovations - \$55,000
 - b. Aerial/Pumper Truck and Related Equipment - \$1,400,000
 - c. New Suppression Staff Equipment - \$75,500
 - d. Fire Prevention/Training Vehicle - \$35,000

Carried

The main motion, as amended, was then carried, save and except items relating to the Whitby Public Library and Iroquois Park Sports Centre.
(Due to the conflict of interest noted earlier.)

Moved By Councillor Gleed

That the budget items relating to Whitby Public Library and Iroquois Park Sports Centre be approved.

Carried

Mayor Mitchell resumed the Chair.

7. Rise from the Committee of the Whole

7.1 Rise from Committee of the Whole

Moved By Councillor Leahy

That Council rise from the Committee of the Whole.

Carried

8. Ratify Recommendation from the Committee of the Whole

8.1 Ratify the Recommendation from the Committee of the Whole

Resolution # 78-15

Moved By Councillor Gleed
Seconded By Councillor Emm

That Council ratify the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole.

Carried on a recorded vote as follows:

	For	Against	Abstained
Councillor Joe Drumm	x		
Councillor Michael Emm	x		
Councillor Derrick Gleed	x		

Councillor Chris Leahy	x		
Councillor Elizabeth Roy	x		
Councillor Steve Yamada	x		
Mayor Don Mitchell	x		
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Based on the ratification, the following is the complete resolution adopted by Council:

Resolution # 79-15

Moved By Councillor Gleed

Seconded By Councillor Emm

1. That the proposed 2016 Operating Budget in the amount of \$112,721,357 be approved;
2. That the proposed 2016 Capital Budget in the amount of \$49,023,550 be approved, and the multi-year forecast be received for information;
3. That the Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer be authorized to transfer the reserve and reserve fund budgeted transfers as summarized on pages 104 and 105 of the 2016 Budget Book;
4. That the budgetary increase of \$3,398,405 be approved;
5. That assessment growth, included in the 2016 Operating budget figure in Item 1, be used to offset the impacts of outstanding appeals at the Assessment Review Board during 2016, and that any unutilized assessment growth be contributed to the Growth Reserve Fund;
6. That a special budgetary increase of \$1,184,000, included in the 2016 Operating Budget figure in Item 1, be allocated for the purpose of providing an additional fire suppression crew (20 Firefighters) and a new Training Officer to address community safety needs be approved in the 2016 Operating Budget, it being noted that an additional increase in the same amount, above and beyond inflationary and other budget increases will be required in the 2017 Operating Budget and, the additional crew and training officer would not be hired until 2017;
7. That the additional revenue resulting from this special budgetary increase in 2016 be transferred to the Town's Growth Reserve Fund and used along with Development Charges to pay for the necessary capital improvements and acquisitions required to accommodate the additional fire suppression crew and training officer, and;

8. That the 2016 Capital Budget, as approved in Item 2, include the following items:
 - a. Fire Hall 5 Interior Renovations - \$55,000
 - b. Aerial/Pumper Truck and Related Equipment - \$1,400,000
 - c. New Suppression Staff Equipment - \$75,500
 - d. Fire Prevention/Training Vehicle - \$35,000.

Carried

9. By-law to adopt the Budgets

- 9.1 By-law # 7097-16, being a by-law to adopt the 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets

Resolution # 80-15

Moved By Councillor Leahy
Seconded By Councillor Emm

That leave be granted to introduce By-law # 7097-16 and to dispense with the reading of the by-law by the Clerk 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

10. Confirmatory By-law

- 10.1 Confirmatory By-law

Resolution # 81-15

Moved By Councillor Leahy
Seconded By Councillor Emm

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 18, 2016, and that the Mayor and the Clerk sign the same and the Seal of the Corporation be thereto affixed.

Carried

11. Adjournment

11.1 Motion to Adjourn

Resolution # 82-15

Moved By Councillor Drumm
Seconded By Councillor Emm

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

Don Mitchell, Mayor