



Special Council Minutes

December 1, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
Regal Room, Centennial Building
416 Centre Street South

Present: Mayor Roy
Councillor Bozinovski
Councillor Cardwell
Councillor Leahy (arrived at 9:49 a.m.)
Councillor Lee
Councillor Lundquist
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Yamada (arrived at 9:39 a.m.)

Also Present: M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives
J. Long, Head of Organizational Effectiveness
J. Romano, Commissioner of Community Services
F. Santaguida, Commissioner of Legal and Enforcement Services/Town Solicitor
F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer
R. Saunders, Commissioner of Planning and Development
D. Speed, Head of Operations & Fire Chief
C. Harris, Town Clerk
K. Douglas, Legislative Specialist (Recording Secretary)

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1. Call to Order: The Mayor
The meeting began at 9:30 a.m.
 2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest
There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.
 3. Orientation
 - 3.1 Orientation

F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer, and A. McCollough, Director of Finance/Deputy Treasurer, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Town's finances. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the financial planning framework;
- an overview of the Operating and Capital Budgets;
- the importance of maintaining service levels and meeting growth-related demands;
- municipal property tax and other sources of funding including user charges from recreation programs, licensing fees, funding from other levels of government and investment income;
- the provincewide MPAC property re-assessment;
- a comparison of Durham Lakeshore Municipality property taxes;
- service level examples and the impact of budget decisions on resident satisfaction;
- an overview of the 2023 budget and next steps, including public engagement via the Citizen Budget Survey;
- an overview of the Town's Development Charges; and,
- debt financing and the potential impact on property taxes.

It was the consensus of Council to recess for lunch at 12:15 p.m. Council reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives and L. Brant, Manager, Organizational Development provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding strategic planning and setting Council priorities. Highlights of the presentation included:

- an overview of the Town's Community Strategic Plan and its evolution since 2002;
- the mission, vision, and core values of the 2019-2022 Corporate Strategic Plan;
- strategic priorities, including people, organization, and customer;
- a summary of staff feedback on the Corporate Strategic Plan;

- transferring priorities from the Corporate Strategic Plan to Community Strategic Plan;
- a timeline for developing the 2023-2026 Whitby Community Strategic Plan led by the project steering committee;
- the goals and objectives of building a Community Strategic Plan, beginning with a focus on the vision and strategic priorities; and,
- next steps in developing the 2023-2026 Whitby Community Strategic Plan.

Members of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee led Council and staff in a strategic priorities identification and brainstorming exercise.

4. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Councillor Yamada

Seconded by Councillor Bozinovski

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

Elizabeth Roy, Mayor