

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION
OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012 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

Councillor Coe
Councillor Drumm
Councillor Emm
Councillor Hanson
Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Montague
Councillor Roy

Mayor Perkins in the Chair

STAFF PRESENT: R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Beale, Commissioner of Public Works
M. Gerrard, Fire Chief
P. LeBel, Commissioner of Community & Marketing Services
K. Nix, Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer
S. Pohjola, Town Solicitor
R. Short, Commissioner of Planning
D. Wilcox, Town Clerk
M. Pettit, Deputy Clerk

Mayor Perkins advised the audience that the intent of this meeting was to receive a staff presentation and public submissions with respect to the 2012 current and capital budgets.

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Drumm made a declaration of interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* with respect to the 2012 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 any discussion on these matters.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-12

MOVED by Councillor Emm
Seconded by Councillor Mitchell

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

CARRIED

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Councillor Roy assumed the Chair and introduced R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer, who would be providing a powerpoint presentation of the 2012 budget.

2. PRESENTATION

2.1 Presentation of 2012 Current and Capital Budgets

R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a detailed overview of the 2012 Current and Capital budget with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

2.2 Public Submissions

Councillor Roy, Chair of Treasury Services advised the audience that Town staff would make every effort to answer any questions from the public and that if the answers were not available immediately at the meeting, staff would follow up with them individually.

The meeting was opened to the public for comments.

A Whitby resident appeared before Committee of the Whole and enquired why a tax increase was required and whether the Town could reduce this to zero by cutting services in order to achieve it. The resident commented that residents had to deal with inflation on a personal level without any increases in pay and felt that the Town should be doing the same. R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that the community determines the wants and needs that they would like to have delivered and that generally the indication is for more not less services to be provided.

Bill Caukwell, Rosedale Drive, appeared before Committee of the Whole and enquired what the amount of surplus was from 2011 and would Council consider putting this toward reducing taxes. R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that the surplus in 2011 was \$1.583 million and that Town policy dictates that this amount be put into reserve funds to be used to fund one-time projects. Mr. Caukwell enquired about a recent Council decision on the replacement of Town Hall, specifically in regard to whether to expand or rebuild and enquired where the funds for such a project would come from. R. Petrie advised that a consultant would be retained to assist in the determination and that the final decision on whether to expand the existing building or to build a new one would be part of a public process.

Bill Irwin, 61 Prentice Drive, appeared before Committee of the Whole and sought clarification on development charges noting that a substantial

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amount of these are built up from tax levies but when they are spent they are not used.

There were no further public submissions. Councillor Roy advised the audience that residents can still provide comments by sending them to the Town Clerk or the Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer.

A question and answer period ensued specifically in regard to the cost for Winter Control Services and Contracted Work noted in the Detail Report binders and the desire to have this figure reflected as close to the real actual as possible by the budget adoption date.

MOVED by Councillor Coe

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

CARRIED

Mayor Perkins resumed the Chair and reminded members of the public that the meeting to review and adopt the 2012 Budget would be held on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers and advised that those who wish to speak at the meeting are encouraged to register as a delegation with the Town Clerk.

3. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12

MOVED by Councillor Roy seconded by Councillor Hanson 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 January 26, 2012, 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

4. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 24-12

MOVED by Councillor Emm
Seconded by Councillor Montague

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

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The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Debi A. Wilcox, Town Clerk

Patricia Perkins, Mayor