

Present: Mayor Mitchell
Councillor Alexander
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Newman
Councillor Roy (arrived at 5:32 p.m.)
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Yamada

Also Present: M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Beale, Commissioner of Public Works
H. Ellis, Executive Advisor to the Mayor
P. LeBel, Commissioner of Community and 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
L. MacDougall, Temporary Legislative Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: None noted

1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

- 1.1 Councillor Alexander declared a pecuniary interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act regarding Item 4.1, CS 17-19, Recommended 2019 Operating and Capital Budget, with respect to budget items related to facilities, as she has a family member who is employed as a Foreman of Facilities.
- 1.2 Councillor Mulcahy declared a pecuniary interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act regarding Item 4.1, CS 17-19, Recommended 2019 Operating and Capital Budget, with respect to the decision item

regarding the Town Page in Community Newspapers, as she owns a newspaper in the Town of Whitby.

2. Presentations

2.1 Opening remarks by Councillor Leahy, Chair of Finance

Councillor Leahy, Chair of Finance, provided opening remarks regarding the 2019 Budget, acknowledging the public for their input into the process and Town Staff for their efforts.

Moved By Mayor Mitchell

Seconded By Councillor Newman

That Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole.

Carried

3. Delegations

3.1 There were no delegations.

4. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets

4.1 Corporate Services Department Report, CS 17-19
Re: Recommended 2019 Operating and Capital Budget

A detailed question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff regarding:

- the status, timelines and possibility of expediting the mid-block arterial road project as well as its importance in alleviating traffic congestion and providing access to the future Brooklin Sports Complex;
- the use of billboards by other municipalities as a method of advertising snowplowing and parking restrictions;
- investigating opportunities for additional methods of advertising in conjunction with advertising in the Town Page;
- the status of the Brooklin Deferred Growth Area and the timeline associated with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal hearing; and,
- the Town's financial contribution toward the expansion of Durham College and direction to staff to circulate and request support from the Region of Durham as well as other municipalities within the Region of Durham.

Moved By Mayor Mitchell

1. That the proposed 2019 operating budget in the amount of \$132,969,485 be approved with a tax levy of \$91,840,052;
2. That the proposed 2019 capital budgeted expenditures and financing sources in the amount of \$44,021,280 including \$540,000 of debt financing for the capital projects outlined on page 227, be approved;
3. That in accordance with s.s. 5(1) of the Development Charges Act, and S. 5 of Ontario Regulation 82/98, it is Council's clear intention that any excess capacity provided by any of the capital projects will be paid for by future development charges;
4. That any donations, grants or subsidies applied in the 2019 capital program to projects with development charges funding are to offset the non-growth related costs of those projects;
5. That the 2020 to 2028 capital forecast in the amount of \$478,177,850 be received for information and subject to future annual reviews as part of the capital budget process;
6. That the transfers to and from reserves and reserve funds as identified on pages 117 to 118 of the 2019 Proposed Budget be approved; and,
7. That following Council's endorsement of the Corporate Strategic Plan, staff bring forward the 2020 Business Plan and Budget Process and Calendar.

Carried later in the meeting [See following motions]

Moved By Mayor Mitchell

That the main motion be amended by adding the following as Item 3 and that the remaining items be renumbered accordingly:

3. That the Town of Whitby provide Durham College with \$1,000,000 over 5 years as a contribution to the expansion of the Whitby Campus and that the Treasurer be directed to report back to Council to identify the funding source and timing of payments.

Carried

Moved By Mayor Mitchell

That the main motion be amended by adding the following as Item 4 and that the remaining items be renumbered accordingly:

4. That the property tax rebate for low income seniors and disabled property owners be increased from \$300 to \$400 per year and that the

Treasurer be directed to report back on opportunities to fund the increase without an impact to the tax levy.

Carried

The main motion, as amended, was then carried as follows, save and except items related to facilities:

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2. That the proposed 2019 capital budgeted expenditures and financing sources in the amount of \$44,021,280 including \$540,000 of debt financing for the capital projects outlined on page 227, be approved;
3. That the Town of Whitby provide Durham College with \$1,000,000 over 5 years as a contribution to the expansion of the Whitby Campus and that the Treasurer be directed to report back to Council to identify the funding source and timing of payments;
4. That the property tax rebate for low income seniors and disabled property owners be increased from \$300 to \$400 per year and that the Treasurer be directed to report back on opportunities to fund the increase without an impact to the tax levy;
5. That in accordance with s.s. 5(1) of the Development Charges Act, and S. 5 of Ontario Regulation 82/98, it is Council's clear intention that any excess capacity provided by any of the capital projects will be paid for by future development charges;
6. That any donations, grants or subsidies applied in the 2019 capital program to projects with development charges funding are to offset the non-growth related costs of those projects;
7. That the 2020 to 2028 capital forecast in the amount of \$478,177,850 be received for information and subject to future annual reviews as part of the capital budget process;
8. That the transfers to and from reserves and reserve funds as identified on pages 117 to 118 of the 2019 Proposed Budget be approved; and,
9. That following Council's endorsement of the Corporate Strategic Plan, staff bring forward the 2020 Business Plan and Budget Process and Calendar.

Carried

Having previously declared a conflict of interest, Councillor Alexander did not take part in the discussion or vote on matters pertaining to

facilities within the Town of Whitby.

Moved By Councillor Lee

That the budget items related to facilities be approved.

Carried

Having previously declared a Conflict of Interest, Councillor Mulcahy did not take part in the discussion or vote on matters pertaining to the budget decision item related to the Town Page in Community Newspapers.

Moved By Councillor Roy

That in addition to the approval of Decision Item #7, Reinstatement of the Town Page in Community Newspapers, that Staff be directed to explore other advertising opportunities for the Town Page.

Carried

5. Rise and Ratify the Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole

5.1 Rise and Ratify the Recommendations from Committee of the Whole

Mayor Mitchell resumed the Chair.

Resolution # 44-18

Moved By Councillor Newman

Seconded By Councillor Alexander

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

Carried

6. By-law to Adopt the Budgets

6.1 By-law # 7486-19, being a by-law to adopt the 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Resolution # 45-18

Moved By Councillor Leahy
Seconded By Councillor Lee

That leave be granted to introduce By-law # 7486-19 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

7. Adjournment

7.1 Motion to Adjourn

Moved By Councillor Mulcahy
Seconded By Councillor Leahy

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

Don Mitchell, Mayor