

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF  
THE TOWN OF WHITBY HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010 AT THE HOUR OF 7:00  
P.M. IN THE MEETING HALL OF THE WHITBY MUNICIPAL BUILDING AS CALLED BY THE  
HEAD OF COUNCIL

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PRESENT: Mayor Perkins

Councillors Coe, Drumm, Emm, Mitchell, Pitchforth, Roy and Scott

Mayor Perkins in the Chair

STAFF PRESENT: R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Beale, Director of Public Works  
M. Gerrard, Fire Chief  
P. LeBel, Director of Community & Marketing Services  
K. Nix, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer  
S. Pohjola, Acting Manager of Human Resource Services/Town Solicitor  
R. Short, Director of Planning  
D. Wilcox, Town Clerk  
S. Stones, Clerk/Stenographer

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Drumm made a declaration of interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* with respect to the 2010 Current and Capital budgets concerning the Whitby Public Library as he has a family member employed by the Whitby Public Library. Councillor Drumm did not take part in the discussion or vote on the matter.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-10

MOVED by Councillor Drumm  
Seconded by Councillor Emm

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

CARRIED

Councillor Pitchforth assumed the Chair and advised the audience that the intent for this meeting was to receive a staff presentation and public submissions with respect to the 2010 current and capital budgets.

2. PRESENTATION

2.1 Presentation of 2010 Current and Capital Budgets

Robert Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a brief introduction and overview of the 2010 Current and Capital budgets. Ken Nix, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer provided a detailed overview of the 2010 Current and Capital budget with the aid of a powerpoint presentation.

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2.2 Public Submissions

Eleanor Ridout, 19 Woodstone Place, appeared before Committee and questioned why the operating budget was higher than last year and further, why there is a provision for new staff if existing service levels will be maintained. She expressed concern with increasing the budget in a fragile economy.

Paul Rolland, a listed delegate, was not present.

Edward Vikari, 54 Markwood Crescent, appeared before Committee and reviewed a list of his concerns regarding the budget, stating he believed the Town of Whitby needed to do its best to lower the tax rate. A copy of his presentation was provided to members of Council and staff for review and follow-up.

Moe Pringle, 927 Harding Street, appeared before Committee in his role as Chair of Downtown Whitby Development Steering Committee (DWDSC). Mr. Pringle outlined the concerns of the DWDSC, specifically an increase in downtown investment. The DWDSC suggested programs be considered for inclusion in the 2010 budget including a building restoration and improvement grant/loan program, a rehabilitation grant, building permit equivalent grant and development charge exemptions. A copy of his presentation was provided to members of Council and staff for review and follow-up.

MOVED by Mayor Perkins

That Council in Committee of the Whole take a five-minute recess.

CARRIED

Council in Committee of the Whole resumed at 9:15 p.m.

Peter Benedek of Authorized Whitby Sewing Machine & Manufacturers Repair Depot, 111 Dundas St. W, appeared before Committee and advised that he appreciated the efforts that go into the downtown area. He stated the service provided by merchants is very honest and he appreciated the opportunity to speak before Council. He also advised that retailers are struggling to generate incomes for themselves.

Patrick Quinton-Brown, 68 Silverbirch Place, representing the Whitby Youth Council, appeared before Committee and thanked Council for its ongoing support of youth services in Whitby, as reflected in the proposed 2010 Operating and Capital Budgets.

A question and answer period ensued.

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MOVED by Councillor Drumm  
Seconded by Councillor Emm

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

CARRIED

3. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 89-10

MOVED by Councillor Emm  
Seconded by Councillor Drumm

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Debi A. Wilcox, Clerk

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Patricia Perkins, Mayor