

Special Council Minutes
December 10, 2018 - 8:30 AM
Regal Room
Centennial Building
416 Centre Street South

Present: Mayor Mitchell
Councillor Alexander
Councillor Leahy (arrived at 10:01 a.m.)
Councillor Lee
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Newman
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Yamada (arrived at 8:40 a.m.)

Also Present: M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Beale, Commissioner of Public Works
H. Ellis, Executive Advisor to the Mayor
R. Jessup, Chief Executive Officer, Whitby Public Library
P. LeBel, Commissioner of Community & Marketing Services
J. Long, Head of Human Resources
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

Regrets: Councillor Roy

The meeting began at 8:34 a.m.

1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest
2. Orientation

- 2.1** M. Fenn, Senior Advisor, Strategy Corp, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding elements of municipal good governance. Highlights of the presentation included:
 - positive dynamics and issues within Council, Council Staff relations and the role of Council versus the role of Staff as well as the role of public servants;
 - the five corporate resources: “shared” by Council and Staff,

including money, vision, execution capacity, time and political capital; and,

- Top 10 Tips for Good Council-Staff Relations.

Members of Council engaged in speed rounds whereby they met individually with senior management staff and received departmental overviews.

K. Nix, Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Town's finances. Highlights of the presentation included:

- 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;
- an overview of the Operating and Capital Budgets;
- the Town's current financial position and long range financial forecast;
- challenges associated with inflationary costs and the cost of growth;
- the Asset Management Program; and,
- a break down on how property taxes are used and how Whitby's property taxes compare with other municipalities as well as a comparison to other 2018 budget increases.

M. McDonnell Manager of Sustainability, Heritage, Downtowns and Community Development, facilitated a walking tour of Downtown Whitby, highlighting recent public and private sector investments.

3. Adjournment

3.1 Motion to Adjourn

Moved By Councillor Leahy
Seconded By Councillor Newman

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

Don Mitchell, Mayor