

SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES
February 6, 2013 -7:00 pm
Council Chambers
Whitby Municipal Building

Present: Mayor Perkins
Councillor Coe
Councillor Drumm
Councillor Emm
Councillor Hanson
Councillor Mitchell
Councillor Montague
Councillor Roy

Also Present: R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer
M. Gerrard, Fire Chief
P. LeBel, Commissioner of Community & Marketing Services
K. Nix, Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer
R. Short, Commissioner of Planning
B. Rice, Manager of Building and By-Law Services
D. Wilcox, Town Clerk
L. Doughty, Deputy Clerk

Regrets: None noted

1. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

- 1.1 Councillor Drumm made a declaration of pecuniary interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act specific to items relating to the Town of Whitby Public Library and Iroquois Park Sports Centre as family are employed at these locations as well as to page 412 of the budget relating to road resurfacing. Councillor Drumm did not participate in the discussion on these matters.
- 1.2 Mayor Perkins made a declaration of pecuniary interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act specific to Whitby Hydro as a member her family is employed there in customer service. Mayor Perkins did not participate in the discussion on the matter.
- 1.3 Councillor Emm made a declaration of pecuniary interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act specific to page 412 of the capital budget relating to Byron Street North Road Resurfacing. Councillor

Emm did not participate in the discussion on the matter.

Resolution No. 37-13

Moved By Councillor Coe
Moved By Councillor Emm

That Council move into Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2.1 Presentation by the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner, Corporate Services/Treasurer with respect to the 2013 Current and Capital Budget

With the aid of a powerpoint presentation, R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a detailed overview of the 2013 Budget noting that to be a community of choice requires the Town to the address community needs; provide competitive taxes; and live within our means. Mr. Petrie outlined the current tax base noting Whitby is in middle comparison to other Durham Region municipalities.

Mr. Petrie highlighted the budget challenges for 2013 including maintenance of existing services, new initiatives, legislative requirements and the challenges of our current economy. The budget focuses on maintaining core services, preserving Town assets and providing for future growth. This is summarized as a \$2.144 million dollar or 3.2% net tax increase. Mr. Petrie outlined a number of strategies to be considered to reduce the budget impact including transfer of funds from maintenance reserves; gapping; use of retirement reserves and savings from vacant positions. Based on these factors the average home will see a 2.17% increase in taxes.

Mr. Petrie advised that several resolutions will be presented to Council at the final budget meeting scheduled for February 21, 2013.

2.2 Public submissions with respect to the 2013 Current and Capital Budget

The following individuals made delegations regarding the 2013 Current and Capital Budget:

Andrea Kelly, Montgomery Avenue, Brooklin, made a delegation regarding possible cost savings relating to Town owned fences; and economic initiatives to encourage new businesses to locate in Whitby.

Vera Felgemacher, 209 John Street West, Whitby, made a delegation regarding the budget and possible revenue generating through home based businesses.

At this time Councillor Montague, Councillor Hanson and Mayor Perkins made declarations of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act relating to home based business.

Dereck Reinsma, Whitby resident, made a delegation regarding the budget; current state of the economy and the need to find more efficiencies within municipal services.

Trish McAuliffe, 23 Tamarisk Street, Whitby, made a delegation regarding the budget regarding the need for municipal discussion with other levels of government regarding uploading of services.

Resolution No. 38-13

Moved By Councillor Drumm

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

CARRIED

3. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

3.1 Confirmatory By-law No. 6694-13

Mayor Perkins thanked staff for their work on the budget and outlined the next steps in the budget process.

Resolution No. 39-13

Moved By Councillor Roy

Seconded by Councillor Mitchell

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 February 6, 2013 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

4.1 Motion to Adjourn

Resolution No. 40-13

Moved By Councillor Coe
Seconded by Councillor Montague

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Debi A. Wilcox, Town Clerk

Patricia Perkins, Mayor