

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY COMMENCED ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008 AT THE HOUR OF 6:00 P.M. IN THE MEETING HALL OF THE WHITBY MUNICIPAL BUILDING AS CALLED BY THE HEAD OF COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE 2008 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

PRESENT: Mayor Perkins

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

Mayor Perkins in the Chair

ALSO PRESENT: K.R. Nix, Acting CAO/Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
P. LeBel, Director of Community & Marketing Services
B. Short, Director of Planning
S. Beale, Director of Public Works
K. MacCarl, Fire Chief
S. Pohjola, Town Solicitor
N. Tellis, Manager of Treasury Services
I. Ross, CEO & Chief Librarian, Whitby Public Library
M. Frenette, Support Services Manager, Whitby Public Library
D. Raetsen-Kemp, Executive Director, Station Gallery
C. Tunney, Chair, Board of Directors, Station Gallery
A. McCullough, Financial Analyst
D. Munns, Financial Analyst
S. Serrao, Financial Analyst
S. Mazer, Application Development Analyst
G. Cudmore, Manager of Information Systems
D. Gibson, Supervisor of Network Services
C. Wilson, Supervisor of Application Services
B. Galbraith, Superintendant of Operations
M. Pettit, Deputy Clerk
S. Cassel, Clerk Stenographer

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Drumm disclosed a pecuniary interest with respect to the draft 2008 operating budget dealing with the Whitby Public Library. Councillor Drumm advised that a member of his family was employed at the Whitby Public Library.

Councillor Coe advised that he works for the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat which is part of the Ministry of Culture. The Ministry is responsible for library policy and grant funding. As a result, Councillor Coe advised he would not be participating in discussions or voting related to libraries.

Councillor Roy declared a pecuniary interest with respect to discussions pertaining to Lakeridge Health Whitby as she is a team member at Lakeridge Health.

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2. 2008 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLUTION NO. 98-08

Moved by Councillor Emm
Seconded by Councillor Roy

That the Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole with Councillor Pitchforth, Chair of Treasury Services, in the Chair for the purpose of considering the draft 2008 operating and capital budgets.

CARRIED

Councillor Pitchforth in the Chair.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Ken Nix, presented a letter of transmittal and laid the draft 2008 operating and capital budgets before Council for its consideration.

Councillor Pitchforth, Budget Chair provided some opening comments outlining the highlights of the 2008 budget process.

(1) Presentations (began 6:18 p.m.)

(i) David Murray – By-law 5814-06 Treasury Department Fees By-law

Mr. Murray was called upon but was not present to speak at the meeting.

(ii) Vic Perroni – Completion of the reconstruction of Perry Street

Mr. Perroni appeared before Committee and asked that the reconstruction of Perry Street be given top priority in 2008 as the street required extensive remediation. Mr. Perroni provided pictures of the street for Committee members to view.

(iii) Karin Martens, President, Humane Society of Durham Region – Seeking Town's Support

Karin Martens, President, Humane Society of Durham Region appeared before Committee and asked that consideration be given to donating Town-owned lands in order to build a new shelter with proper facilities. Ms. Martens advised that any kind of donation would assist the Humane Society in their efforts.

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2. (Continued)

At 6:40 p.m. Chair Pitchforth called again for Mr. David Murray who was not in the audience. Chair Pitchforth invited any other members of the public to comment on the budget. There were no further public submissions.

Council deliberated over the draft budgets.

(2) Review of the 2008 Operating and Capital Budget

(i) Moved by Councillor Emm 8:11 p.m.

That Council in Committee of the Whole recess for ten minutes.

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

(ii) Moved by Councillor Drumm 9:38 p.m.

That Council in Committee of the Whole recess for ten minutes.

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

(iii) Moved by Councillor Emm

That the position of Project Manager remain in the draft operating budget.

CARRIED

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Councillors Drumm and Coe did not take part in the discussion or voting on the following item.

(iv) Moved by Councillor Mitchell

That the Main Branch of the Whitby Public Library, located at 405 Dundas Street West, be open ten extra Sundays in the calendar year.

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2. (Continued)

(v) Moved by Councillor Roy

That the funds identified in the draft operating budget for Corporate Development Governance in the amount of \$400,000 be put toward reducing the tax rate.

MOTION LOST

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Councillor Roy did not take part in the discussion or voting on the following item.

(vi) Moved by Mayor Perkins

That the funds identified for the dialysis machines for Lakeridge Health Whitby remain in the Town's bank account and not be dispersed until the hospital has re-opened.

CARRIED

(vii) Moved by Councillor Coe

That the position of Accessibility Co-ordinator be added to the Town staff complement and that staff investigate the use of sharing the Regional resources.

CARRIED

(viii) Moved by Councillor Drumm

That \$25,000 be provided for each of the Downtown Business Services and the Downtown Business Development funds identified, but unfunded, in the draft operating budget (\$50,000 in total).

MOTION WITHDRAWN
ON UNANIMOUS VOTE

(ix) Moved by Councillor Scott

That the identified reduction in aquatics salaries be used to fund the position of the Research and Program Co-ordinator.

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2. (Continued)

- (x) Moved by Councillor Mitchell

That Council in Committee of the Whole meet past 11:00 p.m.

CARRIED

- (xi) Moved by Councillor Scott

That \$15,000 be reallocated from other Community & Marketing Services capital projects to Windsor Bay Park in addition to the \$15,000 already in the 2008 budget for a total amount of \$30,000.

CARRIED

- (xii) Moved by Councillor Drumm

That \$9,600 be added to the operating budget to fund the cost of maintenance for hanging baskets in downtown Whitby.

MOTION LOST

- (xiii) Moved by Councillor Coe 11:13 p.m.

That Council in Committee of the Whole recess for a quick break.

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole reconvened at 11:20 p.m.

- (xiv) Moved by Councillor Drumm

That the Treasurer be instructed to utilize all revenues, reserves and/or reserve funds as are required to achieve a rate increase for Town purposes of 7.3%.

MOTION LOST

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2. (Continued)

(xv) Moved by Councillor Emm

That Council in Committee of the Whole meet past 12:00 midnight.

CARRIED

(xvi) Moved by Councillor Roy

That the Treasurer be instructed to utilize all revenues, reserves and/or reserve funds as are required to achieve a rate increase for Town purposes of 5.9%.

MOTION LOST
ON A TIE VOTE

(xvii) Moved by Councillor Mitchell

1. That the Treasurer be instructed to utilize all revenues, reserves and/or reserve funds as are required to achieve a rate increase for Town purposes of 6.6%; and,
2. That the Treasurer report back to Council and advise as to the funds utilized.

CARRIED

(xviii) Moved by Councillor Drumm

That Committee recommend the draft 2008 operating budget as amended and the draft 2008 capital budget as amended to Council.

CARRIED

(xix) Moved by Councillor Drumm

That Committee of the Whole rise and report to Council.

CARRIED

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3. 2008 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET – IN COUNCIL

Mayor Perkins in the Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 99-08

Moved by Councillor Pitchforth
Seconded by Councillor Drumm

That the draft 2008 operating budget as amended and recommended by Committee of the Whole and the draft 2008 capital budget as amended and recommended by Committee of the Whole, be and are hereby adopted as the Town of Whitby operating and capital budgets for the year 2008.

CARRIED ON A RECORDED
VOTE AS FOLLOWS

YEAS

Councillor Drumm
Councillor Emm
Councillor Mitchell
Councillor Pitchforth
Mayor Perkins

NAYS

Councillor Coe
Councillor Roy
Councillor Scott

4. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW NO. 6045-08

RESOLUTION NO. 100-08

Councillor Pitchforth, seconded by Councillor Drumm, moved for leave to introduce a by-law and to dispense with the readings of the by-law by the Clerk to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Whitby at a special meeting commencing on March 19, 2008 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.

By-law No. 6045-08 considered read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

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5. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 101-08

Moved by Councillor Drumm at 12:18 a.m. (March 20, 2008)
Seconded by Councillor Pitchforth

That this Special Meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitby which commenced on March 19, 2008 adjourn.

CARRIED

Martha A. Pettit, Deputy Clerk

Patricia Perkins, Mayor

Council Approved 2008 Budget

Beginning Tax Rate Increase Council Approved Tax Rate Increase

7.20%

6.60%

Dept	Description	2008 Amount	Rate impact	Accumulated Reduction	Potential Tax Rate
1 CMS	Recreation - Aquatics reduced salaries Research and Program Coordinator	-42,405	-0.08%	-0.08%	7.12%
2 CMS	position	43,500	0.09%	0.00%	7.20%
3 Grants	Library - Additional 10 Sundays	14,800	0.03%	0.03%	7.23%
4 Planning	Accessibility Coordinator	36,200	0.07%	0.10%	7.30%
5 Rev/Exp	revenue from other sources to achieve 6.6% tax rate increase	-356,826	-0.70%	-0.60%	6.60%