

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY COMMENCED ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009 AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 P.M. IN THE MEETING HALL OF THE WHITBY MUNICIPAL BUILDING AS CALLED BY THE HEAD OF COUNCIL TO CONSIDER AND POTENTIALLY ADOPT THE 2009 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

PRESENT: Mayor Perkins

Councillors Emm, Coe, Drumm, Mitchell, Pitchforth,
Roy (arrived at 6:46 p.m.) and Scott

Mayor Perkins in the Chair

ALSO PRESENT: B. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer
K. R. Nix, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
D. Armstrong, Acting Fire Chief
P.G. LeBel, Director of Community and Marketing Services
S. Beale, Director of Public Works
B. Short, Director of Planning
S. Pohjola, Town Solicitor/Acting Manager of Human Resources
G. Cudmore, Manager of Information Systems
D. Gibson, Supervisor of Network Services
C. Wilson, Supervisor of Application Services
I. Ross, CEO & Chief Librarian, Whitby Public Library
M. Frenette, Support Services Manager, Whitby Public Library
A. McCullough, Financial Analyst
S. Serrao, Financial Analyst
J. Battersby, Supervisor of Revenue
P. Jones, Town Clerk
M. Pettit, Deputy Clerk

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Drumm noted that his daughter is an employee of the Whitby Public Library and he, therefore, has a pecuniary interest in matters relating to the library.

Councillor Mitchell noted that Pioneer Cemetery is within close proximity to his home residence and he, therefore, has a pecuniary interest in matters relating to Pioneer Cemetery.

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2. 2009 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLUTION NO. 77-09

MOVED by Councillor Emm
Seconded by Councillor Coe

That 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 2009 operating and capital budgets.

CARRIED

Councillor Pitchforth in the Chair.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Chief Administrative Officer, Bob Petrie, presented a letter of transmittal and laid the draft 2009 operating and capital budgets before Council for its consideration.

Councillor Pitchforth, Budget Chair provided some opening comments outlining the highlights of the 2009 budget process.

(1) Presentations

(i) Eleanor Ridout, 19 Woodstone Place, Whitby

Ms. Ridout appeared before Committee and requested that there be no increase in taxes this year citing concerns about the downturn in the economy and the need for staff and Council to be more frugal and remove all non-essential projects from consideration.

(ii) Dan McCarroll, 6 Briargreen Court, Whitby

Mr. McCarroll appeared before Committee and enquired about the future of Cullen Gardens citing concerns for the delay in reporting on this issue. Mr. McCarroll also cited concerns about the sharing of mechanics between Whitby and Scugog and wondered at the equity and compensation for Whitby citizens in regard to this arrangement.

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2. (continued)

(iii) Greg Weatherdon, 6 Rutledge Street, Whitby

Mr. Weatherdon appeared before Committee and cited concerns about the proposed increase in taxes and noted specific instances within the Operations budget where increases seemed unusually high. Mr. Weatherdon urged Council members to reduce taxes by only considering essential projects and that all non-essential items be deleted from the budget.

(iv) Moe Pringle, Chair, Downtown Whitby Development Steering Committee (DWDSC)

It was noted that Mr. Pringle would not be able to attend until later in the evening. Committee members agreed to hear Mr. Pringle when he arrived.

There were no further public submissions.

Committee deliberated over the draft budgets.

(2) Review of the 2009 Operating and Capital Budgets

Consideration of Pioneer Cemetery

Councillor Mitchell having previously declared a pecuniary interest in this item left the Meeting Hall and did not participate in the discussion or voting on this item.

(i) MOVED by Councillor Emm

That the Pioneer Cemetery Capital project in the amount of \$25,000 be deleted from the 2009 Capital budget and the money instead be allocated for paving the parking lot at the Whitby Seniors Activity Centre.

CARRIED

Councillor Mitchell was invited and did return to the Meeting Hall.

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2. (continued)

Consideration of Groveside Cemetery

(ii) MOVED by Councillor Scott

That the Groveside Cemetery Capital project in the amount of \$64,355 be deleted from the 2009 Capital budget and the money instead be allocated for paving the parking lot at the Whitby Seniors Activity Centre.

CARRIED

(iii) MOVED by Mayor Perkins

That the deletion of line items be deferred until the end of the budget review and that all proposed deletions be held in abeyance until that time.

LOST

It was noted that Mr. Pringle had arrived at the meeting and he was invited to appear before Committee at this time. (8:19 p.m.)

Moe Pringle, Chair, DWDSC

Mr. Pringle appeared before Committee and urged that Council approve the IBI Group Consultant's recommendations for significant investment in the downtown area including a façade grant program.

(iv) MOVED by Councillor Emm at 9:22 p.m.

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

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole reconvened at 9:37 p.m.

(v) MOVED by Councillor Drumm

That \$6,500 be added to the 2009 operating budget for Special Events in order to cover the services of EMS and police services for both Brooklin and Downtown events.

LOST

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2. (continued)

(vi) MOVED by Councillor Drumm

That \$7,000 be reallocated from the various Community & Marketing Services Special Events noted on page 170 of the draft operating budget document to the Communities in Bloom account in order that it be used in 2011 for this event.

CARRIED

(vii) MOVED by Councillor Emm

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

CARRIED

(viii) MOVED by Councillor Emm

That Council in Committee of the Whole meet past 11:30 p.m.

CARRIED ON A
TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY
VOTE

(ix) MOVED by Councillor Mitchell

That one part-time Parking Enforcement Officer position be converted to full time and added to the Town staff complement, the cost of which is to be offset by projected fine revenues resulting in no net change to the 2009 operating budget.

CARRIED

(x) MOVED by Councillor Mitchell

That one full-time mechanic's position be added to the Town staff complement, the cost of which is to be offset by decreased overtime and other costs or increased revenues resulting in no net change to the 2009 operating budget.

CARRIED

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2. (continued)

(xi) MOVED by Councillor Mitchell

1. That the Treasurer report back after June and October 2009 with a budget projection status report by Department in a format similar to that of Regional Finance; and
2. That any savings identified in the June budget status report be allocated to firstly, fund the \$60,000 balance required for the Whitby Senior's Activity Centre parking lot; and, secondly, fund the \$64,000 required to complete the road paving at Groveside Cemetery.

CARRIED

(xii) MOVED by Councillor Scott

That Committee recommend adoption by Council of the draft 2009 operating budget, as amended in Committee, and the draft 2009 capital budget, as amended in Committee, including the two staff position changes identified, save and except the 2009 operating and capital budgets related to the Whitby Public Library and the Pioneer Cemetery Capital Project in the amount of \$25,000 and the Treasurer be instructed to make adjustments to the draft budgets and do all things necessary to achieve a tax rate increase of 2.9% for Town own purposes.

CARRIED

(xiii) MOVED by Councillor Emm

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

CARRIED

3. 2009 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS – IN COUNCIL

Mayor Perkins in the Chair

Councillor Mitchell having declared a pecuniary interest in regard to the following item did not vote or take part in any discussion.

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3. (continued)

RESOLUTION NO. 78-09

MOVED by Councillor Emm
Seconded by Councillor Drumm

- (i) That the Pioneer Cemetery Capital project in the amount of \$25,000 be deleted from the 2009 Capital budget and the money instead be allocated for paving the parking lot at the Whitby Seniors Activity Centre.

CARRIED

Councillor Drumm having declared a pecuniary interest in matters relating to the library did not vote or take part in any discussion on the following item.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-09

MOVED by Councillor Emm
Seconded by Councillor Pitchforth

- (ii) That the draft 2009 operating and capital budgets related to the Whitby Public Library be approved by Council.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 80-09

MOVED by Councillor Emm
Seconded by Councillor Mitchell

That the draft 2009 operating budget, as amended and recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the draft 2009 capital budget, as amended and recommended by the Committee of the Whole, including the two staff position changes identified, be and are hereby adopted by Council, save and except the 2009 operating and capital budgets related to the Whitby Public Library and the Pioneer Cemetery Capital Project in the amount of \$25,000 both of which have been separately approved and the Treasurer be instructed to make adjustments to the budgets and do all things necessary to achieve a tax rate increase of 2.9%

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3. (continued)

for Town own purposes, it also being understood that the following capital projects are contingent upon the receipt of federal funding:

- the Brooklin Community Centre and Library Project;
- the new roof at the Iroquois Park Sports Centre; and,
- the new roof at Luther Vipond Arena.

CARRIED ON A RECORDED
VOTE AS FOLLOWS

YEAS

Councillor Coe
Councillor Drumm
Councillor Emm
Councillor Mitchell
Councillor Pitchforth
Councillor Roy
Councillor Scott

NAYS

Mayor Perkins

4. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 81-09

MOVED by Councillor Emm at 12:37 a.m. (March 11, 2009)
Seconded by Councillor Pitchforth

That this Special Meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitby which commenced on March 10, 2009 adjourn.

CARRIED

Paul Jones, Clerk

Patricia Perkins, Mayor