

**Present:** Mayor Mitchell  
Councillor Alexander  
Councillor Leahy  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Newman  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Yamada

**Also Present:** M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Beale, Commissioner of Public Works  
P. LeBel, Commissioner of Community & Marketing Services  
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  
L. MacDougall, Temporary Legislative Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:** None noted

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1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

1.1 There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

2. Presentations

2.1 K. Nix, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
Re: Long Range Financial Plan

K. Nix, Commissioner of Corporate Services, appeared before Council and provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Long Range Financial Plan. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the timeline associated with the development of the 2019 Budget through to its final approval;

- balancing and communicating what services could be delivered with the resources available;
- updating the Long Range Financial Plan annually to consider proposed service delivery and affordability;
- the internal and external challenges and potential risks impacting the Town's ability to continue to maintain financial sustainability and understanding the impact of decisions on the long term financial position of the Town;
- how the long range financial forecast was achieved and details pertaining to the ten-year growth forecast reduction;
- highlights of significant project changes including various road projects, facility projects and waterfront park projects;
- the long range financial forecast components including asset management contribution and asset management due to growth, the growth reserve contribution, operating costs increase for growth and inflation and revenue from growth;
- details regarding commitments made for the one time reserves;
- residential and non-residential development charges actual revenues versus projections;
- debt capacity and development charge debt;
- a comparison of the total residential taxes as a percentage of household income and property taxes for municipalities in the GTA;
- factors that influence financial sustainability and impact both the operating and capital costs including long term planning, strategic decisions about services, levels of service and infrastructure; and,
- immediate challenges including inflation, asset management and growth, the impact of previous decisions, staff resources, modernized technology and service delivery, and external influences, etc.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff regarding:

- the changes and/or reductions in capital projects;
- whether the Station Gallery Expansion Project was the same project as the Capital Campaign Project;
- the governing guidelines that would permit the Station Gallery expansion given that the Station Gallery operates as not-for-profit and whether it could be considered a community project;
- whether the Whitby Civic Centre Project and the Town Hall Renovation Project were the same project, the rationale for the change in the cost for the project and how it would be funded;
- the rationale for the timing change and the budget reduction for the Whitby North Sports Complex and when this item would be

- considered as part of the budget;
- providing costing and implications for the Whitby North Sports Complex with respect to both the smaller scale project and original project;
- clarification on the difference between the actual residential development charge collections versus the projections;
- the rationale for the City of Pickering's draft target budget increase of 2.2 % for 2019;
- whether the various road projects were included in the Development Charge Study and whether they would be predominantly funded through development charges with an additional debt component;
- staff providing information on the net costs for the various road projects and whether the costs would be extracted from the development charges should the roads not be constructed; and,
- staff providing information for budget consideration on the development charge, debt and operating components on all projects.

3. Adjournment

3.1 Motion to Adjourn

Moved By Councillor Shahid  
Seconded By Councillor Alexander

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

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Don Mitchell, Mayor