

Finance, Administration & Operations Committee

Tuesday, October 18, 2016
City Hall, Council Chambers

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Members:

Councillor J. Fullarton, Chair
Councillor J. Earle (late 4:35 pm)
Mayor D. Henderson, Ex-Officio

Absent:

Councillor J. Baker
Councillor T. Blanchard

Other Councillors:

Councillor P. Deery

Staff:

Ms. V. Baker, Clerk's Secretary (Recording Secretary)
Mr. B. Casselman, City Manager
Mr. C. Cosgrove, Director of Operations
Mr. D. Dick, Director of Corporate Services
Ms. S. MacDonald, City Clerk
Mr. P. Raabe, Director of Environmental Services

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:20 pm.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

DELEGATION(S) AND PRESENTATION(S)

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. What's Next Ontario?
(Associations of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO))

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

WHEREAS recent polling, conducted on behalf of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario indicates 76% of Ontarians are concerned or somewhat concerned property taxes will not cover the cost of infrastructure while maintaining municipal services, and 90% agree maintaining safe infrastructure is an important priority for their communities;

AND WHEREAS infrastructure and transit are identified by Ontarians as the biggest problems facing their municipal government;

AND WHEREAS a ten-year projection (2016-2025) of municipal expenditures against inflationary property tax and user fee increases, shows there to be an unfunded average annual need of \$3.6 billion to fix local infrastructure and provide for municipal operating needs;

AND WHEREAS the \$3.6 billion average annual need would equate to annual increases of 4.6% (including inflation) to province-wide property tax revenue for the next ten years;

AND WHEREAS this gap calculation also presumes all existing and multi-year planned federal and provincial transfers to municipal governments are fulfilled;

AND WHEREAS if future federal and provincial transfers are unfulfilled beyond 2015 levels, it would require annual province-wide property tax revenue increases of up to 8.35% for ten years;

AND WHEREAS Ontarians already pay the highest property taxes in the country;

AND WHEREAS each municipal government in Ontario faces unique issues, the fiscal health and needs are a challenge which unites all municipal governments, regardless of size;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in its work to identify the fiscal gap as a strategic priority; so that all municipalities can benefit from predictable and sustainable revenue, to finance the pressing infrastructure and municipal service needs faced by all municipal government.

CARRIED

Councillor Fullarton stated that she found the wording of the resolution quite vague and has reservations concerning it. She would not endorse anything that would give AMO carte blanche to move forward. She would like them to be more specific if they are asking for an endorsement.

Councillor Deery agreed with Councillor Fullarton on this matter.

Councillor Earle entered the meeting at 4:35 pm.

Mayor Henderson explained that the resolution was to ascertain if municipalities support AMO efforts to keep moving forward to find ways to close the fiscal gap.

STAFF REPORTS

1. 2016-134-10
Water & Wastewater Systems
Quarterly Report (July-Sept)

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT Report 2016-134-10 Water & Wastewater Systems Quarterly Report (July-Sept) be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

2. 2016-136-10
Winter Maintenance Policy Amendments

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT the following sections of the Policy for Winter Maintenance Operations be amended as outlined in the Analysis section of this report:

- Schedules B1 & B2 – Sidewalk Snow Clearing System

THAT all costs incurred due to the recommended changes be charged to the associated winter maintenance accounts.

CARRIED

3. 2016-138-10
Proposed Parking Restrictions
Kensington Parkway

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT parking be restricted on the east side of Kensington Parkway from Colonel Curry Drive to 32.0 metres south of Colonel Curry Drive; and

THAT parking be restricted on the east side of Kensington Parkway from Colonel Curry Drive to 41.0 metres north of Colonel Curry Drive; and

THAT Schedule "1" of Subsection 72 of By-law 119-89 be amended accordingly.

CARRIED

4. 2016-137-10
2016 Departmental Work Plans
Third Quarter Report

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council approve the 2016 Departmental Work Plans Third Quarter Report as outlined in Schedule 1, Report 2016-137-10.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

FAO - CONSENT AGENDA

THAT the following items be placed on the Consent Agenda:

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Third Quarter Report

The meeting recessed at 5:03 pm.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT pursuant to Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239, Sub. 2, (c), the Committee resolve itself into Closed Session to consider:

1. a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FROM CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT the FAO Committee rise from Closed Session and the Chairperson report that all recommendations adopted In Closed Session be adopted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT the Finance, Administration and Operations Committee adjourn its meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for November 15, 2016.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.