



**Budget Consultation Public Meeting**  
**February 21, 2019**  
**7:00 PM**

**Attendance:**

Councillor Amanda Collucci, Budget Chief	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Councillor Keith Irish	Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor
Councillor Andrew Keyes	Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Councillor Khalid Usman	Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services
Councillor Isa Lee	Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Councillor Karen Rea	Andrea Tang, Senior Manager of Financial Planning
	Matthew Vetere, Senior Financial Analyst

That Budget Public Consultation Meeting convene at 7:03 pm with Councillor Amanda Collucci presiding as Chair.

**1. 2019 Budget Public Consultation Meeting Presentation**

Andrea Tang, Senior Manager of Financial Planning provided a presentation on the proposed 2019 Budget.

**Deputations**

The following comments were received from the audience:

1. Beatrice Khan, requested that the City increase its winter maintenance service level to provide windrow removal service.

Staff advised that the City will be holding a winter maintenance workshop to review the City's service level in the spring. The workshop will be open to the public, and will include other municipal comparisons of winter maintenance service levels and cost implications.

2. Brenda Simpson, inquired why parts of Highway 7 keep on being dug up. She also spoke in support of the City providing windrow removal service.

Staff advised that Highway 7 is a Regional road and all work on Hwy 7 is conducted by the Region. Staff requested that the deputant advise of the specific areas on Hwy 7 and Staff will try to obtain the information from the Region.

3. Eira Keay, suggested the City should review its senior's windrow program and added that it's a very costly program. She did not support replacing the current program with a rebate.

### **Committee Discussion**

A Committee Member inquired if consideration was given to the Regional Government Review and the potential impact on the 2019 Budget and future spending priorities.

Staff advised that when the 2019 Capital Budget was developed, consideration was given to potential governance changes. Staff assured that it will continue to be considered in the future. Staff added that to provide comfort, any contract award greater than \$350,000 will require Council approval which means that Council is the ultimate decision maker for any contract award in excess of \$350,000.

Committee also requested a list of 2019 Capital Budget requests that were removed from the 2019 Capital Budget.

Moved by Councillor Andrew Keyes

Seconded by Councillor Khalid Usman

1. That the 2019 Budget report be tabled at the March 19, 2019 Council meeting; and,
2. That the minutes from the February 21, 2019 "Public Budget Consultation Meeting" be tabled at the March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Council meeting; and,
3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

### **2. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

That the Budget Public Consultation Public Meeting adjourn at 8:03 pm.

Carried