

Budget Committee Minutes

Meeting No. 9

November 12, 2019, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Council Chamber

Members	Councillor Amanda Collucci, Chair Councillor Andrew Keyes, Vice-Chair Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton Councillor Keith Irish	Councillor Reid McAlpine Councillor Karen Rea Councillor Khalid Usman
Regrets		
Roll Call	Regional Councillor Jim Jones Councillor Isa Lee Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services Arvin Prasad, Commissioner Development Services Claudia Storto, City Solicitor and Director of Human Resources	Joel Lustig, Treasurer Sandra Skelcher, Senior Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting Matthew Vetere, Manager, Budgeting Brian Lee, Director, Engineering Laura Gold, Council and Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Budget Committee convened at 3:04 PM with Councillor Amanda Collucci in the Chair.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Andrew Keyes

Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

That the Minutes from the November 6, and 8, 2019 Budget Committee be approved as presented.

Carried

4. **BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Matthew Vetere, Manager of Budgeting presented the November 12, 2019 Budget Presentation.

2020 Capital Budget Update

Matthew Vetere provided an update on the 2020 Capital Budget.

Capital Budget Item No. 20036 - Honda Blvd. Extension to 19th Avenue is being deleted from the Capital Budget, as there is a delay in the completion of the Highway 404 Collector Roads Environmental Assessment.

Both the outstanding Capital Budget Items, and a new Capital Budget Item will be brought forward to the November 19, 2019 Budget Committee meeting.

2020 Operating Budget

Matthew Vetere presented the proposed 2020 Operating Budget.

Staff provided the following feedback to Committee inquiries on the proposed 2020 Operating Budget:

- The ramp-up includes the second fire crew for the Cornell Fire Station, noting Council approval is required prior to the funds being spent;
- A Markham Centre Fire Prevention Officer is required due to growth to maintain the City's fire prevention program;
- A Fire Training Officer is required due to growth, and to provide technical rescue training;
- The Project Manager for the Parks and Open Space position will be responsible for the project management of parks projects. The position will report to the Manager of Parks and Open Space;

- Commuter behavior was anticipated to change overtime - more people were anticipated to take transit, and cycle to work.

Staff were directed to reduce the tax rate increase from 2.20% to 2% to not exceed the anticipated rate of inflation for 2020.

Staff advised that a 2.20% tax rate increase will be presented at the Budget Public Consultation meeting, but that they will look for ways to reduce the tax rate increase to 2.0%.

Next Steps

Joel Lustig, Treasurer presented the next steps.

Staff advised that the 2020 Budget will go directly to Council after the Budget Public Consultation Meeting, unless there is significant feedback from the public on the Budget.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

That the Budget Committee direct staff to reduce the proposed tax rate increase from 2.20% to 2.0% to not exceed the 2020 anticipated rate of inflation.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Andrew Keyes

Seconded by Councillor Khalid Usman

That the November 12, 2019, 2020 Budget Presentation be received.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

None.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Budget Committee meeting will be held on November 19, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Committee adjourned at 3:41 PM.