



Report to: General Committee

Report Date: May 9, 2022

SUBJECT: 2023 Temporary Borrowing By-law
PREPARED BY: Kishor Soneji – Senior Accountant

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the report titled “2023 Temporary Borrowing By-law” be received; and
2. THAT a by-law be brought forward for Council approval to authorize the temporary borrowing, if required, of amounts not to exceed \$211,727,414 from January 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023 and \$105,863,707 from October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 to meet the expenditures of the municipality until taxes are collected and other revenues are received; and
3. THAT the Treasurer report to Council in advance of borrowing, if temporary borrowing is required; and
4. THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

To obtain Council approval to allow the City of Markham to temporarily borrow funds for the 2023 fiscal year, if required to do so.

BACKGROUND:

This is an annual administrative report, usually tabled for Committee’s consideration around October in anticipation of the following budget year. With the upcoming elections, the last Committee meeting before the new Council term is September 6, 2022, and staff are bringing forward this standard report earlier than for the 2023 budget year. Section 407(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* states:

“At any time during a fiscal year, a municipality may authorize temporary borrowing until the taxes are collected and other revenues are received, of the amount Council considers necessary to meet the current expenditures of the municipality for the year...”

The City of Markham (the City) is known for its financial performance, fiscal responsibility and operational excellence. With sound cash management practices and policies in place, the City’s strong financial position has not necessitated bank financing for operating purposes in the past. However, a temporary borrowing by-law is recommended for unforeseen circumstances.

On an annual basis, the City’s banker, TD Canada Trust, has requested a copy of the by-law in order to be aware of the limits, should a necessity to borrow arise.

Subsection 407(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* governs the upper limits on the amounts the City can borrow, as follows:

- (a) From January 1 to September 30 in the year, 50 per cent of the total estimated revenues of the municipality, as set out in the budget adopted for the year; and
- (b) From October 1 to December 31 in the year, 25 per cent of the total estimated revenues of the municipality as set out in the budget adopted for the year.

Section 407(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that until the budget is adopted in a year, the limits upon borrowing under subsection (2) shall temporarily be calculated using the estimated revenues of the municipality set out in the budget adopted for the previous year.

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The City would be required to pay interest on any short-term borrowing. The City does not budget for interest expense, as borrowing has not been required in the past.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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Joel Lustig
Treasurer

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Trinela Cane
Commissioner, Corporate Services

ATTACHMENT:

Appendix A, “2023 Temporary Borrowing Bylaw”

APPENDIX A: 2023 Temporary Borrowing Bylaw

By-law to authorize temporary borrowing to meet the expenditures of the City of Markham until taxes are collected and other revenues received.

A by-law to authorize the temporary borrowing of an amount not to exceed \$211,727,414 from January 1 to September 30, 2023 and \$105,863,707 from October 1 to December 31, 2023 to meet the current expenditures of the Corporation for the year, until taxes are collected and other revenues received.

WHEREAS Section 407 (1) of The Municipal Act authorizes that Council may borrow from time to time such sums as Council considers necessary to meet, until the taxes are collected and other revenues received, the current expenditures of the Corporation for the year; and

WHEREAS Section 407 (2) of The Municipal Act states the amount to be borrowed shall not exceed from January 1st to September 30th of the year, 50 per cent of the total estimated revenues of the Corporation, and from October 1st to December 31st, 25 per cent of the total estimated revenues for the Corporation; and

WHEREAS Section 407 (3) of The Municipal Act states that until the budget is adopted in a year, the limits upon borrowing shall temporarily be calculated using the estimated revenues of the municipality set out in the budget adopted for the previous year; and

WHEREAS the total revenues of the Corporation as set forth for the year 2022 are \$423,454,828 which was adopted by Council at the Council meeting on December 14, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Treasurer is hereby authorized on behalf of the Municipality to borrow from time to time by way of promissory note from the Municipality's banker a sum or sums not exceeding \$211,727,414 from January 1 to September 30 of the year and \$105,863,707 from October 1 to December 31 to meet, until the taxes and other revenues are received, the current expenditures of the Municipality for the year, including the amount required for the purposes mentioned in Subsection 1 of Section 407 of The Municipal Act and to give on behalf of the Municipality to the Bank a promissory note or notes sealed with the Corporate Seal and signed by the Treasurer for the monies so borrowed, with interest, which may be paid in advance or otherwise.
2. All sums borrowed pursuant to the authority of this by-law from the said bank for any or all purposes mentioned in the said Section 407 shall with interest thereon, be a charge upon the whole of the revenues of the Municipality for the current year.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS

_____ DAY OF _____ 2022.

KIMBERLEY KITTERRINGHAM
CITY CLERK

FRANK SCARPITTI, MAYOR