

General Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Number: 6
February 7, 2023, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Live streamed

Roll Call	Mayor Frank Scarpitti	Councillor Reid McAlpine
	Deputy Mayor Michael Chan	Councillor Karen Rea
	Regional Councillor Jim Jones	Councillor Andrew Keyes
	Regional Councillor Joe Li	Councillor Amanda Collucci
	Regional Councillor Alan Ho	Councillor Juanita Nathan
	Councillor Keith Irish	Councillor Isa Lee
	Councillor Ritch Lau	
Staff	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer	Mark Visser, Sr Manager Strategy Innovation & Investments
	Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services	Hristina Giantsopoulos, Election/Council & Committee Coordinator
	Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services	John Wong, Technology Support Specialist II
	Claudia Storto, City Solicitor and Director of Human Resources	Erica Alligood
	Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk	Giulio Cescato, Director of Planning & Urban Design
	Catherine Biss, Chief Executive Officer	Stephanie DiPerna, Director, Building Standards
	Adam Grant, Fire Chief	
	Alex Moore, Manager of Purchasing & Accounts Payable	Heena Mistry, Senior Financial Analyst
		Alice Lam, Director, Operations

1. CALL TO ORDER

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We begin today by acknowledging the traditional territories of Indigenous peoples and their commitment to stewardship of the land. We acknowledge the communities in circle. The North, West, South and Eastern directions, and Haudenosaunee, Huron- Wendat, Anishnabeg, Seneca, Chippewa, and the Mississaugas of the Credit peoples. We share the responsibility with the caretakers of this land to ensure the dish is never empty and to

restore relationships that are based on peace, friendship, and trust. We are committed to reconciliation, partnership and enhanced understanding.

The General Committee Meeting convened at 9:33 AM with Mayor Frank Scarpitti presiding as Chair.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were none disclosed.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2023 SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE - BUDGET MEETING (16.0)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Michael Chan

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

1. That the minutes of the January 23, 2023 Special General Committee - Budget meeting be confirmed.

Carried

3.2 MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23 AND 30, 2023 SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING (16.0)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Michael Chan

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

1. That the minutes of the January 23 and January 30, 2023 Special General Committee meeting be confirmed.

Carried

4. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

6. PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

7. CONSENT REPORTS - FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7.1 MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2022 MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING (16.0)

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li

Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the minutes of the November 28, 2022 Markham Public Library Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

7.2 MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2023 AND JANUARY 30, 2023 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING (16.0)

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li

Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the minutes of the January 27, 2023 and January 30, 2023 Budget Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

7.3 261-T-22 REHABILITATION OF SUSPENDED WATERMAIN (5.3)

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li

Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the report entitled “261-T-22 Rehabilitation of Suspended Watermain” be received” be received; and,
2. That the contract for the rehabilitation of suspended watermain be awarded to the lowest priced Bidder, Avertex Utility Solutions Inc., in the amount of \$912,082.00, inclusive of HST; and,
3. That a 10% contingency in the amount of \$91,208.20 inclusive of HST, be established to cover any additional construction costs and that authorization to approve expending of this contingency amount up to the specified limit be in accordance with the Expenditure Control Policy; and,
4. That the construction award in the amount of \$1,003,290.20 (912,082.00 + \$91,208.20) be funded from capital project #22206 “Suspended Watermain Insulation Replacement/ Rehabilitation” with available budget of \$638,569.56; and,

5. That the budget shortfall of \$364,720.64 be funded from the Waterworks Reserve; and further,
6. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

7.4 STAFF AWARDED CONTRACTS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2022 (7.12)

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li
Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the report entitled “Staff Awarded Contracts for the Months of September and October 2022” be received; and,
2. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

7.5 2022 INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (7.0)

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li
Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the report dated February 7, 2023 entitled “2022 Investment Performance Review” be received; and,
2. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

8. CONSENT REPORT - COMMUNITY SERVICES MATTERS

8.1 BLUE BOX TRANSITION CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT(3.0)

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li
Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the CAO be authorized to execute Circular Materials Ontario’s Registration Forms and Confidentiality Agreements (in a form satisfactory

to the City Solicitor) in order for Staff to obtain documents related to blue box Collection RFPs and blue box transition; and,

2. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

9. REGULAR REPORTS - FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

9.1 2023 WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE REPORT PRESENTATION (5.3)

Heena Mistry, Senior Financial Analyst, addressed the Committee to provide a brief summary of the 2023 Water and Wastewater Rate Report Presentation which included information about the City's Environmental Services Department, the City's Water/Wastewater system, historical rates, comparisons with other municipalities and a summary of the 2023 water/wastewater rate. She indicated that the rate is increasing by 3.8% or \$0.1774 from \$4.6163/m³, to \$4.7937/m³ effective April 1st, 2023.

The Committee thanked Ms. Mistry and staff for their work on this presentation and their continued support in this regard.

There was an inquiry related to the impact of not having any water/wastewater increases during the pandemic had to the Capital Reserves.

Staff noted that the previous Council approved a four-year rate phase-in beginning in 2023 with an incremental rate increase of 0.4% over four years to maintain the reserve balance.

Moved by Councillor Andrew Keyes

Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

1. That the presentation entitled "2023 Water/Wastewater Rate Public Consultation Meeting" be received and approved for presentation at the February 13th Public Consultation meeting; and,
2. That the report entitled "2023 Water/Wastewater Rate" be received; and,
3. That Staff be authorized to hold a hybrid public meeting on February 13th, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. to gather residents' feedback on the principle of increasing the 2023 water/wastewater rate by 3.8% or \$0.1774 from \$4.6163/m³ to \$4.7937/m³ effective April 1st, 2023; and,

4. That feedback received at the public meeting along with the proposed 2023 water/wastewater rate be put forward for Council's consideration on February 22nd, 2023; and further,
5. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

10. MOTIONS

There were no motions.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of Motion.

12. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

There was no new or other business.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The Committee resolved into Confidential Session at 9:52 AM. Chair Scarpitti advised that Committee will not return into open session after Confidential Session ends and will not report out on any matter.

Moved by Regional Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Ritch Lau

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, General Committee resolve into a confidential session to discuss the following matters:

Carried

14.1 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

14.1.1 SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES- JANUARY 23 AND 30, 2023 (16.0) [Section 239 (2) (I)]

The Committee confirmed the General Committee Confidential Minutes of January 23, and 30, 2023.

**14.1.2 VERBAL UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER ON LABOUR RELATIONS [Section 239 (2) (d)]**

Moved By Councillor Isa Lee

Seconded By Councillor Keith Irish

That the verbal update on Labour Relations be received.

Carried

14.2 LAND, BUILDING & PARKS CONSTRUCTION MATTERS

**14.2.1 A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION
OF LAND BY THE CITY OR LOCAL BOARD; (8.6) [SECTION 239
(2)(c)];**

The Committee consented to place this matter on the February 8, 2023,
Confidential Council Meeting Agenda for consideration.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Juanita Nathan

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

That the General Committee Confidential session adjourn at 11:32 AM and not return to
Open Session or report out on any matter.

Carried