



**Minutes**  
**Special General Committee**  
**December 15, 2015**  
**Meeting Number 34**

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**Finance & Administrative Issues**

Chair: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Vice Chair: Councillor Colin Campbell

**Community Services Issues**

Chair: Councillor Alan Ho  
Vice Chair: Councillor Alex Chiu

**Environment & Sustainability Issues**

Chair: Councillor Valerie Burke  
Vice Chair: Councillor Karen Rea

**Building, Parks, & Construction Issues**

Chair: Councillor Colin Campbell  
Vice Chair: Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

**Alternate formats are available upon request.**

**Attendance**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Regional Councillor Joe Li  
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong  
Councillor Valerie Burke  
Councillor Alan Ho  
Councillor Don Hamilton  
Councillor Karen Rea  
Councillor Colin Campbell  
Councillor Amanda Collucci  
Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Councillor Alex Chiu

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services  
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services  
Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor  
Joel Lustig, Treasurer  
Peter Loukes, Director of Environmental Services  
Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets**

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

The Special General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 6:09 PM with Councillor Colin Campbell in the Chair.

**Disclosure of Interest**

None disclosed.

**1. ANTI-WHISTLING ON STOUFFVILLE GO LINE (5.12)**

Robert Vallee, Stop the Horn Group addressed the Committee regarding Budget item #16053 Anti-Whistling - Stouffville GO Line in the amount of \$800,000 and spoke in support.

**2. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2015  
DECEMBER 7, 2015 BUDGET COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[November](#) [December](#)

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

- 1) That the minutes of the November 17, 2015 and December 7, 2015 Budget Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**3. MINUTES OF 2016 PROPOSED WATER &  
WASTEWATER RATE AND THE 2016 BUDGET  
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

- 1) That the minutes of the December 7, 2015 2016 Proposed Water & Wastewater Rate and the 2016 Budget Public Information meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**4. FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING AND  
2016 WATER/WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE (7.4)**  
[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the report entitled "Feedback from Public Meeting and 2016 Water/Wastewater Rate Increase" be received; and,
- 2) That the 2016 City of Markham's ("City") water/wastewater rate increase be equivalent to the Region of York's ("Region") monetary increase of \$0.1960 per cubic metre (m<sup>3</sup>) based on Region's approved increase of 9%; and,
- 3) That in addition to the Region's increase, the 2016 water/wastewater rate increase includes a surcharge of \$0.0637/m<sup>3</sup>; and,

- 4) That effective April 1, 2016, the water/wastewater rate will be \$3.5751/m<sup>3</sup>, an increase of \$0.2597/m<sup>3</sup>, equivalent to a 7.8% increase compared to prior year; and,
- 5) That this report be brought forward to Council on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 for approval; and further,
- 6) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**5. 2016 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS (7.4 & 7.5)**

[Report](#) [Appendix 1-7](#)

Regional Councillor Jim Jones addressed the Committee advising that PowerStream will be undertaking a feasibility study relative to the potential burial of existing hydro lines along the Hydro Corridor. There was discussion regarding whether capital budget project #16046 Miller Avenue - Warden to Birchmount - Phase 1 (Property) should be deferred until the results of the feasibility study are completed. It was suggested that staff not incur expenses against capital budget project #16046 Miller Avenue - Warden to Birchmount - Phase 1 (Property) until staff report back on the results of the feasibility study.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the report dated December 15, 2015 entitled, "2016 Operating and Capital Budgets" be received; and,
- 2) That Council approve a 2.28% property tax rate increase to the City's tax levy to support the City's day-to-day operations; and,
- 3) That Council approve an additional 0.16% property tax rate increase to fund the response and recovery costs associated with the December 2013 ice storm (Year 3 of 3); and,
- 4) That Council approve the 2016 Primary Operating Budget for City services of \$193,198,038 and Library of \$13,339,317 to a total of \$206,537,355 (excluding the 2015 surplus/deficit) which includes a 2.44% property tax rate increase over 2015 (\$199,295,751), of which the principal components are detailed in Appendices 1 and 2; and,
- 5) That the gross operating expenditures of \$206,537,355, (excluding the 2015 surplus/deficit), be funded from the following sources:

	<b><u>2016 Budget \$</u></b>
Taxation Levies	142,693,652
Payments-in-lieu of Taxes	1,209,007

Grant & Subsidy Revenues	1,596,143
General Revenues	
(Investment Income, Fines, Permits, Interest & Penalties)	30,333,921
User Fees & Service Charges, Rentals and Sales	25,385,344
Other Income / Recoveries	5,319,288
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>206,537,355; and,</b>

- 6) That Council approve the remaining 2016 Capital Budget of \$106,060,400 for a total of \$122,895,400 of which the projects are detailed in Appendix 3; and,
- 7) That Council approve the 2016 Planning & Design Operating Budget totalling \$8,194,104, (excluding the 2015 surplus/deficit), the principal components of which are detailed in Appendix 4; and,
- 8) That Council approve the 2016 Engineering Operating Budget totalling \$6,968,616, (excluding the 2015 surplus/deficit), the principal components of which are detailed in Appendix 5; and,
- 9) That Council approve the 2016 Building Standards Operating Budget totalling \$8,640,992, (excluding the 2015 surplus/deficit), the principal components of which are detailed in Appendix 6; and,
- 10) That Council approve the 2016 Waterworks Operating Budget totalling \$115,294,759 (excluding the 2015 adjustment), the principal components of which are detailed in Appendix 7; and,
- 11) That upon finalization of the 2015 audited financial statements, the 2016 Operating, Planning & Design, Engineering, Building Standards, and Waterworks Operating Budgets be adjusted to reflect the 2015 operating results; and,
- 12) That a copy of the Budgets be made available to the public through the Clerk's Department, the City website and each of the Markham Public Libraries; and,
- 13) That the "Additional Financial Disclosure Requirements Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 284/09" be received for information purposes; and,
- 14) That this report be brought forward to Council on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 for approval; and further,
- 15) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

## Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 6:51 PM.

Carried