



**FOURTH MEETING OF THE
2012 BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE
CANADA ROOM, MARKHAM CIVIC CENTRE
OCTOBER 19, 2012
SESSION 1**

MINUTES

Attendance:

Members Present:

Deputy Mayor Heath (ex-officio)
Regional Councillor Gord Landon, Chair
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Councillor Howard Shore

Guests:

Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Carolina Moretti

Regrets:

Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Councillor Alan Ho

Staff Present:

Gary Adamkowski, Director of Asset Management
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Catherine Biss, Chief Executive Officer, Markham
Public Libraries
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Stephen Chait, Director of Economics
Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor
Dennis Flaherty, Director of Communications &
Community Relations
Phoebe Fu, Senior Manager of Facilities
Paul Ingham, Director of Operations
Sharon Laing, Director of Human Resources
Eric Lariviere, Manager of the Theatre
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community &
Fire Services
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
John Ryerson, Director of Culture
Graham Seaman, Sustainability Office Lead &
Manager of Climate Change
Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning
Jonathan Tate, Senior Business Analyst
Jane Taylor, Manager, Human Resources,
Employee & Labour Relations, Health & Safety
Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Budget Sub-Committee convened at 9:13 a.m. with Regional Councillor Gordon Landon presiding as Chair.

**1. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 1 & 2 AND
PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the October 5 and 12, 2012 Budget-Sub-Committee Minutes be approved as presented; and,
- 2) That the October 10, 2012 Budget Public Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

2. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

a. Personnel Ramp-up related to New Facilities

The details on the personnel ramp-up for new facilities were discussed. It was questioned if a template exists for personnel ramp-up for different types of new facilities. Staff confirmed that they have information on the personnel required for each of the new facilities based on the different types of facilities and functions/amenities.

It was questioned if the new fire staff previously requested at the General Committee were included in the 2013 Budget. The following was advised:

- That the request for a third Deputy Fire Chief is not included in the 2013 budget;
- Ramp up amount of \$256 K is included in the 2013 budget for the second crew and a Fire Prevention Officer for the Cornell Fire Station.

It was questioned if ramp-up was required for new personnel for the new Operation's work yard. Staff advised that the new facility will be staffed mostly by existing staff, but there will be a need for an onsite administrator, a mechanic and a yard keeper.

There was a question whether an administrator was required for the new work yard. It was advised that more information on the new work yard will be brought forward to a future General Committee meeting and that Council will approve all personnel requests prior to the opening of the new facility. The decision regarding the personnel can be made at that time.

b. Cost to Maintain Road/Km and Park/Hector

A Member questioned if enough funds were being budgeted for road rehabilitation, as some of the streets scheduled to be rehabilitated in 2012 have been deferred to 2013 due to budget constraints. Staff advised that additional funds are not needed for road rehabilitation, as any variances from the budget are due to unforeseen issues with the roads being rehabilitated.

Additionally, the work is prioritized; therefore the roads that require rehabilitation the most are done first and the roads in school zones are done in the summer months.

It was confirmed that the \$5,450/Km for road maintenance does not include snow removal. Rather it includes asphalt repair, traffic signals, painting of street lines and street sweeping. Deputy Mayor Heath requested that the cost per km for snow removal be provided to both himself and to Graham Seaman.

c. Breakdown of the 1.7M Stormwater Management program included in the 2013 Capital Budget Response

A breakdown of the 1.7 M Stormwater Management program was provided.

d. Capital Budget Item No. 13236 –“Theatre Exterior Design and Estimate”

The Committee was advised that this capital budget item was updated to reflect that the study will focus on the interior rather than the exterior design of the Theatre. The consultant study was anticipated to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2013. It was requested that a preliminary report on the study be provided in the spring.

The cost of the consultant study was questioned. The cost of the study was attributed to the complexity of the Theatre building and the fact that a team of experts will be working on the project.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

That the Theatre Front of the House Upgrade capital budget item No. 13236 be approved.

CARRIED.

3. POTENTIAL UNFUNDED CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Committee reviewed the potential unfunded capital projects.

a. West Thornhill Sewer Remediation Capital Project

It was noted that Council passed a resolution to remediate West Thornhill's stormwater sewers to the 100 year level of protection. Council has not made a decision with respect to the level of protection it will provide to the rest of the City and Don Mills Channel.

A Member noted that Markham must be careful when paving over the watershed. It was also suggested that Council should review and take into consideration the Toronto Region and Conservation Authority recommendations with respect to stormwater management.

It was confirmed that stormwater sewers in new communities are built to provide a 100 year level of protection.

Staff advised that there will be a workshop on November 9, 2012 on funding options for the West Thornhill Sewer Rehabilitation capital project. The funding options/challenges can be discussed at this time.

b. Heritage Capital Projects

Members provided the following feedback regarding the unfunded heritage capital projects:

- Council needs to set an example for residents by making the commitment to maintain its own heritage properties;
- The City should not be funding the restoration of the Tremont Hotel, as it is privately owned facility;
- The City cannot be the last hope for all heritage properties;
- The need to consider options for the Daniel Flaherty house (e.g. selling the property or having the property restored by a third party for an agreed upon use);
- That heritage properties are getting older and becoming more historically important.

It was suggested that Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner, provide a presentation to the General Committee or to the Development Services Committee on the importance of preserving Markham's heritage.

It was noted that a proposal for Daniel Flaherty House has been received and is under review.

c. Emerald Boer Ash Capital Project

It was questioned when forestry will be brought into the Life Cycle Reserve Study. Staff advised that the full tree inventory will be incorporated into the 2013 Life Cycle Reserve Study update.

d. The Preservation of Stiver Mill Capital Budget Project

It was questioned why Stiver Mill was not included in the life cycle reserve study. Staff clarified that it may be included in the study to some extent, but that the preservation of the mill is not included. It was noted that the City has applied for a \$1 M grant through the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

e. Workshop on Unfunded Items

It was suggested that a Special Budget Sub-Committee Workshop be held to review all the unfunded capital projects to look at potential funding options and to prioritize the projects.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Heath
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

That a Budget Sub-Committee Workshop on the unfunded capital projects be held in the spring.

CARRIED.

4. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

The Budget Sub-Committee went in-camera at 10:55 a.m.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Heath
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) (e) of the Municipal Act the Budget Sub-Committee resolve into an in-camera session to discuss the following confidential matter:

- 1) labour relations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Carolina Moretti
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Heath

That the Budget Sub-Committee rise from an in-camera session (11:53 a.m.).

CARRIED.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Sub-Committee adjourned at 11:55 a.m.