



Committee of the Whole - Budget Meeting

Minutes

Date: January 18, 2018
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Council Chambers Level 2, City Hall

Members Present: Blair Lancaster (Chair), Paul Sharman, Rick Craven, Marianne Meed Ward, John Taylor, Jack Dennison, Mayor Rick Goldring
Staff Present: James Ridge, Joan Ford, Mary Battaglia, Laura Boyd, Sue Connor, Chris Glenn, Sheila Jones, David Lazenby, Allan Magi, Angela Morgan, Nancy Shea-Nicol, Christine Swenor, Mary Lou Tanner, Vito Tolone, David Thompson (Audio/Video Specialist), Jo-Anne Rudy (Clerk)

1. **Declarations of Interest:**

None

2. **Delegation(s):**

- 2.1 Ron Danielsen, Friends of Freeman Station, spoke to the 2018 operating budget specifically requesting support for their fundraising campaign. (F-38-17-2)
- 2.2 Doug Brown, Burlington for Accessible Sustainable Transit, spoke to the 2018 operating budget specifically relating to transit funding. (F-38-17-2)

3. **Consent Items:**

- 3.1 20 year budget driver forecast (F-02-18)

Moved by Paul Sharman

Receive and file finance department report F-02-18 regarding the 20 year budget driver forecast.

CARRIED

4. **Regular Items:**

4.1 Approval of 2018 operating budget (F-38-17-2)

Moved by Mayor Goldring

Approve the 2018 operating budget as amended by the Committee of the Whole – Budget with a resulting net tax levy amount of **\$160,248,680**.

CARRIED

Amendment:

Moved by Marianne Meed Ward

Add five additional transit operators at a cost of \$372,424.

CARRIED

Amendment:

Moved by Paul Sharman

Refer holiday transit service to staff so they can come back with service proposals.

LOST

Amendment:

Moved by Marianne Meed Ward

Add holiday service on December 25 and January 1 where there is currently no transit service at a cost of \$20,600.

CARRIED

Amendment:

Moved by Marianne Meed Ward

Accommodate \$278,970 within existing budget.

LOST

Amendment:

Moved by Marianne Meed Ward

Reduce Project Management by unspent amount of \$150,000.

LOST

Amendment:

Moved by Mayor Goldring

Approve financial support in 2018 to Friends of Freeman Station to support their fundraising campaign by providing matching funds on a dollar for dollar basis up to \$50,000 to be funded from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

4.2 Holiday transit service (SD-3-18)

Moved by Marianne Meed Ward

Direct the Director of Transit to report back to Council in the Spring with a plan for holiday transit service.

CARRIED

4.3 Community space at Corpus Christi High School (SD-4-18)

Moved by Paul Sharman

Direct the Director of Parks and Recreation to contact the Halton District Catholic School Board to discuss the opportunity to provide community space at Corpus Christi High School through a community partnership and report back during 2018 on the feasibility and potential cost for consideration in the 2019 budget process.

CARRIED

4.4 Employee parking

Moved by Marianne Meed Ward

Direct the Director of Human Resources to report back to Committee of the Whole regarding implications of changing from employer paid parking for staff. Report to include information regarding equity between employees, implications to employment contracts, ability to designate where staff park and financial implications.

LOST

4.5 Strategic land acquisition funding model (SD-5-18)

Moved by Mayor Goldring

Direct the Director of Finance and City Solicitor to report back on a detailed strategic land acquisition funding model that can include any or all of the following mechanisms:

1. Increase the funding in the operating budget on an annual basis to the Strategic Land Acquisition Fund.
2. Review the capital budget and forecast to find funding for strategic land acquisition. e.g. 5% over 10 year forecast of \$680 million is \$34 million.
3. Investigate the merits of using TIF (Tax Increment Financing).
4. Define what funding would be available by increasing the debt service limit.
5. Review opportunities for Parkland Dedication through the development application process.
6. Track Parkland Dedication cash-in-lieu so there is a record and projected potential funding going forward.

CARRIED

5. Confidential Items:

None

6. Procedural Motions:

None

7. Information Items:

Moved by Paul Sharman

Receive and file the following three items, having been given due consideration by the Committee of the Whole - Budget

CARRIED

- 7.1 Correspondence from Mark McGuire, Mayor's Millennial Advisory Committee regarding approval of the 2018 operating budget. (F-38-17-2)
- 7.2 Correspondence from Stephanie Geosits, Burlington Youth Soccer Club regarding approval of the 2018 operating budget. (F-38-17-2)
- 7.3 Delegation material from Doug Brown, Burlington for Accessible Sustainable Transit, regarding approval of the 2018 operating budget. (F-38-17-2)

8. Staff Remarks:

9. Committee Remarks:

10. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.