



Committee of the Whole-Budget

Minutes

Date: December 10, 2019
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Council Chambers Level 2, City Hall

Members Present: Lisa Kearns (Chair), Kelvin Galbraith, Rory Nisan, Shawna Stolte, Paul Sharman, Angelo Bentivegna, Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

Staff Present: Tim Commisso, Mary Battaglia, Laura Boyd, Sue Connor, Joan Ford, Chris Glenn, Sheila Jones, David Lazenby, Heather MacDonald, Allan Magi, Nancy Shea-Nicol, Christine Swenor, Vito Tolone, David Thompson (Audio/Video Specialist), Suzanne Gillies (Clerk), Georgie Gartside (Chair), Jamie Tellier, Kwab Ako-Adjei, Scott Hamilton, Leah Bisutti

1. Declarations of Interest:

None.

2. Delegation(s):

- 2.1 Myles Rusak representing the Sound of Music Festival requested an increase in funding for the the Sound of Music Festival in the approval of the 2020 budget (F-46-19-2)
- 2.2 James Sisson spoke regarding his concern with the approval of the 2020 budget (F-46-19-2)
- 2.3 Mervyn Russell representing Halton Action for Climate Emergency Now expressed concern regarding approval of the 2020 budget as it relates to the Burlington Climate Action Plan (F-46-19-2)
- 2.4 Richard Koroscil representing Bay Area Climate Change Council spoke regarding approval of the 2020 budget as it relates to report CW-21-19 (F-46-19-2)

- 2.5 Andrea Grebenc did not appear (F-46-19-2)
- 2.6 Lisa Kohler representing Halton Environmental Network regarding approval of the 2020 budget as it relates to the Burlington Climate Action Plan (F-46-19-2)

3. Consent Items:

None.

4. Regular Items:

- 4.1 Expenses excluded from the budget (F-42-19)

Moved by Paul Sharman

Receive and file finance department report F-42-19 regarding expenses excluded from the budget to meet the requirements of Regulation 284/09 Municipal Act, 2001.

CARRIED

- 4.2 Approval of the 2020 budget (F-46-19-2)

Moved by Mayor Meed Ward

Approve the 2020 operating budget including any budget amendments approved by the Committee of the Whole - Budget to be applied against the proposed net tax levy amount of **\$174,435,179**; and

Approve the 2020 capital budget for the City of Burlington, with a gross amount of **\$85,966,551** with a debenture requirement of \$7,613,145, and the 2021-2029 capital forecast with a gross amount of \$723,878,943 with a debenture requirement of \$47,592,200 as outlined in report F-46-19 and as amended by the Committee of the Whole - Budget; and

Administer the debenture in the amount of \$6,113,145 in 2020 as tax supported debt; and

Administer the debenture in the amount of \$1,500,000 in 2020 as special circumstances debt; and

Declare that, in accordance with s. 5(1)5 of the Development Charges Act, 1997 and s. 5 of Ontario Regulation 82/98, it is Council's clear intention that the excess capacity provided by the above-referenced works will be paid for by future development charges.

CARRIED

Moved by Mayor Meed Ward

Approve the order of discussion of the BAR items as follows; 2-23, 35-37, 39-42, 43-48, 50-52, 53, 24-34, 38, 55-58, 49, 54.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Stolte

Add \$60,000 to the operating budget to implement the city-wide tree by-law.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Stolte

Add \$125,000 of capital funding to the budget to purchase 3 electric vehicles and charging station for private tree by-law program.

CARRIED

Moved by Paul Sharman

Add \$100,000 to the operating budget to increase tree planting on public and private property.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Stolte

Direct the Director of Road, Parks and Forestry to create and implement a tree planting initiative for residents.

CARRIED

Moved by Paul Sharman

Defer acquisition of new buses and additional operators subject to approval of new Transit Business Plan in 2020.

LOST

Moved by Councillor Stolte

Remove 4 transit operators from the proposed budget and purchase 2 electric buses.

LOST

Moved by Councillor Stolte

Add a 1.25% green transportation levy to purchase electric vehicles and vehicle charging stations to meet our goal of reducing GHG emission.

LOST

Moved by Mayor Meed Ward

Add \$42,250 to the operating budget to provide free transit for children 12 and under.

CARRIED

Moved by Paul Sharman

Add \$220,000 in one-time capital funding for a sidewalk on one side of Century Drive, connecting the South Service Road by Boehringer Ingelheim to Harvester Road and Appleby GO Station, subject to the sidewalk warrants being met.

CARRIED

Moved by Paul Sharman

Add \$80,000 to the budget for the installation of a signalized pedestrian crossing on Lakeshore Road between Appleby Line and Kenwood Avenue.

LOST

Moved by Councillor Nisan

Direct the Director of Transportation to install one level 3 charging station for downtown Burlington using 2020 project fund for Electric Vehicle Charging Station - Downtown (PK-PK-1795).

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Kearns

Add \$100,000 in one-time funding to purchase 10 electric vehicle charging stations, with two plugs at each station, for city community centres, arenas and pools, subject to a staff report from the Executive Director of Environment, Infrastructure and Community Services in the first quarter of 2020 with analysis on electric vehicle charging stations across the city.

LOST

Moved by Mayor Meed Ward

Add \$20,000 of capital funding to the budget and \$180,000 in one-time capital funding to purchase 10 electric vehicle charging stations, with two plugs at each station, for city community centres, arenas and pools.

CARRIED

Moved by Paul Sharman

Direct the Executive Director of Environment, Infrastructure and Community Services to report to the Environment, Infrastructure and Community Services Committee in the first quarter of 2020 with an analysis regarding on electric vehicle charging stations in the city.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Nisan

Add \$100,000 to the operating budget for one full-time staff position to support implementation of the Climate Action Plan.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Stolte

Add \$160,204 to the operating budget for two full-time staff to support city-wide park operations.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Bentivegna

Direct the City Manager to include park maintenance operations as part of a future service review in 2020, subject to further audit and accountability funding from the province being announced.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Bentivegna

Eliminate the loose leaf collection service across the city.

LOST

Moved by Mayor Meed Ward

Add \$160,000 to the operating budget to convert temporary staffing to 2 full-time positions to support winter control operations.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Nisan

Add \$75,000 to the operating budget for contracted seasonal graders for winter control operations.

LOST

Moved by Mayor Meed Ward

Delegate authority to the Director of Roads, Parks and Forestry Department to investigate, using best efforts, the contracting of seasonal graders for winter maintenance operations in 2020, and report back to Council with the financial implication on the future budgets.

CARRIED

Moved by Mayor Meed Ward

Direct the Executive Director of Community Planning, Regulation and Mobility to report back in Q2 of 2020 with terms of reference and a communication plan for the proposed housing strategy contained in

the Vision to Focus Plan, including the estimated cost and funding source.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Stolte

Add \$30,000 in one-time capital funding to the budget for the purchase of an audio induction loop system for the Burlington Seniors' Centre to be funded from the tax rate stabilization fund.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Nisan

Add \$100,000 to the budget to expand special needs and youth recreation programming.

LOST

Moved by Councillor Nisan

Approve \$50,000 in one-time funding to Burlington Sound of Music Inc.

LOST

Moved by Mayor Meed Ward

Add \$40,907 in one-time funding to the budget for the Burlington Sound of Music Inc. This one-time funding may be replaced with Municipal Accommodation Tax funding subject to Council approval in 2020.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Stolte

Add \$40,000 to the budget for one part-time employee for Councillors' Office communications.

LOST

Moved by Mayor Meed Ward

Add \$3,200 to the budget for a key to the city program.

CARRIED

Moved by Mayor Meed Ward

Add 30,000 of capital funding to the budget for pedestrian/cycling safety initiatives.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Bentivegna

Add \$600,000 of capital funding to the budget for infrastructure renewal.

LOST

Moved by Mayor Meed Ward

Refer the staff directions from Appendix A of report F-46-19-2 (items #59 to #69) to the January 16, 2020 Corporate Services, Strategy, Risk and Accountability Committee meeting.

CARRIED

4.3 20-year budget driver forecast (F-48-19)

Moved by Councillor Bentivegna

Receive and file finance department report F-48-19 regarding the 20-year budget driver forecast.

CARRIED

5. Confidential Items:

5.1 Confidential legal department update regarding litigation matter

Moved by Councillor Stolte

Direct the Executive Director of Legal Service and Corporation Counsel, or her delegate, to proceed in accordance the instructions sought in the litigation matter.

CARRIED

6. Procedural Motions:

Moved by Councillor Stolte

Move into closed session in accordance with the following provisions under the Municipal Act, sections 239 (e) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality or local board, including matters before administrative tribunals, with respect to a litigation matter.

7. Information Items:

Moved by Councillor Bentivegna

Receive and file the following 5 items, having been given due consideration by the Committee of the Whole Budget Committee.

CARRIED

- 7.1 Delegation material from Mervyn Russell representing Halton Action for Climate Emergency Now regarding approval of the 2020 budget (F-46-19-2)
- 7.2 Delegation material from Richard Koroscil representing Bay Area Climate Change Council regarding approval of the 2020 budget (F-46-19-2)
- 7.3 Staff presentation regarding approval of 2020 budget (F-46-19-2)
- 7.4 Correspondence from Tom Can regarding approval of 2020 budget (F-46-19-2)
- 7.5 Correspondence from Robert Radway regarding approval of the 2020 budget (F-46-19-2)

8. Staff Remarks:

9. Committee Remarks:

10. Adjournment:

10:50 a.m. (recessed), 11:04 a.m. (reconvened), 11:55 a.m. (recessed), 12:55 p.m. (reconvened), 2:54 p.m. (recessed), 3:05 p.m. (reconvened), 4:02 p.m. (recessed), reconvened on December 12, 2019 at 9:34 a.m., 9:35 a.m. (closed), 9:55 a.m. (public), 11:27 a.m. (recessed), 11:35 a.m. (reconvened), 12:49 p.m. (recessed), 1:26 p.m. (reconvened)

Adjourned: 3:43 p.m.