



Budget Committee of the Whole Meeting

Minutes

BCW#05-23

Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

225 East Beaver Creek Road

Richmond Hill, Ontario

A Budget Committee of the Whole meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Council Members present in Council Chambers:

Mayor West
Regional and Local Councillor Chan
Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Councillor Davidson
Councillor Cilevitz
Councillor Shiu

Council Members present via videoconference:

Councillor Liu
Councillor Cui

Regrets: Councillor Thompson

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

D. Joslin, City Manager
S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services
G. Galanis, Acting Commissioner of Planning and Building Services
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services
P. Masaro, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services
M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
S. Huycke, Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
L. Chen, Manager, Fiscal Planning and Strategy
A. Li, Supervisor, Operating Budgets

J. Concepcion, Financial Management Advisor
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

B. Burbidge, Fire Chief
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
D. Hearn, Director, Recreation and Culture
R. Jones, Director, Information Technology/CIO
N. Kalyvas, Director, Facility Management
N. Khan, Director, Building Division and Chief Building Official
F. Quarisa, Director, Public Works Operations
D. Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
L. Conde, Manager, Strategy and Government Relations
S. Tu, Manager, Financial Reporting and Accounting
D. Selicean, Capital and Reserves Management Advisor
I. Treiger, Financial Management Advisor
B. Yu, Financial Management Advisor

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest by members of Committee under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

3. Delegations

There were no delegations.

4. Scheduled Business

4.1 SRCFS.23.042 - 2023 Operating Forecast

Gigi Li, Director of Financial Services and Treasurer, made a presentation to the Committee regarding the 2023 Operating Forecast. She reviewed the 2023 Operating Budget Forecast by Department/Division, explaining the positive and negative contributors that influenced the variance;

advised of the increased transfer to the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve to offset future year decreases in investment income; and provided an overview of the 2023 Water and Wastewater, and Storm Water Management Forecast.

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That staff report SRCFS.23.042 regarding the 2023 Operating Forecast be received for information purposes;

b) That staff be directed to report back on the advisability and effectiveness of investing a portion of the 2023 Operating Surplus to hire additional contract staff resources to effectively and materially advance and accelerate the building of housing that meets the Region of York's definition of affordable, the purpose of this initiative being within the jurisdiction and power afforded to municipalities, to find ways to see built in the near future, more housing that is affordable to more people for our current and future residents, and to assist Richmond Hill in meeting our Provincial Housing Pledge; and

c) That staff report back to Council through the 2024 Operating Budget process.

Carried Unanimously

4.2 SRCFS.23.043 - Budget Consultation Update

Moved by: Mayor West

a) That the 2024 Budget Consultation be deferred to 2025 after the new Strategic Plan is approved by Council;

b) That Council endorse in principle funding for the 2025 Budget Consultation, to be considered in the 2024 Operating Budget.

Carried

4.3 SRCFS.23.041 - Tariff of Fees Update

Gigi Li, Director of Financial Services and Treasurer, made a presentation to the Committee regarding the 2024 Tariff of Fees Update. She advised that the Tariff of Fees was updated annually in coordination with the operating budget process, provided an overview of the review process, and outlined the various fees categories and considerations for 2024. G. Li reviewed the Recreation and Culture fees, introduced the new fees that

were being included as part of the Tariff of Fees update, and noted By-law updates to streamline the annual process.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That the proposed fees set out in draft By-law 94-23, attached as Appendix 'D' to staff report SRCFS.23.041, be adopted;

b) That Council approve that the Tariff of Fees By-Law be amended to delegate fee indexing to the Treasurer.

Carried Unanimously

5. Adjournment

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

That the meeting be adjourned

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.