



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
BUDGET
MINUTES 16-002 (Capital) / 16-003(a) (Operating)**

9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Deputy Mayor M. Pearson (Chair)
Councillors T. Whitehead, T. Jackson, C. Collins, S. Merulla, M. Green, J. Farr, A. Johnson, D. Conley, B. Johnson, L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek, R. Pasuta, J. Partridge

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Delineated Bicycle Lane on the Claremont Access (PW16003) (Wards 2, 7 and 8) (Item 4.1)

(Eisenberger/Partridge)

That staff be directed to investigate options for a delineated bicycle lane on the Claremont Access that would include, but not be limited to, a review of the following design considerations and report back to the General Issues Committee for consideration during the 2017 Capital Budget process:

- (i) Public input;
- (ii) Connectivity options;
- (iii) Safety considerations (e.g. Potential conflict points between cyclists, pedestrians and vehicles);
- (iv) Collision data;
- (v) Current and future traffic capacity and routing;
- (vi) Operations and maintenance (e.g. Street sweeping and winter control);
- (vii) Design options;
- (viii) A review of potential funding sources;
- (ix) Project co-ordination; and,
- (x) Project priority in the context of already approved cycling infrastructure projects

CARRIED

2. **2016 (Operating) Budget Overview (FCS16007) (City Wide) (Item 4.2)**

(VanderBeek/Whitehead)

That Report FCS16007, respecting the 2016 (Operating) Budget Overview, be received.

CARRIED

3. **2016 Tax Supported Capital Budget (FCS15088) (City Wide) (Item 4.3)**

(Eisenberger/Collins)

- (a) That the 2016 Tax Supported Capital Levy in the amount of \$98,371,000 be approved;
- (b) That the 2016 Tax Capital Budget & Financing Plan in the amount of **\$218,558,000**, attached as Appendix "A" to Report FCS15088, **as amended**, be approved;
- (c) That the Tax Supported Discretionary Net Capital Funding Forecast 2016 – 2025, attached as Appendix "B" to Report FCS15088, which assumes a 0.5% tax increase in each year from 2016 to 2025 be approved, in principle, and re-visited by Council each budget year;
- (d) That the operating budget and FTE impacts of the 2016 capital budget, estimated to be \$2,397,200 and 15.29 FTE's, attached as Appendix "C" to Report FCS15088, be incorporated into the 2017 Tax Supported Operating Budget;
- (e) That staff investigate options to mitigate the financial impact identified in Recommendation (d) during the 2017 Tax Supported Operating Budget Process;
- (f) That the reserve funding included in the 2016 Tax Capital Budget totalling **\$49.756** million, as itemized in Appendix "D" to Report FCS15088, **as amended**, be approved;
- (g) That the funding from previously approved projects (WIP's) included in the 2016 Tax Capital Budget totalling **\$9.121** million, as itemized in Appendix "E" to Report FCS15088, **as amended**, be approved;
- (h) That the Area Rating Capital Reinvestment projects be approved subject to approval of the \$13.4 million Special Infrastructure Levy for Wards 1 to 8 in the 2016 Tax Supported Operating Budget; and,
- (i) That 2016 capital projects from the Hamilton Police Service and the Hamilton Public Library, subject to approval of the respective board and Council, be funded from debt.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following change to the agenda:

- (i) Item 5.1 – Report FCS15088, respecting the 2016 Tax Supported Capital Budget now has a presentation to accompany the report. Therefore, Item 5.3 will be renumbered as 4.3 under the Presentations section on the agenda and in the forthcoming minutes.

(Ferguson/Pasuta)

That the agenda for the January 19, 2016 General Issues Committee Budget meeting be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (ITEM 3)

(i) December 4, 2015

(B. Johnson/Farr)

That the Minutes of the December 4, 2015 meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 4)

(i) Delineated Bicycle Lane on the Claremont Access (PW16003) (Wards 2, 7 and 8) (Item 4.1)

Daryl Bender, Project Manager of Alternative Transportation, addressed Committee respecting Report PW16003, respecting a Delineated Bicycle Lane on the Claremont Access. Mr. Bender's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Purpose of the Presentation
- Council Direction
- Cycling Master Plan/ Transportation Master Plan
- Escarpment Crossings
- Planned Cycling Infrastructure Projects for 2016
- Claremont Access - Cycling Connectivity

- Design Considerations
- Initial Design Concept
- Next Steps

(Partridge/Eisenberger)

That the presentation respecting Report PW16003 - Delineated Bicycle Lane on the Claremont Access, be received.

CARRIED

A full copy of the presentation is available on the City's website or through the Office of the City Clerk.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 1.

(ii) 2016 (Operating) Budget Overview (FCS16007) (City Wide) (Item 4.2)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee respecting Report FCS16007 – the 2016 (Operating) Budget Overview. Mr. Zegarac's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Budget Highlights
- Challenges
- Tax Stabilization Reserve
- Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve
- Mitigation Since Original Outlook in September 2015
- 2016 Municipal Preliminary Impact for the Average Residential Tax Bill
- 2016 Preliminary Net Tax Budget by Department
- Significant Budget Items by City Department
- Employee Related Expenses
- 2016 Preliminary Budget – Boards and Agencies / Other
- 2016 Tax Complement
- Savings Generated from Funded Projects
- Savings to the Operating Budget To-date
- Contributions to Energy Reserve To-date
- 2016 Referred Items
- Additional Information and Process
- Property Taxes as a Percentage of Income
- Property Taxes as a Percentage of Property Value
- Residential Taxes – Detached Bungalow
- 2015 Net Levy per Capita
- 2016 Average Municipal Tax Impacts
- 2016 Council Approved Guidelines
- Reducing the Tax Impact

- 2016 Additional Information
- Process Dates

(Eisenberger/Conley)

That the presentation respecting Report FCS16007 – 2016 (Operating) Budget Overview, be received.

CARRIED

A full copy of the presentation is available on the City's website or through the Office of the City Clerk.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(iii) 2016 Tax Supported Capital Budget (FCS15088) (City Wide) (Item 4.3)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee respecting Report FCS15088 – 2016 Tax Supported Capital Budget. Mr. Zegarac's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Amendments Approved To-date
- Additional Amendments Requiring Approval
- 2016 Capital Budget Summary
- Discretionary Funding

(Eisenberger/Collins)

That the presentation, respecting Report FCS15088 – 2016 Tax Supported Capital Budget, be received.

CARRIED

A full copy of the presentation is available on the City's website or through the Office of the City Clerk.

1. Bridge 245 – York Blvd. Project

(Eisenberger/Collins)

That additional funding required for the Bridge 275 – York Blvd. Project 4031518275, in the amount of \$900,000 to be funded from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve 112213, be approved.

CARRIED

2. Accessibility Improvements to Washrooms on Beach Trail

(Eisenberger/Collins)

That the accessibility improvements to washrooms on Beach Trail, in the amount of \$50,000 to be funded from the Work-in-Progress Beach Park Development Program 4401356802, be approved.

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 3.

(f) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 7)

Councillor Green introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Comprehensive Plan to Improve Road Safety (Item 7.1)

That the Director of Transportation Services be directed, in consultation with other City Departments, as appropriate, to report to the Public Works Committee in coordination with the Transportation Master Plan, with a comprehensive plan to improve road safety to include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (i) A review of best practice from comparable jurisdictions including Vision Zero;
- (ii) A review of existing City policies, strategies and guidelines that respecting road safety;
- (iii) An enhanced analysis of city-wide traffic collision data;
- (iv) Specific recommendations to improve road safety, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists, over the short term, medium and long terms;
- (v) An implementation plan and funding strategy, as appropriate;
- (vi) A regular reporting mechanism and track progress;
- (vii) Continued consultation with the Hamilton Cycling Committee, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board, Public Health, Hamilton Police Services, Cycle Hamilton and the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities; and,
- (viii) The creation of a Road Safety Task Force to be led by the Transportation Services Division.

(g) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 8)

(i) Special General Issues Committee – Government Relations Strategy (Item 8.1)

(Collins/Ferguson)

That the Legislative Coordinator to the General Issues Committee be directed to arrange a Special meeting of the General Issues Committee for the purposes of discussing the Government Relations Strategy.

CARRIED

(ii) Funding Source for the Development of the Former Dominion Glass Park Site

(Green/Merulla)

That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with a funding plan for the Council approved development of the former Dom Glass Park development including, but not limited to both city-wide and area rating reserve options for consideration during the 2017 Capital Budget process.

CARRIED

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 9)

(Pasuta/Conley)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee Budget meeting, be adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor M. Pearson
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk