



**THE COUNCIL OF
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
BUDGET MINUTES**

February 4, 2021

Members Present: P. Brown
G. Carlson
B. Crombie
D. Damerla
S. Dasko
G.S. Dhillon
J. Downey
C. Fonseca
P. Fortini
A. Groves
N. Iannicca
J. Innis

J. Kovac
M. Mahoney
M. Medeiros
M. Palleschi
C. Parrish
K. Ras
P. Saito
R. Santos
I. Sinclair
R. Starr
A. Thompson
P. Vicente

Members Absent: S. McFadden due to a personal matter

Staff Present: J. Baker, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Baird, Commissioner of Digital and Information Services
K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Interim Commissioner of Corporate Services
S. VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer
P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor
A. Smith, Interim Chief Planner
A. Warren, Interim Commissioner of Public Works

J. Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services
N. Polsinelli, Commissioner of Health Services
Dr. L. Loh, Medical Officer of Health
A. Adams, Deputy Clerk and Acting Director of Clerk's
C. Thomson, Deputy Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services
J. Jones, Legislative Specialist
H. West, Legislative Specialist
R. Khan, Legislative Technical Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regional Chair Iannicca called the meeting of Regional Council Budget to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton.

Councillor Crombie arrived at 11:15 a.m.

2. INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Regional Chair Iannicca read an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

The Regional Chair acknowledged February as Black History Month.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Saito declared a conflict of interest with respect to general budget items that may pertain to the non-union salary portion of the Region of Peel Budget, as two family members are employed with the Region of Peel.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 January 28, 2021 Regional Council Budget meeting

Resolution Number RCB-2021-16

Moved by Councillor Mahoney

Seconded by Councillor Downey

That the minutes of the January 28, 2021 Regional Council Budget meeting be approved.

Carried

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution Number RCB-2021-17

Moved by Councillor Kovac

Seconded by Councillor Mahoney

That item 7.4 listed on the February 4, 2021 Regional Council Budget agenda, be withdrawn;

And further, that the agenda for the February 4, 2021 Regional Council Budget meeting be approved, as amended.

Carried

6. DELEGATIONS

Regional Chair Iannicca introduced the new Peel Police Services Board Chair Ahmad Attia, who highlighted the work completed by the Board during the past year, including significant progress made on collective agreements.

6.1 Peel Regional Police (PRP)

Presentation by Nishan Duraiappah, Chief of Police, PRP

Resolution Number RCB-2021-18

Received

Nishan Duraiappah, Chief of Police, Peel Regional Police (PRP) introduced Alan Boughten, Chair of the PRP Budget and Finance Committee. Alan Boughten stated that budget represents the direction of the Peel Police Services Board and is developed with

input from the Chief. He noted that decisions contained in the proposed 2021 budget support community safety and well-being.

Chief Duraiappah provided an overview of the proposed 2021 PRP Budget. He stated that PRP is modernizing its community policing approach and highlighted the strategic plan; accomplishments during 2020; implementation of the Community Safety and Well-being Plan; Mental Health and Addiction calls, violent crimes; commitment and accountability; road safety; workload trends; population growth; and, data related to PRP officers per 100,000 population. He provided information regarding the PRP efficiencies review, resource re-prioritization, digital innovations, and funding grants from the provincial government.

Members of Regional Council discussed and raised questions regarding: collective agreements and labour costs; constraints under the *Police Services Act* when responding to mental health crisis calls and funding required from the Ministry of Health to provide Mental Health Case Workers; response times for break and enters; collaborative opportunities for lower tiered calls; the addition of a fifth division for deployment of police officers; implementation of Automatic Speed Enforcement devices and closed-circuit television cameras; posting of the Police budget to the PRP website; continuation of road safety and the Noisemaker program; status of the police in schools program; the youth empowerment hub in Malton; removal of Police user fees from the Region of Peel User Fees By-law; reconvening the action table for the Community Safety and Well-being Plan; provision of information to Members of Regional Council regarding PRP capital assets; the role and responsibility of the Police Association; access to clinicians for officer's well-being and mental health; impacts for police enforcement of legal and illegal cannabis sales; and, road safety and Vision Zero.

6.2 Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Municipal Policing Services in Caledon

Presentation by Heather Haire, Treasurer, Town of Caledon, and Inspector Mike Garant, Caledon OPP

Resolution Number RCB-2021-19

Received

Inspector Mike Garant, Interim Detachment Commander, Caledon Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), provided an overview of the proposed 2021 OPP Budget. He highlighted OPP support services provided to the Town of Caledon and the 2021 focus on key priorities including: traffic safety and enforcement; property crime reduction; drug enforcement; increased community engagement and violent crime reduction. He reviewed 2020 operational efficiencies including: digital innovations for online reporting, 911 response process, satellite offices; and, a new recruitment process.

Heather Haire, Treasurer, Town of Caledon, provided the funding details of the proposed 2021 Caledon OPP Budget and the 2022-2024 forecast. She highlighted the current reserve fund balances which will support the proposed 2021 capital projects.

Council recessed at 12:25 p.m.

Council reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

6.3 Conservation Halton (CH)

Presentation by Hassaan Basit, Chief Administrative Officer, CH

Resolution Number RCB-2021-20

Received

Haassan Basit, Chief Administrative Officer, Conservation Halton (CH), provided the CH 2021 Budget overview stating that the budget includes a proposed 1.7 per cent Region of Peel net levy increase. He noted the impacts of COVID-19, and highlighted 2021 priorities including asset management plan, digital transformation to enhance business continuity, financial sustainability, floodplain mapping, and providing a carbon footprint.

6.4 Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)

Presentation by John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, TRCA

Resolution Number RCB-2021-21

Received

John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), provided the TRCA 2021 Budget overview stating that the budget includes a proposed 2.8 per cent net levy increase. He highlighted 2021 project initiatives for the watershed, climate, and infrastructure; and outlined the services that are being provided. He spoke to the COVID-19 adaptation and reviewed efficiencies implemented to provide cost savings for the proposed 2021 Budget.

6.5 Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVC)

Presentation by Deborah Martin-Downs, Chief Administrative Officer, CVC

Resolution Number RCB-2021-22

Received

Deborah Martin-Downs, Chief Administrative Officer, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), provided the CVC 2021 Budget overview stating that the budget includes a proposed 2.5 per cent net levy increase. She highlighted 2021 priorities including: digital transformation to enhance business continuity; invasive species monitoring; forest management plan; the Emerald Borer management program; flood forecasting and warnings; community engagement, impacts of COVID-19 and the launching of the Credit Valley Trail. She spoke to the COVID-19 adaptation and reviewed efficiencies implemented to provide cost savings for the proposed 2021 Budget.

Item 7.5 was dealt with.**7. REPORTS**

7.5 2021 Budget Initiatives – Impact of Deferrals

(Oral)

Presentation by Norman Lum, Director, Business and Financial Planning

Resolution Number RCB-2021-23**Received****Resolution Number RCB-2021-24****Moved by** Councillor Saito**Seconded by** Councillor Palleschi

That the 1 per cent infrastructure levy be removed from the 2021 Operating and Capital Budget and reinstated in the 2022 Operating and Capital Budget.

Deferred to the February 11, 2021 Regional Council Budget meeting**Resolution Number RBC-2021-25****Moved by** Councillor Saito**Seconded by** Councillor Palleschi

That staff be directed to report back to Regional Council with options for residents who may require water billing assistance, as a result of COVID-19.

Carried

Norm Lum, Director, Business and Financial Planning, stated that the 2021 net tax operating budget totals just under \$1.2B and that the Regionally financed external agencies represent 44 per cent of the net tax levy. He reviewed the core principles used to develop the 2021 budget and noted that the budget includes \$6.4M in efficiencies (\$2.5M in cost savings and \$3.9M in cost avoidance) achieved through the continuous improvement program.

Norm Lum addressed two funding announcements made by the provincial government. The first being \$3.1M for Anti-Human Sex Trafficking which is to be used in five years. Staff are recommending that one-fifth of the funding or \$620,740 be applied to the 2021 budget for the community Investment service. The second being \$5M in one-time funding to offset the funding reduction to the Early Years and Childcare program. Staff are recommending that \$2.5M be used to offset the 2021 Budget and the remainder (\$3.8M) be addressed in the 2022 budget. He identified three options to reduce the proposed net tax levy increase from 3.2 per cent (or the equivalent of a 1.3 per cent tax impact), to a net tax levy of 2.87 per cent (or 1.2 per cent property tax impact). He noted that the reduction would result in an average annual impact of \$58 to the resident or \$103 for the average small business owner.

Norm Lum provided an overview of the 2021 initiatives and the utility rate program.

Councillor Saito inquired how much the net tax levy and property tax impact would be if the 1 per cent infrastructure levy was removed from the 2021 budget. Norm Lum responded that with the additional reductions recommended, the tax levy increase would be decreased to 1.9 per cent or an average of .76 per cent property tax impact. Councillor Saito suggested that the 1 per cent tax levy be removed from the 2021 budget and reinstated in the 2022 budget.

Councillor Palleschi requested clarification regarding the \$620,740 from the provincial grant for the Anti-Human Sex Trafficking that will be utilized for the Community Investment service. Norm Lum provided clarification and noted that the Anti-Human Sex Trafficking program is run through the Community Investment service.

In response to questions regarding the deferral of the 1 per cent infrastructure levy, Janice Baker, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that the initiatives are considered critical, that they were previously approved by Council. Stephen VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer, stated that the infrastructure levy is needed to maintain a state of good repair and that staff could report on how that deferral would impact the overall infrastructure.

Councillor Parrish raised concern that staff are being requested to provide numbers spontaneously and placed a motion to defer the 2021 Operating and Capital Budget and related matters to the February 11, 2021 Regional Council Budget meeting.

7.1 Enterprise Asset Management Program

Resolution Number RCB-2021-26

Deferred to the February 11, 2021 Regional Council Budget meeting

7.2 Overview and Update on the Status of Reserves

(For information)

Resolution Number RCB-2021-27

Deferred to the February 11, 2021 Regional Council Budget meeting

7.3 2021 Operating and Capital Budget

Resolution Number RCB-2021-28

Deferred to the February 11, 2021 Regional Council Budget meeting

~~**7.4 Consideration of Value for Money Audits**~~

~~(Oral)~~

~~Presentation by Janice Baker, Chief Administrative Officer (Related to 10.1)~~

~~**Resolution Number RCB-2021-29**~~

Withdrawn

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- 8.1 Kristina Romasco, Chair, Downtown Brampton Business Improvement Area (BIA); Jake Pedler, Chair, Port Credit BIA; Steve Smith, Chair, Cooksville BIA; Todd Ladner, Chair, Streetsville BIA; Sam Kohl, Malton BIA**

Letter dated January 26, 2021, Regarding the 2021 Region of Peel Proposed Tax Increase (Receipt recommended)

Resolution Number RCB-2021-30

Received

- 8.2 Ashok Kainth, Resident, Region of Peel**

Email dated January 27, 2021, Requesting a 2021 Property Tax Freeze (Receipt recommended)

Resolution Number RCB-2021-31

Received

- 8.3 Irene Lappas, Resident, City of Mississauga**

Email dated January 27, 2021, Regarding Proposed 2021 Tax Increases (Receipt recommended)

Resolution Number RCB-2021-32

Received

- 8.4 Phil Jones, Resident, City of Mississauga**

Email dated January 27, 2021, Requesting a 2021 Property Tax Freeze (Receipt recommended)

Resolution Number RCB-2021-33

Received

- 8.5 Nigel Codrington, Resident, Region of Peel**

Email dated January 28, 2021, Regarding 2021 Property Tax Increases (Receipt recommended)

Resolution Number RCB-2021-34

Received

- 8.6 Amanda Codrington, Resident, City of Mississauga**

Email dated January 28, 2021, Requesting a 2021 Property Tax Freeze (Receipt recommended)

Resolution Number RCB-2021-35

Received

8.7 Anna Montalbano, Resident, Region of Peel

Email dated January 31, 2021, Requesting a 2021 Property Tax Freeze (Receipt recommended)

Resolution Number RCB-2021-36

Received

8.8 Jeffrey Courey, Resident, Region of Peel

Email dated February 1, 2021, Requesting a 2021 Property Tax Freeze (Receipt recommended)

Resolution Number RCB-2021-37

Received

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION/MOTION

WITHDRAWN

~~**10.1 Motion Regarding Cost and Timelines for Providing Value for Money Audits Across Regional Services, Including External Agencies**~~

~~(Related to 7.4) (As requested by Councillor Santos)~~

~~**Resolution Number RCB-2021-38**~~

Withdrawn

Janice Baker, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that the implementation of value added audits could not be launched until late in the fiscal year as staff are working at over 100 per cent capacity due to the COVID-19 response. She noted that Ernst & Young had been engaged to look at a broad range of services to identify efficiencies and that cost efficiency and service effectiveness are a top priority for the Executive Leadership Team.

11. BY-LAWS

Resolution Number RCB-2021-39

Deferred to the February 11, 2021 Regional Council Budget meeting

11.1 By-law 6-2021

A by-law to amend By-law 43-2002 titled the "Fees By-law" and to repeal By-law 67-2019.

11.2 By-law 7-2021

A by-law to amend By-law 16-2007 titled the "Sewer Surcharge Rate and Sewer Waste Disposal Charge By-law" and to repeal By-law 68-2019.

11.3 By-law 8-2021

A by-law to amend By-law 17-2007 titled the "Waste Management System Fees and Charges By-law" and to repeal By-law 69-2019.

11.4 By-law 9-2021

A by-law to amend By-law 15-2007 titled the "Wastewater System Fees and Charges (Sewer Charge Rates) By-law" and to repeal By-law 70-2019.

11.5 By-law 10-2021

A by-law to amend By-law 14-2007 titled the "Water Consumption Fees and Charges By-law" and to repeal By-law 71-2019.

12. IN CAMERA MATTERS

Nil.

13. BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**Resolution Number RCB-2021-40**

Moved by Councillor Santos

Seconded by Councillor Parrish

That By-law 11-2021 to confirm the proceedings of Regional Council at its budget meeting held on February 4, 2021, to deliberate the 2021 Budget and to authorize the execution of documents in accordance with the Region of Peel by-laws relating thereto, be given the required number of readings, taken as read, signed by the Regional Chair and the Deputy Regional Clerk, and the corporate seal be affixed thereto.

Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Deputy Regional Clerk

Regional Chair