
Special Council

Date: February 24, 2021
Time: 9:06 AM
Location: Online Video Conference

Members	Mayor Bonnie Crombie	
	Councillor Stephen Dasko	Ward 1
	Councillor Karen Ras	Ward 2
	Councillor Chris Fonseca	Ward 3
	Councillor John Kovac	Ward 4
	Councillor Carolyn Parrish	Ward 5
	Councillor Ron Starr	Ward 6
	Councillor Dipika Damerla	Ward 7
	Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8
	Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9
	Councillor Sue McFadden	Ward 10
	Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11

Paul Mitcham, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer
Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer
Shari Lichterman, Commissioner of Community Services
Geoff Wright, Commissioner of Transportation and Works
Andrew Whitemore, Commissioner of Planning and Building
Andra Maxwell, City Solicitor, Legal Services
Diana Rusnov, Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk
Sacha Smith, Manager of Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk
Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services Division

1. CALL TO ORDER - 9:06AM

2. INDIGENOUS LAND STATEMENT

Mayor Crombie recited the Indigenous Land Statement.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Verbal Motion

Councillor Parrish spoke to voting on item 16.1 due to the urgency of the motion.

RESOLUTION

Moved By Councillor C. Parrish

Seconded By Councillor G. Carlson

That the February 24, 2021 Council Agenda be approved.

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING - Nil

6. PRESENTATIONS - Nil

7. DEPUTATIONS

7.1 Jennifer LeForestier, regarding item 16.1

Ms. LeForestier spoke in opposition for the GTA West Highway and Transmission Corridor.

7.2 Austin VanDerStarren, regarding item 16.1

Mr. VanDerStarren spoke in opposition for the GTA West Highway and Transmission Corridor and for the need of an Environmental Assessment.

7.3 Rahul Mehta, Resident regarding item 16.1

Mr. Mehta spoke in opposition for the GTA West Highway and Transmission Corridor and City of Mississauga polices.

Item 16.1 was moved up and voted on.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - Nil

9. MATTERS PERTAINING TO COVID-19 - Nil

10. CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 0037-2021

Moved By Councillor K. Ras

Seconded By Councillor C. Fonseca

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

15.1.1 A letter from Jenni LeForestier, regarding Agenda Item 16.1 GTAW Transportation Corridor

YES (12): Mayor Crombie, Councillor S. Dasko, Councillor K. Ras, Councillor C. Fonseca, Councillor J. Kovac , Councillor C. Parrish, Councillor R. Starr, Councillor D. Damerla, Councillor M. Mahoney, Councillor P. Saito, Councillor S. McFadden, and Councillor G. Carlson

Carried (12 to 0)

11. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE REPORTS - Nil

11.1 Budget Committee Report 1-2021 - February 22, 2021

Members of Council discussed BC-0006-2021 Part 5b ii regarding the car allowance reduction. Councillor Saito spoke to the intent of the recommendation and the stay at home order.

Councillor Starr spoke to the removal of recommendation BC-0006-2021 Part 5b ii regarding the car allowance reduction.

Gary Kent, Commissioner, Commissioner, Corporate Services spoke to the car allowance being retroactive for 2021.

Councillor Ras requested that recommendation BC-0007-202 be separated out.

RESOLUTION 0034-2021

Moved By Councillor P. Saito

Seconded By Councillor D. Damerla

That recommendations BC-0001-2021 - BC-0007-2021 as contained in the Budget Committee Report 1 -2021, dated February 22, 2021, be approved with the exception of BC-0006-2021 #5b ii) and BC-0007-2021 .

BC-0001-2021

That the deputation and associated presentation by Brennan Bempong, Resident regarding the Mississauga Budget be received.

BC-0002-2021

That the deputation by Brad Butt, Vice President of Government and Stakeholders Relations, Mississauga Board of Trade regarding the 2021 Budget be received.

BC-0003-2021

That the deputation and associated presentation by Jeff Jackson, Director of Finance and Treasurer with respect to the 2021 Budget Update be received.

BC-0004-2021

That the closed session presentation by Lori Kelly, Director of Human Resources regarding the 2021 Total Compensation Update be received.

BC-0005-2021

1. That capital project PN 19425 Malton Community Hub be amended to a gross budget of \$12,600,000 and net budget of \$6,100,000, including \$6,000,000 from the Region of Peel, pending agreement approval, \$500,000 secured donation, \$400,000 from Ward Specific Special Project funding in Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund (Account 35182) and \$2,700,000 from Tax Capital Reserve Fund (account 33121).
2. That funding of \$2,700,000 be transferred from Capital Reserve Fund (Account 33121) to PN 19425 - Malton Community Hub for the construction of the hub.
3. That all necessary by-laws be enacted.

BC-0006-2021

1. That Council approve the 2021 Budget as set out in:
 - a. 2021-2024 Business Plan & 2021 Budget Sections B through S which include the following tables/appendices:
 - i. Section B: Appendix 2D Listing of Projects for Multi-Year Funding, with the exception of changes to the Corporate Asset Management Program
 - ii. Section B: Appendix 3A 2021 Summary of FTE Adjustments by Service Area, with the deferral of 4 FTE positions for the Corporate Asset Management Program to 2022, as outlined in the report to Council dated November 30, 2020 entitled, "Update on 2021 Budget Request for Corporate Asset Management Program"
 - iii. Sections C-R: Proposed Cost Increase Required to Maintain Current Service Levels
 - iv. Sections C-R: Proposed New Initiatives and New Revenues
 - v. Sections C-R: Proposed 2021 Capital Budget Detail, with the exception of changes to the West Credit Avenue Temporary Storage Location recommended and adopted through Resolution 0371-2020 and changes to the Corporate Asset Management Program, (detailed in b)
 - vi. Section S: Appendix 1 Reserves and Reserve Funds Transfers and Appendix 2 Debt-Funded Projects;
 - b. Recommended changes to the Corporate Asset Management Program budget request, as outlined in the report from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, dated November 30, 2020 and entitled "Update on 2021 Budget Request for Corporate Asset Management Program" as follows

- i. That the funding requirement in the 2021 Capital Budget for the Corporate Asset Management Program be reduced from \$3,000,000 to \$2,800,000 in capital in 2021.
- 2. That Council approve any necessary 2021 budget re-allocations of service initiatives to ensure that costs are allocated to the appropriate service area with no net change to the 2021 property tax levy;
- 3. That the property tax levy be adjusted to reflect growth as calculated on the 2020 assessment roll returned by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation for purposes of 2021 taxation;
- 5.a) That a 1.75% economic adjustment for eligible non-union employees be implemented effective April 1, 2021 with normal job rate progression.
- a. Notwithstanding By-law 0551-2002 as amended,
 - i. That the salaries of Members of Council be frozen for 2021; and
 - ii. That the Car Allowance Rate for Members of Council be reduced by one-third in 2021 only
 - iii. That the 2021 Stormwater Charge for the 2021 budget year be approved at \$110.40 per Stormwater billing unit, effective April 1, 2021;
 - iv. That Council approve the Stormwater Program 2021 Budget as set out in Section V: Stormwater of the 2021-2024 Business Plan & 2021 Budget including:
 - Proposed New Initiatives and New Revenues
 - Proposed 2021 Capital Budget Detail
 - Appendix 1: Listing of Projects for Multi-Year Funding
 - Appendix 2: Summary of Reserve and Reserve Fund Transfers;
- b. That the 2021 Stormwater Charge operating budget be approved at \$43,545,710;
- c. That following the incorporation of adjustments approved by Budget Committee, the number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions funded by the Stormwater Charge will be 24.1 in 2021;
- d. That all necessary by-laws be enacted.

BC-0007-2021

- 1. That the 2021 property tax levy be approved at \$554,341,008 including:
- 2. Infrastructure and Debt Repayment Levy increase in the amount of \$10,750,798
- 3. Emerald Ash Borer Levy, included in the base budget, in the amount of \$4,600,000;

YES (12): Mayor Crombie, Councillor S. Dasko, Councillor K. Ras, Councillor C. Fonseca, Councillor J. Kovac , Councillor C. Parrish, Councillor R. Starr, Councillor D. Damerla, Councillor M. Mahoney, Councillor P. Saito, Councillor S. McFadden, and Councillor G. Carlson

Carried (12 to 0)

RESOLUTION 0035-2021

Moved By Councillor P. Saito

Seconded By Councillor D. Damerla

That recommendation BC-0006-2021 #5b ii) as contained in the Budget Committee Report 1 - 2021, dated February 22, 2021, be approved.

YES (7): Mayor Crombie, Councillor K. Ras, Councillor C. Fonseca, Councillor J. Kovac , Councillor C. Parrish, Councillor D. Damerla, and Councillor P. Saito

NO (5): Councillor S. Dasko, Councillor R. Starr, Councillor M. Mahoney, Councillor S. McFadden, and Councillor G. Carlson

Carried (7 to 5)

RESOLUTION 0036-2021

Moved By Councillor D. Damerla

Seconded By Councillor M. Mahoney

That recommendation BC-0007-2021 as contained in the Budget Committee Report 1 - 2021, dated February 22, 2021, be approved.

YES (9): Mayor Crombie, Councillor S. Dasko, Councillor J. Kovac , Councillor C. Parrish, Councillor R. Starr, Councillor D. Damerla, Councillor M. Mahoney, Councillor S. McFadden, and Councillor G. Carlson

NO (3): Councillor K. Ras, Councillor C. Fonseca, and Councillor P. Saito

Carried (9 to 3)

12. PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS
13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Nil
14. PETITIONS - Nil
15. CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 Information Items

15.1.1 A letter from Jenni LeForestier, regarding Agenda Item 16.1 GTAW Transportation Corridor (CONSENT)

16. NOTICE OF MOTION

16.1 A motion in opposition to any and all advanced construction associated with preparations for a GTA West highway and Transmission Corridor (Councillor Parrish)

Councillor Parrish spoke to the motion and made an amendment to include that the streamlined Environmental Assessment process - to which the Region of Peel has also objected and that a response from the Federal Government be completed by March 3, 2021.

Members of Council spoke in opposition to any and all advanced construction associated with preparations for a GTA West highway and Transmission Corridor.

Geoff Wright, Commissioner, Transportation and Works responded to questions and noted that a copy of the motion would be included in staff's response.

RESOLUTION 0033-2021

Moved By Councillor C. Parrish

Seconded By Councillor M. Mahoney

WHEREAS tens of thousands of jobs and billions in agriculture-related economic activity are at risk if the proposed construction of the GTA West Highway (413) is approved;

WHEREAS Ontario farming and food processing together employ one million persons and generate \$35 billion annually, the Golden Horseshoe being the third largest agricultural producer in North America after California and Chicago;

WHEREAS the proposed Hwy 413 will slash a broad 52 km swath through agricultural, natural heritage and environmentally sensitive lands - bisecting 85 streams (10 of which are ecologically high priority) destroying seven entire wood lots including a 5.95 km length of forest, significantly fragmenting valley lands, disrupting 1,000 ha of land significant to wildlife movement - making serious incursions into areas protected under the Green Belt Plan;

WHEREAS the 413 project would create 8.8 million square metres of highway and transitway right of way including paved surfaces (880 hectares/2174 acres), the equivalent of 13.59 functioning Ontario farms without consideration of the co-located Northwest Greater Toronto Area Electricity Transmission Corridor (transmission corridor);

WHEREAS the 413 project will include a minimum of 60 metre right of way for an adjoining transitway, in addition to 110 metre highway right of way along with a co-located transmission corridor to support the sprawling employment buildings and residential subdivisions that will follow the highway;

WHEREAS a significant number of reputable organizations have demanded the cancellation of the project, including: Environmental Defence, the David Suzuki Foundation, the Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods, Gravelwatch, Halton Environmental Network, National Farmers' Union-Ontario, Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition, Sustainable Vaughan, Transport Action Ontario, the Wilderness Committee and Sustainable Mississauga; as well as formal votes from the municipalities of Halton Hills and Orangeville;

WHEREAS the TRCA - which is the regulatory authority for developments in flood plains, wetlands and valley lands - has also objected to the potential impact of the proposed highway as well as the streamlined Environmental Assessment process - that process to which the Region of Peel has also objected;

WHEREAS Environmental Defence has filed a request for designation under Section 9 of the Federal Impact Assessment Act requesting the GTA West proposed project and associated Transmission Corridor to be considered within federal jurisdiction by way of it's meeting the criteria for public concern, particularly since the Province is proposing a shortened EA process as well as the construction of bridges and other significant environmental disrupters in advance of the completion of the EA process;

WHEREAS the 3 year EA undertaken by the previous provincial government was shelved because of strong objection to the 413 by experts in the fields of rural development, renewable cities, agriculture, environment and efficient transportation who sounded alarms over predicted irreversible ecological harm caused by the uncontrolled, low density urban sprawl the 413 would cause;

WHEREAS the EA process was halted by the previous government and a three person expert panel was appointed that unanimously recommended the cancellation of the GTA West Highway 413, a recommendation that resulted in the project's termination;

WHEREAS the Region of Peel is currently undertaking a Municipal Comprehensive Review process which will allocate residential and employment numbers to 2051 as well as areas of concentration for both, within the greenfield development designated for the Town of Caledon - a process which has already been affected by the proposed highway;

WHEREAS the current lack of opposition to the GTA West Highway by the Council of the Region of Peel has been cited as one of the provincial government's key assets in pushing the highway forward;

WHEREAS the City of Mississauga plays a significant political, financial and leadership role in the Region of Peel.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Council of the City of Mississauga approve the following:

1. Strong opposition to any and all advanced construction associated with preparations for a GTA West highway and Transmission Corridor.

2. Full support of the Environmental Defence request for a Federal Environmental Assessment pursuant to s.9(1) of the Impact Assessment Act (I.A.A.).

3. Strong opposition in principle to construction of any transportation corridor transversing the Region of Peel, but specifically the currently proposed GTA West 413 highway and Transmission corridor, which will wreak havoc on the environment, encourage residential sprawl and dependence on the car as a significant means of transportation.

4. The motion be shared with Brampton, Caledon and Peel Councils, The Premier of Ontario, The Minister of Transportation, The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson – Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Mississauga MPs and MPPs, Councils of the Regions through which the proposed GTA West Highway will travel.

5. A response to the federal government request for comments be completed by March 3, 2021 and be sent to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada

YES (12): Mayor Crombie, Councillor S. Dasko, Councillor K. Ras, Councillor C. Fonseca, Councillor J. Kovac , Councillor C. Parrish, Councillor R. Starr, Councillor D. Damerla, Councillor M. Mahoney, Councillor P. Saito, Councillor S. McFadden, and Councillor G. Carlson

Carried (12 to 0)

17. MOTIONS - Nil

18. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

18.1 A by-law to amend By-law 0295-2020, as amended, being the Stormwater Fees and Charges By-law

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19. MATTERS PERTAINING TO REGION OF PEEL COUNCIL - Nil

20. COUNCILLORS' ENQUIRIES - Nil

21. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - Nil

22. CLOSED SESSION - Nil

23. CONFIRMATORY BILL

0045-2021

24. ADJOURNMENT – 10:27AM