
Budget Committee

Date: April 28, 2021
Time: 1:34 PM
Location: Online Video Conference

Members	Mayor Bonnie Crombie	Chair
	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

Staff Present

Paul Mitcham, City Manager and CAO
Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer
Jeff Jackson, Director of Finance and Treasurer
Geoff Wright, Commissioner of Transportation and Works
Andrew Whittemore, Commissioner of Planning and Building
Shari Lichterman, Commissioner of Community Services
Diana Rusnov, Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk
Sacha Smith, Manager of Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk
Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Crombie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:34PM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (Councillor McFadden)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil.**4. PRESENTATIONS****4.1 Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer to present the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Canadian Award for Financial Reporting on the 2019 Annual Report**

Mr. Kent presented the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting on the 2019 Annual Report from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

Received (Councillor Starr)

5. DEPUTATIONS**5.1 Jeff Jackson, Director of Finance and Treasurer and Elizabeth McGee, Manager, Capital Planning and Strategic Projects with respect to 2021 Finances (Item 8.1)**

Mr. Jackson and Ms. McGee presented and provided an update on the Financial Impacts of COVID-19. They noted financial principles, federal/provincial funding streams, year-end position, pandemic impact, deficits, upcoming pressures, mitigating factors, advocacy efforts and next steps.

Members of the Committee spoke to the matter and raised the following questions and concerns:

- Tax reduction options;
- Transit;
- The 5% PILT cap;
- Land Transfer Tax criteria;
- Increased tax revenue from the Proposed Film Studio;
- Employment - Hiring, Vacancies and Lay-offs; and
- Borrowing money and running a deficit.

Mr. Jackson and Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services responded to questions from the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION BC-0008-2021

Moved By Councillor K. Ras

That the deputation and associated presentation by Jeff Jackson, Director of Finance and Treasurer and Elizabeth McGee, Manager, Capital Planning and Strategic Projects with respect to 2021 Finances be received.

Received

5.2 Sam Rogers, Director, Enforcement and Harold Dremin, Director, Economic Development with respect to Review of Business Licensing Fees (Item 8.6)

Mr. Rogers and Mr. Dremin presented and provided an overview on the Review of Business Licensing Fees. They noted the purpose of the business licensing fees and the licenses by industry. They further spoke to the business license fee reduction considerations that consist of federal, provincial and City of Mississauga business support as well as business license relief, target approach and impact on the City.

Members of the Committee spoke to the matter and raised the following questions and concerns:

- Expressed concern and emphasized with the affected business sectors;
- Decrease and/or refund business licensing fees and the revenue impact;
- Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) fees;
- Recommended a target area review;
- Inquired what cut backs the City of Toronto and Brampton are doing;
- No enforcement on business sectors that have remained closed;
- Suggested a decrease scale in 2021 fees;
- Recommended a referral to Council for further consideration;
- Property Tax Deferral Program;
- Focus on the 2021 effected sectors;
- Recommended waiving late fee penalties until a decision is made; and
- Expressed concern regarding the dilemma of selecting which business sectors have been the most impacted.

Mr. Rogers, Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer and Paul Mitcham, City Manager and CAO responded to questions from the Committee.

Item 8.6 was brought forward, amended to reflect the direction to staff to review impacted business sectors and deferred to the May 19, Council meeting. Councillor Saito suggested that the late fee penalties be waived in the interim until Council makes a decision on the matter.

RECOMMENDATION BC-0009-2021

Moved By Councillor S. Dasko

That the deputation and associated presentation by Sam Rogers, Director, Enforcement and Harold Dremin, Director, Economic Development with respect to Review of Business Licensing Fees be received.

Received

5.3 Item 8.6 - Brad Butt, Vice-President, Government and Stakeholder Relations, Mississauga Board of Trade (MBOT)

Mr. Butt spoke to the Review of Business Licensing Fees and noted the impact of the pandemic on a number business sectors, in particular personal care services. He further spoke to the Federal and Provincial programs and noted that the Municipalities have not provided any financial program assistance. Mr. Butt requested that Council send a strong message by waiving, rebating or crediting the Business Licensing Fees for a year.

Councillor Starr expressed support regarding Mr. Butt's outlined concerns, however there should be focus solely on the business sectors that have been directly impacted by the pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION BC-0010-2021

Moved By Councillor R. Starr

That the deputation by Brad Butt, Vice-President, Government and Stakeholder Relations, Mississauga Board of Trade (MBOT) regarding the corporate report entitled "Review of Business Licensing Fees" be received.

Received

5.4 Item 8.6 - Kulbir Gill, Alliance Personal Care

Mr. Gill spoke to the Review of Business Licensing Fees and that the personal care services as the most impacted by the pandemic. He spoke to the meetings with the BIAs and the Mississauga Board of Trade and noted the steps they have taken regarding the matter. Mr. Gill requested that the Business Licensing Fees be waived for personal care services for the year of 2021.

RECOMMENDATION BC-0011-2021

Moved By Councillor P. Saito

That the deputation by Kulbir Gill, Alliance Personal Care regarding the corporate report entitled "Review of Business Licensing Fees" be received.

Received

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit**

Chris Mackie, MIRANET provided questions in advance of the meeting regarding the Treasurer's Annual Report on Investment and the Fire Station Renovation Program. Finance staff provided responses in advance, which resulted in no questions asked during Public Question Period.

7. CONSENT AGENDA**RECOMMENDATION BC-0012-2021**

Moved By Councillor S. McFadden

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- 8.1 - Update on the Financial Impacts of COVID-19
- 8.2 - Financial Reports as at December 31, 2020
- 8.3 - 2020 Treasurer's Annual Report on Investment
- 8.5 - Fire Station Renovation Program
- 10.1 - Emails dated Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24, 2021 from Peter D. Pellier, Resident regarding the Review of Business Licensing Fees
- 10.2 - An email dated Friday, April 23, 2021 from Mark Sexsmith, Taxi Owner/Operator regarding the Review of Business Licensing Fees
- 10.3 - An email dated Friday, April 23, 2021 from Alexander Mantadis, Resident regarding the Review of Business Licensing Fees

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)

8. MATTERS CONSIDERED**8.1 Update on the Financial Impacts of COVID-19 (CONSENT)****RECOMMENDATION BC-0013-2021**

Moved By Councillor S. McFadden

That the report from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer dated April 9, 2021 entitled "Update on the Financial Impacts of COVID-19" be received for information.

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)

8.2 Financial Reports as at December 31, 2020 (CONSENT)RECOMMENDATION BC-0014-2021

Moved By Councillor S. McFadden

1. That the “Financial Report as at December 31, 2020” report dated April 8, 2021, from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, including appendices 1 to 4, be approved;
2. That the Treasurer be authorized to fund and close the capital projects as identified in this report;
3. That \$2,725,836.84 be transferred from the Mississauga Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Reserve Fund (Account #35184) to the Capital Reserve Fund (Account #33121) and the Mississauga Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Reserve Fund (Account #35184) be closed;
4. That \$10,172,529.99 be transferred from the MoveOntario 2020 Higher Order Transit Reserve Fund (Account #35187) to the Capital Reserve Fund (Account #33121);
5. That \$840,358.46 be transferred to Stormwater Pipe Reserve Fund (#35993) from the operating program surplus;
6. That the necessary by-laws be enacted.

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)8.3 2020 Treasurer’s Annual Report on Investment (CONSENT)RECOMMENDATION BC-0015-2021

Moved By Councillor S. McFadden

That in compliance with Provincial legislation governing municipal investment practices, the report titled “2020 Treasurer’s Annual Report on Investment” dated April 13, 2021 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer be received for information.

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)

8.4 Update on Vacant Home Tax and Small Business Sub-class Options

Councillor Parrish inquired if the recent Federal announcement regarding vacant homes would affect this tax initiative. Connie Mesih, Director of Revenue and Material Management responded noting that the Federal tax would be an additional tax on top of the City of Mississauga and/or Region of Peel vacant home tax.

RECOMMENDATION BC-0016-2021

Moved By Councillor C. Parrish

That the report entitled "Update on Vacant Home Tax and Small Business Sub-class Options" dated March 26, 2021 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer be received for information.

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)

8.5 Fire Station Renovation Program (CONSENT)

RECOMMENDATION BC-0017-2021

Moved By Councillor S. McFadden

1. That the Fire Station Renovation Program for the 17 fire stations identified in the Corporate Report dated March 25, 2021 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Fire Station Renovation Program" be incorporated into the Fire & Emergency Services 10 Year Capital Plan and be approved.
2. That the Fire Station Renovation Program be funded from the Public Fire Safety Program Reserve.
3. That all necessary by-laws be enacted.

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)

8.6 Review of Business Licensing Fees

This matter was discussed and voted upon under Item 5.2.

RECOMMENDATION BC-0018-2021

Moved By Councillor P. Saito

1. That the corporate report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, dated April 14, 2021 entitled "Review of Business Licensing Fees be referred to the May 19, 2021 Council meeting and that staff be directed to report back providing options and to conduct a review of the hardest hit business sectors.
2. That the late Business Licensing Fees be waived pending Council's decision on May 19, 2021.

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)

9. CLOSED SESSION

(Pursuant to Subsection 239(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*)

RECOMMENDATION

Moved By Councillor M. Mahoney

Whereas the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, requires Council to pass a motion prior to closing part of a meeting to the public;

And whereas the Act requires that the motion states the act of the holding of the closed meeting and the general nature of the matter to be considered at the closed meeting;

Now therefore be it resolved that a portion of the Budget Committee meeting to be held on April 28, 2021 shall be closed to the public to deal with the following matter:

- a. Pursuant to Subsection 239(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*
 - i. **Labour relations or employee negotiations:** MiWay Service-Levels

Received

The Committee went into Closed Session at 3:15PM

9.1 Labour relations or employee negotiations: MiWay Service-Levels

Geoff Marinoff, Director of Transit provided a confidential presentation associated with the corporate report dated March 22, 2021 entitled "MiWay Service Levels". Members of the Committee raised questions and concerns. Mr. Marinoff responded to questions from the Committee.

The Committee came out of Closed Session at 3:47PM.

As a result of the Closed Session, the following recommendation was voted on during Open Session:

RECOMMENDATION BC-0019-2021

Moved By Councillor C. Parrish

That the confidential report to Budget Committee entitled MiWay Service-Levels, dated March 22, 2021 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works be received for information.

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)

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Emails dated Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24, 2021 from Peter D. Pellier, Resident regarding the Review of Business Licensing Fees (CONSENT)

Received (Councillor McFadden)

- 10.2 An email dated Friday, April 23, 2021 from Mark Sexsmith, Taxi Owner/Operator regarding the Review of Business Licensing Fees (CONSENT)

Received (Councillor McFadden)

- 10.3 An email dated Friday, April 23, 2021 from Alexander Mantadis, Resident regarding the Review of Business Licensing Fees (CONSENT)

Received (Councillor McFadden)

11. ADJOURNMENT

3:48PM (Councillor Ras)