
Budget Committee

Date: November 25, 2024
Time: 9:32 AM
Location: Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 2nd Floor
300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1
and Online Video Conference

Members Present	Chair and Councillor Brad Butt	Ward 11
	Vice-Chair and Councillor Stephen Dasko	Ward 1
	Mayor Carolyn Parrish	Mayor
	Councillor Alvin Tedjo	Ward 2
	Councillor Chris Fonseca	Ward 3
	Councillor John Kovac	Ward 4
	Councillor Natalie Hart	Ward 5
	Councillor Joe Horneck	Ward 6
	Councillor Dipika Damerla	Ward 7
	Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8
	Councillor Martin Reid	Ward 9
	Councillor Sue McFadden	Ward 10

Staff Present

Geoff Wright, City Manager and CAO
Raj Sheth, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Sam Rogers, Acting Commissioner of Transportation and Works
Andrew Whittemore, Commissioner of Planning and Building
Jodi Robillos, Commissioner of Community Services
Marisa Chiu, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Diana Rusnov, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk
Sacha Smith, Manager/Deputy Clerk, Secretariat and Access & Privacy
Eglantina Bacaj-Gondia, Legislative Coordinator

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Butt, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:32AM.

2. **INDIGENOUS LAND STATEMENT**

Councillor Butt, Chair recited the Indigenous Land Statement.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved, as amended (Councillor McFadden)

The amendments included:

- Addition of Item 6.1 "Item 9.3, Rahul Mehta, Resident"
- Addition of item 9.4 "Winter Maintenance Program Funding" (motion from Councillor S. Dasko)
- Addition of item 9.5 "Flood Resilience Rebate Program" (motion from Councillor C. Fonseca)

4. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

5. **PRESENTATIONS - Nil**

6. **DEPUTATIONS**

6.1 **Item 9.3, Rahul Mehta, Resident**

Rahul Mehta, Resident spoke to the budget process and inquired about the approval process, budget increases, Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT), and reserves.

Marisa Chiu, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer spoke to the budget timelines and legislation. Mayor Parrish commented on the strong mayor powers and timelines.

M. Chiu further spoke to the PILT, historical trends, 2-year lag in revenue, and 2027 projections; additionally, M. Chiu commented on reserve funding, including types, targets, programming, and increases.

RECOMMENDATION BC-0035-2024

Moved By Councillor J. Horneck

That the deputation from Rahul Mehta, Resident regarding the "Summary of 2025 Proposed Budget Amendments" report dated November 20, 2024 from the City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer, be received.

Received

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

Glenn Voakes, Resident asked a question related to item 9.1.1 regarding the budget and 2025 timelines for the construction of pumping stations.

In response, Councillor McFadden commented on funding and timelines and Sam Rogers, Acting Commissioner of Transportation and Works noted the factors affecting the timelines for completing pumping stations.

8. CONSENT AGENDA - Nil

9. MATTERS CONSIDERED

9.1 Service Area Presentations (10 minutes per presentation)

9.1.1 Stormwater

Presented by Emma Calvert, Director, Infrastructure Planning & Engineering Services

Committee Members commented and inquired about capital reserve funds, targets, balances, and capital projects. In response, E. Calvert and Marisa Chiu, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer provided information on reserves, balances and capital funding.

Item 9.5 was moved up and voted on during this item.

Members of Budget Committee spoke in support of the motion regarding the Flood Resilience Rebate Program and inquired about timelines and eligibility, and Councillor Fonseca responded with information.

9.2 Infrastructure Levy (motion from Councillor J. Horneck)

Councillor Horneck spoke to the motion regarding infrastructure levy and Committee Members engaged in discussion and inquired about amounts and funding.

Marisa Chiu, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer provided information regarding budgetary impacts.

The motion was deferred to the November 27, 2024 Council meeting for further deliberation.

9.3 Summary of 2025 Proposed Budget Amendments

Committee Members commented and inquired about the budgetary impacts on tax bills, reserve funds sources, and dept repayment limits. Marisa Chiu, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer responded to inquiries and provided information regarding the budget increase impacts, borrowing costs, legislation, and in-year budget changes.

RECOMMENDATION BC-0037-2024

Moved By Councillor S. Dasko

That the "Summary of 2025 Proposed Budget Amendments" report dated November 20, 2024 from the City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer, be received.

YES (10): Councillor S. Dasko, Councillor C. Parrish, Councillor A. Tedjo, Councillor C. Fonseca, Councillor J. Kovac, Councillor Natalie Hart, Councillor D. Damerla, Councillor M. Mahoney, Councillor M. Reid, and Councillor S. McFadden

NO (1): Councillor J. Horneck

Carried (10 to 1)

9.4 Winter Maintenance Program Funding (motion from Councillor S. Dasko)

Councillor Dasko spoke to the motion regarding the financial impact of additional winter maintenance programs and Committee Members inquired about funding sources, amounts, and reserve funds. In response, Geoff Wright, City Manager and CAO provided information on the funding mechanisms for the winter maintenance programs and commented on the winter maintenance reserve funds.

RECOMMENDATION BC-0038-2024

Moved By Councillor S. Dasko

WHEREAS Budget Committee also approved a \$18.35 million increase to 2025 capital spending from the implementation of additional winter maintenance programs without specifying its funding source;

AND WHEREAS The 3% Capital Infrastructure and Debt Repayment Levy proposed for 2025 and the anticipated 2024 surplus from the Tax Capital Reserve Fund above the targeted reserve balance can be used to offset the impacts of the increase in capital spending relating to the winter maintenance programs;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga is facing challenges in the 2025-2026 capital funding budget;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga is facing challenges with the 2025-2026 Regional capital budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the \$18.35 million in 2025 capital funding required to implement the winter maintenance programs be funded through the Tax Capital Reserve Fund without any corresponding reduction or deferral to 2025 capital projects.

YES (11): Councillor S. Dasko, Councillor C. Parrish, Councillor A. Tedjo, Councillor C. Fonseca, Councillor J. Kovac, Councillor Natalie Hart, Councillor J. Horneck, Councillor D. Damerla, Councillor M. Mahoney, Councillor M. Reid, and Councillor S. McFadden

Carried (11 to 0)

9.5 Flood Resilience Rebate Program (motion from Councillor C. Fonseca)

This item was discussed and voted on during item 9.1.1

RECOMMENDATION BC-0036-2024

Moved By Councillor C. Fonseca

WHEREAS Council passed resolution City of Mississauga Corporate Report – 2024-09-25 – “July & August 2024 Storm Events – Flood Mitigation Action Plan - acknowledging that significant weather events in 2013, and in 2024 delivered significant rain in parts of Mississauga over a very short time period, defined as 100 year storms, and resulted in thousands of flood properties, and likely more than a billion dollars in property damage;

WHEREAS this Flood Mitigation Action Plan includes: A Residential Flood Relief Grant of \$1,000, A Basement Flooding Prevention Rebate of up to \$6,800 to help residential homeowners and tenants offset the cost of basement flooding impacts and to assist residents make home flood protection improvements more affordable;

WHEREAS Council passed resolution 0196-2024 acknowledging that weather events on July 16, and August 17, 2024 delivered 106mm and 170 mm of rain respectively in parts of Mississauga over a very short time period and resulted in thousands of flooded properties, and likely more than a billion dollars in property damage;

WHEREAS City of Mississauga has acknowledged that extreme weather events are anticipated to occur with greater frequency and intensity for the foreseeable future;

WHEREAS some property owners who are no longer able to obtain reasonably affordable – or any – flood-related property insurance due to previous claims or geographic location face significant financial risk in protecting or replacing their property as a result of extreme weather; WHEREAS many flood impacted residents are facing immediate, on-going and dire financial hardships as a result of the damages incurred in 2024, and in 2013;

WHEREAS Council approved a Flood Resilience Rebate Program aimed at incentivising residential property owners to Build Back Better following basement flood damage using water resistant materials and other measures to mitigate the damage and loss from potential flooding the future retroactive to July 16, 2024;

WHEREAS Budget Committee approved additional programs and initiatives at the November 18 and 19 meetings, including the \$1 Million one-time Flood resilience rebate program that cannot be funded by the Stormwater reserves;

WHEREAS residents flooded in 2013 and 2024 have requested the Flood Resilience Rebate Program be retroactive to 2013;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City of Mississauga support in its Flood Resilience Rebate Program rebates up to \$1.5 million and put into effect retroactively to July 2013, and all eligibility requirements, restrictions, terms and conditions be determined by the Chief Administrative Officer or his designate, in consultation with Legal Services;

AND FURTHER that this rebate be open to December 31st, 2025;

AND FURTHER that if applications to the Flood Resilience Rebate Program reach the \$1.5 million cap that this be brought to Council for review;

AND FURTHER that staff offset the \$1.5 million budget impact relating to the Flood resilience rebate program for 2025 from the Fiscal Stability Reserve.

YES (11): Councillor S. Dasko, Councillor C. Parrish, Councillor A. Tedjo, Councillor C. Fonseca, Councillor J. Kovac, Councillor Natalie Hart, Councillor J. Horneck, Councillor D. Damerla, Councillor M. Mahoney, Councillor M. Reid, and Councillor S. McFadden

Carried (11 to 0)

10. CLOSED SESSION - Nil

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Butt, Chair spoke to variance reports and Geoff Wright, City Manager and CAO noted that quarterly financial reports will be coming to Budget Committee meetings in the future.

12. ADJOURNMENT

11:18AM (Councillor M. Mahoney)