

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 16, 2012

(8:55 p.m.)

The budget meeting resumed on Monday, April 16, 2012, at 8:55 p.m. following the Council Meeting.

1. MOMENT OF MEDITATION:

A moment of meditation was observed.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Deputy Clerk gave the roll call and the following Council Members were present:

Mayor Grossi	Regional Councillor Wheeler
Councillor Craig	Councillor Davison
Councillor Hackenbrook	Councillor Smockum
Councillor Szollosy	

Winanne Grant, Chief Administrative Officer
Rebecca Mathewson, Director of Administrative Services and Treasurer
Darlene Carson-Hildebrand, Deputy Treasurer
Dan Pisani, Director of Operations and Engineering
Steve Richardson, Deputy Fire Chief
Robin McDougall, Director of Recreation and Culture
Harold Lenters, Director of Planning and Building
Mary Baxter, Director of Library Services
Robert Fortier, Operations Manager
Dan Murnaghan, Manager of Parks and Open Space
Lisa Lyons, Deputy Clerk
Carolyn Lance, Administrative Assistant to the Town Clerk

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS AND DEPUTATIONS:

The following addendum items were identified:

- 3.1 Power point presentation to be presented by the Director of Administrative Services and Treasurer

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS AND DEPUTATIONS cont'd:

3.2 E-mail correspondence from Gary Radner requesting funds be allocated for the reconstruction of the Island Drive bridge in Willow Beach

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler

RESOLUTION NO. SC-2012-0144

THAT THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDENDUM ITEMS BE APPROVED:

- 4.1 POWER POINT PRESENTATION TO BE PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND TREASURER
- 4.2 E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM GARY RADNER REQUESTING FUNDS BE ALLOCATED FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ISLAND DRIVE BRIDGE IN WILLOW BEACH.

Carried.....

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Craig

RESOLUTION NO. SC-2012-0145

THAT THE E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM GARY RADNER REQUESTING FUNDS BE ALLOCATED FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ISLAND DRIVE BRIDGE IN WILLOW BEACH BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO INCLUDE IN HER REPORT AND TO NOTIFY THE ISLAND DRIVE RESIDENTS OF THE DATE WHEN THE REPORT WILL BECOME AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW.

Carried.....

5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

None.

6. PRESENTATIONS:

6.1 Continuation of the 2012 Operating and Capital Budgets – Tax Levy Supported

Rebecca Mathewson, Director of Administrative Services and Treasurer, through a power point presentation, reviewed issues from the April 12th budget meeting. She indicated that Council is looking at a proposed tax increase of 2.84% overall for the blended rate of the Town, the Region and the School Board or \$92.90 per household. She stated that including all of the changes that Council directed be made to the budget so far, the proposed total net tax levy requirement has been reduced from \$31.1 Million to \$30.8 Million, which translates into a property tax increase of 2.36% or \$77.24 per household, for an average home assessed at \$260,000.

TAB 6; OPERATIONS & ENGINEERING – FACILITIES & PARKS

Dan Pisani, Director of Operations and Engineering, noted a marginal increase of 2% related to seven new positions.

Briar Hill Cemetery Board

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Darlene Carson, Deputy Treasurer, advised that Briar Hill Cemetery is run by the Cemetery Board and they manage their own finances and hand over the records to the Town at the end of each year to be consolidated. They also pay their own honorariums.

The ROC

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Account #G721-0717-0702 – Admission Fees; Dan Pisani advised that the revenue for the summer concession is a projected amount only and staff is in the process of defining the hours of operation.

It was noted that the Recreation and Culture Department is permitting refreshment vehicles to continue to conduct business on Town property during tournaments for the 2012 year only.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that she would look into the issue and get back to Council.

Pefferlaw Outdoor Rink

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#G721-0386-3232, Marketing; based on daily usage.

Mr. Pisani advised that with regard to Holmes Point Park and North Gwillimbury Park staff is working with the handheld systems and debit systems to collect revenue.

6. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

Staff is moving forward on the same basis as last year, and new processes are in place.

Parks Overhead

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#G739-0101-3215, Telephone/Alarm; staff is investigating systems to consolidate with the new department.

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#G739-0101-3910, Insurance Premiums
#G739-0101-8168, Reserve for Equipment Replacement
#G739-0101-9001, Proposed Savings

Mr. Pisani advised that the above accounts cover internal maintenance cost recovery and the costs will not be realized until the maintenance people are in place.

Park Facilities

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#G739-0359-2225, Ground Maintenance Materials; this account is to cover costs for all materials needed to maintain the sports fields such as grass seed, mulch and fertilizers.

6. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

Jackson's Point Harbour

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#G751-0338-0703, Docking Fees, Parks Overhead; last year's actual should read \$3,553.00, not \$18,117.15 for transient boaters.
#G751-0338-0720, Seasonal Rentals, Parks Overhead; last year's actual should read \$14,564.00.

Facilities

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5207 Baseline Road, Sutton Glass; remove the base budget of \$8,900 as this building is no longer rented and will be torn down.

Georgina Ice Palace

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#G761-0711-0833, Ice Rentals; Robin McDougall, Director of Recreation and Culture, advised that this line item reflects ice rentals for one-time uses of one or two hours each, which have been declining consistently. This decline is in part due to the marketing as well as a perception that the Town does not have ice available. Promotion and marketing is needed to get the word out. Revenues were reduced from last year to this year by \$50,000 and staff anticipates that \$180,000 is achievable in 2012. Staff is reviewing what other municipalities are offering to the public for the same product.

6. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

Georgina Leisure Pool

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#G763-0349-3435, Snow Removal; Through an agreement entered into with the School Board, one bill is issued for hydro, gas and snow removal.

#G763-0349-3421, Multi-Use Administration Shared Cost; this includes hydro, gas, garbage removal, snow removal and \$120,282.11 is the Town's share of the expenses.

#G763-0349-3420, Building Repairs & Maintenance;

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Craig

THAT BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE, ACCOUNT NO. G763-0349-3420 FOR THE GEORGINA ICE PALACE, BE REDUCED FROM \$24,000 to \$20,000 AND THAT THE \$4,000 DIFFERENCE BE ALLOCATED TO A RESERVE.

Carried....

Virginia Hall

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Virginia Hall Expense; Mr. Pisani advised that this hall is currently closed and will be declared surplus.

Port Bolster Hall

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Ms. Carson advised that the Port Bolster Hall is run by the Hall Board and the Town does not receive their books until January or February of each year. The budget just shows the expenses the Town paid on the hall board's behalf, noting that the hall takes in all the revenue and pays its own expenses. The Hall Board's statements were not received at the time the budget was printed. The annual \$5,000 received from Brock Township is under Capital Account. The Township of Uxbridge is also supposed to pay 50% of all capital expenses for the use of the hall. The Town has agreements with the Township of Brock for the Port Bolster Hall and the Township of Uxbridge for the Udora Community Hall.

Ms. Mathewson was requested to contact the Townships of Brock and Uxbridge regarding the agreements for the use of the Port Bolster and Udora halls.

6. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

Moved by Councillor Davison

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE TAB 6, THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE OPERATIONS AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT WITH AMENDMENTS INCORPORATED.

Carried.....

Power point presentation slides

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Capital, North Street Sidewalk; Mr. Pisani advised that staff have analyzed the issue and noted that there are existing trip hazards, elevation and drainage issues. Staff recommends removal and replacement of the raised sidewalk, removal, re-grading and paving two inches of asphalt near the catch basin to help with the water flow and supply and installation of a new catch basin totalling \$30,000 in repairs.

Roc Fencing, Capital

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Clarification; the proposed fencing would have continuous 8 foot centres rather than 16 ft centres.

Dan Murnaghan, Manager of Parks and Open Space, advised that rustic style board was not priced out. He noted that 1x6 spruce stringers will rust quickly to look rustic. Materials will be kept as rustic looking as possible. He noted that split rail cedar rails may be more expensive to purchase but will look into the pricing.

Woodbine Avenue Sidewalk/Street Lights, Capital

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Mr. Pisani advised that funding in the amount of \$72,000 was carried forward from 2011 and \$50,000 has been added for contingency. Total expenditure for 2012 is \$122,000 to complete the project.

TAB 15, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS/FUNDING REQUESTS:

Georgina Chamber of Commerce; \$94,120 suggested by Council, not \$96,130

6. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE GRANT REQUESTS FOR THE GEORGINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,120, THE GEORGINA ARTS CENTRE AND GALLERY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,000, GEORGINA MOBILITY TRANSIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000, GEORGINA TRADES TRAINING INC (GTTI) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 AND THE GEORGINA MILITARY MUSEUM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,000.

Carried.....

The Director of Planning and Building is to speak with the Economic Development Officer regarding the Georgina Chamber of Commerce following the Economic Development process for funding in the future rather than through the budget process.

The Economic Development Division received a request from the Georgina Food Pantry which is scheduled for the May 7th meeting. There is funding in the Economic Development budget with regard to grants, contingencies and reserves to be utilized to provide operating grants. The Town has provided them with a grant, and they are also requesting that the property taxes be waived.

Ms. Mathewson stated that the municipality is unable to waive or exempt a property from paying property taxes, therefore the municipality provided a grant for their share of the property tax charge. The issue can be processed through the Economic Development Division if it is felt more appropriate to do so.

Ms. Mathewson updated Council, indicating that the total tax rate increase at this time would be 3.71%.

TAB 1, BUDGET SUMMARY

Moved by Councillor Davison,

Seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler

THAT TAB 1, BUDGET SUMMARY FOR THE 2012 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

Carried.....

6. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

TAB 2, CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler

THAT TAB 2, CAPITAL INVESTMENT FOR THE 2012 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

Carried.....

TAB 3, RESERVE FUNDS

Moved by Councillor Craig

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

THAT TAB 3, RESERVE FUNDS FOR THE 2012 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

Carried.....

TAB 4, DEBT & INTERNAL BORROWINGS

Moved by Councillor Davison

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

THAT TAB 4, DEBT & INTERNAL BORROWINGS FOR THE 2012 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

Carried.....

Moved by Councillor Szollosy,

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

That the meeting move past the hour of 11:00 p.m.

Carried.....

6. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

TAB 14, NON-PROGRAM BUDGETS

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#G931-0000-0141, Supplementary Residential & Farm;

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Davison

THAT ACCOUNT G931-0000-0141, SUPPLEMENTARY RESIDENTAIL & FARM,
BE INCREASED FROM \$100,000 TO \$150,000.

Carried.....

Ms. Mathewson stated that the estimated surplus is \$300,000.

Georgina Community Health Care Council

Councillor Hackenbrook declared an interest with respect to the Georgina Community Health Care Council at this time because his spouse is an employee of the local medical clinic; he did not participate in any discussion or vote.

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

THAT THE HONORARIUM BUDGET FOR THE HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE BE
INCREASED BY \$5,600.00.

Carried.....

Ms. Mathewson advised that working funds in contingencies have been increased from \$2.1 Million to \$2.9 Million, Provincial grants remain at \$1.5 Million, Federal Gas Tax is at \$2.3 Million and the total reserve position is close to \$19 Million.

Ms. Mathewson advised that the budget increase is 3.56% with a blended property tax rate impact to the average home owner at 2.03% or \$75.21 per household.

6. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

RESOLUTION NO. SC-2012-0146

THAT THE 2012 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

Carried.....

7. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Craig

Seconded by Councillor Davison

That the following by-law be given three readings:

By-law Number 2012-0034 (COU-2)

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

Carried.....

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councillor Hackenbrook

Seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler

That the meeting adjourn at this time (11:20 p.m.).

Robert Grossi, Mayor

Lisa Lyons, Deputy Clerk