



**Town of Aurora
Budget Committee
Meeting Report**

Date: Monday, November 23, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Video Conference

Council Members: Mayor Mrakas
Councillor Gaertner
Councillor Gallo
Councillor Gilliland
Councillor Humfries
Councillor Kim
Councillor Thompson

Other Attendees: Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer
Allan Downey, Director of Operations
Techa Van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services
Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services
Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance
David Waters, Director of Planning and Development Services
Eliza Bennett, Acting Manager, Corporate Communications
Doug Bertrand, Manager, Facilities
Sandeep Dhillon, Advisor, Financial Management
Tracy Evans, Advisor, Financial Management
John Firman, Manager, Business Support Services
Jason Gaertner, Manager, Financial Management
Alice Liu, Senior Advisor, Financial Management
Anca Mihail, Manager of Engineering and Capital Delivery
Michael Mulvenna, IT Manager
Demetre Rigakos, Manager, Human Resources
Laura Sheardown, Advisor, Financial Management
Lisa Warth, Manager, Recreation
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Procedural Notes

This meeting was held electronically as per Section 19. i) of the Town's Procedure By-law No. 6228-19, as amended, due to the COVID-19 situation.

Mayor Mrakas in the Chair.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Budget Committee consented to recess the meeting at 8:21 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Budget Committee approved the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

4. Delegations

None.

5. Consideration of Items

5.1 Deferred Items from Budget Committee Meeting of November 21, 2020

5.1.1 Review of the Proposed 2021 Growth and New Capital Projects (Binder Tab 18)

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the following proposed 2021 Growth and New Capital Projects, which were pulled for discussion, be approved as presented; and

Operational Services

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| 34111 | Roads - DLA/Multipurpose Road Maintenance Truck (New) |
| 73169 | David Tomlinson Nature Reserve (Phase 1-5) |
| 73287 | Hallmark Lands - Baseball Diamonds |

73323 Mattamy Phase 4/5 Trail

Planning and Development Services

34006 Pave Snow Storage Facility - Lambert Willson Park.

2. That the following proposed 2021 Growth and New Capital Project, which was pulled for discussion, be approved as amended to a proposed budget of \$8.2 million for a 7,500 square foot Gym MPR Admin (comparable to high school size gym).

Community Services

72410 SARC - Gymnasium

Carried

5.1.2 Review of the Proposed 2021 Studies and Other Capital Projects (Binder Tab 19)

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the proposed 2021 Studies and Other Capital Projects be received; and
2. That the following proposed 2021 Studies and Other Capital Projects be approved as presented; and

Community Services

72459 Facilities Study

Corporate Services

13021 Diversity and Inclusion Strategy Consultant

Finance

14087 Town of Aurora - Second Generation Asset Management Plan

Planning and Development Services

34562 Active Transportation Master Plan

3. That the following proposed 2021 Studies and Other Capital projects, which were pulled for discussion, be approved as presented; and

Office of the CAO

12042 Municipal Levels of Service Review

Finance

14080 Procurement Modernization

4. That the following proposed 2021 Studies and Other Capital Project, which was pulled for discussion, not be approved.

Planning and Development Services

34536 Yonge Street Road Diet Study

Carried**5.1.3 Review of Closed Capital Projects**[\(Binder Tab 20\)](#)**Budget Committee recommends:**

1. That the Review of Closed Capital Projects be received for information.

Carried**5.2 2021-2022 Budget - 2021 Work Plan, Operating Budget, and Staffing**

Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, presented an overview of how the Corporation's business plans, budget, and community outcomes are linked for 2021, and highlighted aspects of the 2021 priorities and outcomes, drivers of growth and transformation, business outcomes and staffing, actions to mitigate costs, and tax reduction options.

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation regarding 2021 Work Plan, Operating Budget, and Staffing be received; and
2. That salary gapping in 2021 be increased by \$127,000; and
3. That the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to manage in-year staff **as per Option C: Phase in hiring of positions through 2021**, to achieve the revised salary gapping target; and
4. That the total FTE count be reduced by two for the Building Services positions no longer required; and
5. That the multi-year budget contingency be reduced by \$100,000 in 2021 and a further \$8,000 in 2022.

Carried as amended

5.3 2021-2022 Budget - Consolidated Departmental Objectives
(Binder Tab 16)

Budget Committee consented to defer this item to the Budget Committee meeting of November 30, 2020.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.