



Town of Newmarket
MINUTES

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE**

Monday, January 30, 2017 at 1:30 PM
Council Chambers

For consideration by Council
on February 13, 2017

The meeting of the Special Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, January 30, 2017 in Council Chambers, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present: Mayor Van Bynen
Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor Taylor
Councillor Vegh
Councillor Kerwin
Councillor Twinney (1:38 to 3:36 p.m.)
Councillor Hempen
Councillor Kwapis
Councillor Broome
Councillor Bisanz

Staff Present: R.N. Shelton, Chief Administrative Officer
E. Armchuk, Commissioner of Corporate Services
I. McDougall, Commissioner of Community Services
P. Noehammer, Commissioner of Development & Infrastructure Services
M. Mayes, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer
W. Bennett, Director of Corporate Communications
K. Yaraskavitch, Financial Business Analyst
A. Lee, Communications Coordinator
S. Niezen, Records & Projects Coordinator
L. Moor, Council/Committee Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Mayor Van Bynen in the Chair.

Additions and Corrections

None.

Declarations of Interest

None.

Presentation

1. The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the presenters of the PowerPoint Presentation with respect to the 2017 Draft Operating Budget.

The Director of Financial Services/Treasurer introduced the Financial Business Analyst and the Communications Coordinator who provided a slide presentation highlighting the following aspects of the 2017 Rate-supported Draft Operating Budget: the proposed 2017 Water Rate Group Budget, the proposed 2017 Wastewater Rate Group Budget, Building, Stormwater Charges, Community Engagement details and future outlook.

The Director of Financial Services/Treasurer provided a slide presentation entitled the 2017 Tax-supported Draft Operating Budget. Highlights included the Budget Background, the Budget Schedule and Business Planning/Budget Process.

The Director of Corporate Communications provided highlights of the budget process from the Communications aspect including details of the overall budget engagement exercise, results of the component entitled 'What We Heard' and a snapshot of some comments received.

The Director of Financial Services/Treasurer continued with the slide presentation outlining tax comparators, change net levy per capita, change percentage in tax levy per capita, tax increase statistics from 2012 to 2016, net growth data, base budget tax increases figures from 2012 to 2017, 2017 to 2019 future outlook, the 2017 budget challenge and target. Additional information was provided being proposed solutions for consideration, proposed options, tax increases by component, average residential all-in tax increases, a proposed sustainability budget policy as well as proposed cost cuts and risk/impact associated with adjusted service levels if implemented.

The Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Financial Services/Treasurer concluded the PowerPoint Presentation with 'What we will be doing in 2017' and Next Steps.

Discussion ensued regarding specific budget items including the proposed reduction in horticulture elements, traffic management initiatives, service clubs entrance signs maintenance costs, hydro-electric cost increase, artificial turf maintenance commencement and revenue right sizing phase-in. Further discussion ensued regarding waste management expenses related to the implementation of the recent executed contract.

Moved by: Councillor Vegh
Seconded by: Councillor Kerwin

a) THAT the PowerPoint presentations by the Director of Financial Services/Treasurer, the Financial Business Analyst, the Director of Corporate Communications and the Communications Coordinator regarding the 2017 Draft Operating Budget be received.

**Carried
Item**

2. Joint CAO/Commissioners, Corporate Services Report – Financial Services 2017-04 dated January 26, 2017 regarding the 2017 Draft Operating Budget.

Moved by: Councillor Vegh
Seconded by: Councillor Kerwin

a) THAT Joint CAO/Commissioners, Corporate Services Report – Financial Services 2017-04 dated January 26, 2017 regarding the 2017 Draft Operating Budget be received and the following recommendations be adopted:

i) THAT the 2017 Draft Rate-supported and Tax-supported Operating Budgets be presented to Committee of the Whole on February 6, 2017 for final review and recommendation to Council;

ii) AND THAT Committee endorse the approaches taken to address Council's 2017 budget priorities:

To achieve the overall Town tax increase target of not greater than 2.8%;

To levy an additional 0.19% as an enhanced option for initiatives that would otherwise be deferred to future years.

Carried

Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Vegh
Seconded by: Councillor Twinney

THAT the meeting adjourn.

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Tony Van Bynen, Mayor

Esther Armchuk, Acting Town Clerk