



TOWN OF AURORA SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE – 2015 BUDGET REVIEW MEETING REPORT

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Monday, January 26, 2015

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Mayor Dawe in the Chair; Councillors Abel, Gaertner, Humfries, Kim, Mrakas, Pirri, Thom, and Thompson
MEMBERS ABSENT	None
OTHER ATTENDEES	Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Building and By-law Services, Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services, Director of Legal and Legislative Services/Town Solicitor, Director of Parks and Recreation Services, Director of Planning and Development Services, Manager of Financial Planning, Town Clerk, and Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

General Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legal and Legislative Services with the following changes to the order of the agenda:

- Section 4 “Public Consultation – Open Session – Opportunity for Members of the Public to Provide Input Regarding the 2015 Budget” and Section 5 “Consideration of Items” (Items 1 and 2) to be considered prior to Section 3 “Delegations”.

3. DELEGATIONS

Delegation (a) was considered following Section 4 “Public Consultation – Open Session – Opportunity for Members of the Public to Provide Input Regarding the 2015 Budget” and Section 5 “Consideration of Items” (Items 1 and 2).

General Committee approved, on a two-thirds vote, that the requirements of section 3.8(c) of the Procedural By-law be waived to permit the delegation of Neil Garbe, Chief Administrative Officer, and Dan Elliott, Director, Corporate & Financial Services, to speak for more than five (5) minutes.

(a) Neil Garbe, Chief Administrative Officer, and Dan Elliott, Director, Corporate & Financial Services - Treasurer
Re: Item 3 – Report No. CFS15-003 – Draft 2015 Business Plan with Operating and Capital Budgets – Overview Report

Mr. Garbe presented a brief overview of the budget approach and context, with a focus on balancing services with affordability while building financial sustainability, including accountability and achievements in financial sustainability. He further highlighted the corporate Key Performance Indicators of the organization, which measure effectiveness, efficiency, and attitude.

Mr. Elliott reviewed elements of the annual budget process including development and refinement of the process, issues for the 2015 operating budget, assessment growth, and budget objectives. He provided further context including municipal tax rate comparisons and history, salary and conference/training budgets, and elements of the operating and capital budgets including tax rate pressures, the new Asset Management Plan, and the Ten Year Capital Investment Plan.

General Committee received the comments of the delegation together with Item 3 – CFS15-003 – Draft 2015 Business Plan with Operating and Capital Budgets – Overview Report.

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION – OPEN SESSION – OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE INPUT REGARDING THE 2015 BUDGET

This Section was considered prior to Section 3 “Delegations”.

No members of the public came forward to provide input regarding the 2015 Budget.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS

Items 1 and 2 were considered prior to Section 3 “Delegations” and Item 3 was considered following Section 3 “Delegations”.

1. CAO15-002 – Results of Citizen Budget Survey

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. CAO15-002 be received for information.

CARRIED

2. CFS15-004 – Proposed Changes to Annual Budget Approach and Timing

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. CFS15-004 be received; and

THAT staff be directed to implement the changes to the annual Budget process as set out in this report; and

THAT Special General Committee (Budget) meetings be scheduled for Monday September 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. and Monday October 5, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., and that the official meeting schedule of Council be amended accordingly.

CARRIED

3. CFS15-003 – Draft 2015 Business Plan with Operating and Capital Budgets – Overview Report

General Committee recommends:

THAT Report No. CFS15-003 and accompanying presentation be received as an overview of the 2015 Operating Budget and Capital Investment Plan; and

THAT the detailed Draft Capital Plan and departmental Operating Budgets be reviewed at Special General Committee meetings scheduled over the period covering from January through to March 2015; and

THAT, following the Budget deliberation meetings, staff prepare an updated consolidated Budget report and presentation for Council reflecting all Budget changes approved by General Committee.

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR

STEPHEN M. A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK

THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE – 2015 BUDGET REVIEW MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2015 RECEIVED APPROVAL AND COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON FEBRUARY 10, 2015.