



Town of Aurora
Budget Committee Meeting Report
2019 Operating Budget Review

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Monday, February 25, 2019

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland, Humfryes (departed at 9:56 p.m.), Kim, and Thompson

Members Absent None

Other Attendees Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Jason Gaertner, Acting Director of Financial Services, Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services, Allan Downey, Director of Operational Services, Anca Mihail, Manager of Engineering, Lawrence Kuk, Manager of Development Planning, Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, Cindy Shaver, Communications Specialist, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, and Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Budget Committee consented to recess the meeting at 9:03 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Budget Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Councillor Humfryes declared a pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* with respect to Item 4 – Central York Fire Services 2019 Operating Grant, as a family member is employed by Central York Fire Services.

3. Delegations

None

4. Public Consultation – Open Session – Opportunity for Members of the Public to Provide Input Regarding the 2019 Budget

None

5. Consideration of Items

1. Aurora Historical Society Board 2019 Operating Grant Presentation by Erika Baird, Executive Director/Curator, and John Green, President

Ms. Baird and Mr. Green presented an overview of the Aurora Historical Society's mission and vision, including 2018 highlights, current funding sources, key performance and financial metrics, revenues, and an overview of the proposed grant request including details on the Godfrey Collection. The Committee requested that a line-by-line detailed breakdown of the budget allocation be provided in the future.

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation and the business plan from the Aurora Historical Society Board be received; and
2. That the request for 2019 operating grant to the Aurora Historical Society Board in the amount of \$76,000 be received; and

3. That the request for one-time funding assistance for the storage of the Godfrey Collection, to be provided to the Aurora Historical Society Board in the amount of \$3,500 be received.

Carried

**2. Aurora Cultural Centre Board 2019 Operating Grant
Presentation by Karen Johnston, Secretary of the Board of Directors,
and Suzanne Haines, Executive Director, Aurora Cultural Centre**

Ms. Johnston extended appreciation to Members of Council on behalf of the Aurora Cultural Centre Board of Directors and presented an overview of the Board of Directors mandate, and introduced Ms. Suzanne Haines.

Ms. Haines presented an overview of the vision, mission, and values of the Aurora Cultural Centre and highlighted details of various programs offered by the centre, the centre's volunteer program, and the participation growth over the years. She provided details on the 2019 objectives and reviewed the breakdown of the 2019 operating grant requests, including details on the Kaleidoscope in the Schools program. It was mentioned that the grant request for Kaleidoscope in the Schools program is a pilot grant request, and represents the funding to commit for the 2019-2020 school year at \$50,000 per year.

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation and the business plan from the Aurora Cultural Centre Board be received; and
2. That the request for one-time grant to the Aurora Cultural Centre Board in the amount of \$100,000 for the Kaleidoscope in the Schools program, be received; and
3. That the request for the 2019 operating grant to the Aurora Cultural Centre Board in the amount of \$30,400 for base funding increases be received.

Carried

**3. Aurora Public Library Board 2019 Operating Grant (Binder Tab 13)
Presentation by Tom Connor, Chair of the Board of Directors, and Bruce Gorman, Chief Executive Officer, Aurora Public Library**

Mr. Connor extended appreciation to Members of Council on behalf of the Aurora Public Library Board of Directors and introduced Mr. Gorman.

Mr. Gorman presented an overview of the library's key performance indicators including details on the various circulation methods, increase in in-person visits, program attendance and participation, and provided details of 2018 highlights, 2019 objectives, and operating grant request. The Committee requested that a line-by-line analysis of the budget allocation be provided in the future.

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation and business plan from the Aurora Public Library Board be received; and
2. That the request for 2019 operating grant to the Aurora Public Library Board in the amount of \$3,843,100 be received.

Carried

4. Central York Fire Services 2019 Operating Grant (Binder Tab 12)
Presentation by Fire Chief Ian Laing

Chief Laing presented an overview of the 2019 operating grant for the Central York Fire Services highlighting details of the 2019 wages and benefits breakdown, 2019 capital budget breakdown, and ten-year capital forecast, and key pressures. It was mentioned that the budget was within funding targets and other contributions have increased to meet capital-financing requirements.

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation by the Central York Fire Services be received; and
2. That the 2019 operating grant to the Central York Fire Services in the amount of \$11,188,100 be approved.

Carried

5. 2019 Operating Budget – Departmental Business Plans
Presentations by Department

- (a) Planning and Development Services** (Binder Tab 9)
Lawrence Kuk, Acting Director of Planning and Development Services
- (b) Corporate Revenues and Expenses** (Binder Tab 11)
Jason Gaertner, Acting Director of Financial Services – Treasurer
- (c) Water & Sewer Budget** (Binder Tab 14)
Al Downey, Director of Operational Services
Jason Gaertner, Acting Director of Financial Services – Treasurer

Budget Committee consented to consider Item 5 – Departmental Business Plans and Presentations by Department at the Budget Committee Meeting of March 4, 2019.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 p.m.