



Town of Aurora
Budget Committee Meeting Report
2019 Operating Budget Review

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Monday, March 4, 2019

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland, Humfryes (arrived at 7:34 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, Cindy Shaver, Communications Specialist, Samantha Yew, Deputy Town Clerk, and Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Budget Committee consented to recess the meeting at 8:58 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Budget Committee consented to extend the hour past 10:30 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Budget Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, with the replacement of page No. 2, for Item 2 – Report No. FS19-013 – 2019 Budget Committee Additional Information.

2. Declaration 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*.

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. 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

Mr. Kuk presented an overview of the department functions and provided details on the 2018 success and challenges, 2019 objectives and key pressures, and changes to the 2019 departmental operating budget.

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation by Lawrence Kuk, Acting Director of Planning and Development Services, be received; and
2. That the 2019 Operating Budget for the Planning and Development Services department as presented be tentatively approved.

Carried

(b) Corporate Revenues and Expenses (Binder Tab 11)
Jason Gaertner, Acting Director of Financial Services – Treasurer

Mr. Gaertner presented an overview of the items part of the Corporate Revenues and Expenses, including the challenges in mitigating these items, key pressures and changes in the 2019 operating budget.

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation by Jason Gaertner, Director of Financial Services – Treasurer, be received; and
2. That the 2019 Operating Budget for the Corporate Revenues and Expenses as presented be tentatively approved, **with the following exception:**

- (a) **That the Council Contingency fund in the amount of \$50,000 be reduced to \$20,000, and the remaining amount of \$30,000 be added to the Sponsorship Policy fund.**

Carried as amended

(c) Water & Sewer Budget (Binder Tab 14)
Al Downey, Director of Operational Services

Mr. Downey presented an overview of the water budget process, outlining details of the guiding principles, expenses including regional costs, corporate overhead, non-billable water, contributions to reserves for asset sustainability, retail revenues from water and sanitary usage, stormwater rate, and how surplus or deficit fluctuations in the water budget are mitigated.

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation by Al Downey, Director of Operational Services, be received; and
2. That the 2019 Operating Budget for Water & Sewer as presented be tentatively approved.

Carried

2. FS19-013 – 2019 Budget Committee Additional Information

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That Report No. FS19-013 be received; and
2. That the budget for the recruitment of Communications Assistant in the amount of \$40,000, not be approved.

Carried

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the 2018 core operating grant for Aurora Public Library in the amount of \$3,843,100, be approved; and
2. That the 2018 core operating grant for Aurora Cultural Centre in the amount of \$415,700, be approved; and
3. That the 2018 core operating grant for Aurora Historical Society in the amount of \$74,400, be approved.

Carried

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the Aurora Historical Society 2019 core operating grant increase in the amount of \$1,600, not be approved; and
2. That the Aurora Cultural Centre 2019 core operating grant increase in the amount of \$30,400, not be approved.

Carried

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the Sport Aurora grant request in the amount of \$49,600, not be approved; and
2. That Sport Aurora be encouraged to apply for individual grants for their programs through the Sponsorship Policy.

Carried

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the Sport Hall of Fame one-time grant request in the amount of \$28,100 be approved for inclusion in the 2019 Operating Budget.

Motion withdrawn

Budget Committee agreed to discuss the Sport Hall of Fame one-time grant request at a future Budget Committee meeting.

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the budget for the recruitment of Parks Co-op Student specializing in Invasive Species, in the amount of \$10,900, not be approved.

Carried

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the Aurora Historical Society one-time grant request for the Godfrey Collection Storage in the amount of \$3,500, be approved.

Carried

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the Aurora Cultural Centre grant request for the Kaleidoscope in Schools program in the amount of \$100,000 be approved, subject to staff reporting back on funding options at a future Budget Committee meeting.

Carried

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That staff be directed to report back with additional information on the strategies to mitigate the operating impact of the Library Square project.

Carried

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 p.m.