



Town of Aurora
Budget Committee Meeting Report
2020-22 Operating Budget Review

Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Monday, November 18, 2019

Attendance

Council Members Mayor Mrakas in the Chair; Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, Gilliland, Humfryes (arrived at 7:14 p.m.), Kim, and Thompson

Members Absent None

Other Attendees Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services, Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance, Allan Downey, Director of Operations, David Waters, Director of Planning and Development Services, Stephanie Mackenzie-Smith, Manager of Corporate Communications, Jason Gaertner, Manager of Financial Management Services, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Coordinator

The meeting start time was changed to 6:30 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Budget Committee consented to recess the meeting at 8:09 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Budget Committee approved the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, including the following addition:

- Delegation (a) Mark Holmes, Resident; Re: Suggestions for 2020 Budget

2. 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*.

3. Delegations

(a) Mark Holmes, Resident Re: Suggestions for 2020 Budget

Mr. Holmes spoke to the potential installation of a right turn lane from Wellington Street West onto Yonge Street, sought clarification on the timeline of the proposed project, and suggested that the project be expedited.

Budget Committee received the comments of the delegation.

4. Consideration of Items

1. 2020-22 Operating Budget – Business Plans and Presentations

(a) Office of the CAO and Council Administration

Mr. Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced the 2020-22 Operating Budget. He presented an overview of the 2020-22 Council Administration and Office of the CAO business plans, highlighting the departmental functions, 2019 successes and challenges, 2020-22 objectives, key pressures, and details of the departmental budget breakdown.

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation by Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer be received; and
2. That the 2020-22 Operating Budget for the Office of the CAO and Council Administration as presented be tentatively approved.

Carried

(b) Community Services

Ms. Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services, presented an overview of the 2020-22 Community Services business plan, highlighting the departmental functions, 2019 successes, challenges, 2020-22 objectives, key pressures, changes and requests for the 2020-22 departmental budget.

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation by Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services, be received; and
2. That the 2020-22 Operating Budget for the Community Services department as presented be tentatively approved.

Carried

(c) Aurora Public Library Board 2020-22 Operating Grant

Mr. Adam Mobbs, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, extended appreciation to Members of Council on behalf of the Aurora Public Library Board of Directors and introduced Mr. Bruce Gorman, Chief Executive Officer, Aurora Public Library.

Mr. Gorman presented an overview of the library's mission, values, key performance indicators including details on increase in library memberships, program participation, streamed and downloaded electronic materials, and circulation logistics. He provided details on the 2019 highlights, 2020-22 objectives, key pressures, and breakdown of the operating grant request.

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation and business plan from the Aurora Public Library Board be received; and
2. That the request for 2020-22 operating grant to the Aurora Public Library Board in the amounts of \$3,868,100, \$3,896,100 and \$3,934,100 for 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively be tentatively approved.

Carried

(d) Corporate Services

Ms. Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, presented an overview of the 2020-22 Corporate Services business plan, highlighting the departmental functions, 2019 successes, challenges, 2020-22 objectives, key pressures, upcoming changes within the department, and provided details on the requests for the 2020-22 departmental budget.

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation by Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, be received; and
2. That the 2020-22 Operating Budget for the Corporate Services department as presented be tentatively approved.

Carried

(e) Finance Department

Ms. Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance, presented an overview of the 2020-22 Finance Department business plan, highlighting the departmental functions, 2019 successes, challenges, 2020-22 objectives, key pressures, changes and requests for the 2020-22 departmental budget.

Budget Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation by Rachel Wainwright-van Kessel, Director of Finance, be received; and
2. That the 2020-22 Operating Budget for the Finance department as presented be tentatively approved.

Carried

Budget Committee recommends:

That the following 2020-22 Operating Budget business plans and presentations be deferred to the Budget Committee meeting of November 25, 2019:

- (f) Operational Services (Binder Tab 19)
- (g) Water & Sewer Budget (Binder Tab 19)

- (h) Planning and Development Services (Binder Tab 20)
- (i) Corporate Revenues and Expenses (Binder Tab 21)

**Motion to defer
Carried**

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.