



Minutes

Budget Committee

The Corporation of the City of Brampton

November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021

Members Present:

Mayor P. Brown
Regional Councillor P. Vicente
Regional Councillor R. Santos
Regional Councillor M. Palleschi
Regional Councillor M. Medeiros
Regional Councillor P. Fortini
Regional Councillor G. Dhillon
City Councillor D. Whillans
City Councillor J. Bowman
City Councillor C. Williams
City Councillor H. Singh

Staff Present:

David Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, and Acting Commissioner, Corporate Support Services
Richard Forward, Commissioner, Planning, Building and Economic Development
Marlon Kallideen, Commissioner, Legislative Services
Marion Nader, Commissioner, Community Services
Mike Parks, Acting Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering
Bill Boyes, Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Services
Alex Milojevic, General Manager, Transit
Sameer Akhtar, City Solicitor, Legislative Services
Nash Damer, Treasurer, Corporate Support Services
Mark Medeiros, Manager, Financial Planning, Corporate Support Services
Peter Fay, City Clerk, Legislative Services
Charlotte Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk, Legislative Services
Sonya Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Note: In consideration of the current COVID-19 public health orders prohibiting large public gatherings of people and requirements for physical distancing between persons, in-person attendance at this Committee of Council meeting was limited and physical distancing was maintained in Council Chambers at all times during the meeting.

On **November 29, 2021** the meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m., recessed at 2:03 p.m., reconvened at 3:31 p.m., and recessed again at 4:29 p.m. At 7:02 p.m. the Committee reconvened and recessed at 8:03 p.m.

On **November 30, 2021** the meeting reconvened at 9:30 a.m., recessed at 11:52 a.m., reconvened at 1:01 p.m. and recessed at 4:00 p.m.

On **December 1, 2021** the meeting reconvened at 7:01 p.m. and recessed at 11:19 p.m.

On **December 6, 2021** the meeting reconvened at 9:32 a.m., recessed at 10:56 a.m., moved into Closed Session at 11:16 a.m., recessed at 12:38 p.m., reconvened in Open Session at 1:18 p.m. and adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

As this meeting of Budget Committee was conducted with electronic participation by Members of Council, the meeting started with the City Clerk calling the roll for attendance at each session of Budget Committee.

Members present for each meeting session:

Mayor Brown (Chair), Councillor Santos, Councillor Vicente, Councillor Whillans, Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Bowman, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Williams, Councillor Fortini, Councillor Singh, Councillor Dhillon

Members absent for each meeting session: Nil

2. Approval of Agenda

Committee discussion took place with respect to proposed amendments to the agenda.

The following motion was considered.

BC001-2021

That the agenda for the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be approved, as amended, as follows:

To Delete:

- 8.4. Staff Report re: Budget Amendment and Request to Begin Procurement – Applicant Tracking System (ATS) for a Five (5) Year Period

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

1. Regional Councillor Fortini declared a conflict of interest with respect to the compensation portion of the Enforcement and By-law Services Division budget, as his daughter works in this division.
2. City Councillor Whillans declared a conflict of interest with respect to the compensation portion of the Public Works and Engineering Department budget, as his nephew works in this department.

4. Consent

In keeping with Council Resolution C019-2021, the Meeting Chair reviewed the relevant agenda items during this section of the meeting and allowed Members to identify agenda items for debate and consideration, with the balance to be approved as part of the Consent Motion given the items are generally deemed to be routine and non-controversial.

No items were added into consent.

5. Presentations

- 5.1 Presentation by D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, and N. Damer, Treasurer, Corporate Support Services, re: 2022-2024 Operating and Capital Budgets

Prior to the presentation, Mayor Brown presented a slide entitled "Comparison of Residential Tax Rates Over Four Years" and provided information on Brampton's tax competitiveness with comparable municipalities and the impact of tax rates on Brampton residents.

D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, and N. Damer, Treasurer, Corporate Support Services, provided a presentation regarding the proposed 2022-2024 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Reserve contributions and comparison to similar municipalities
- COVID relief funding
- Development charge revenue and alternate sources of funding for future needs as growth declines
- Infrastructure levy and annual capital contributions to reserves
- Tax based contributions to infrastructure
- Capital program backlog and adjustments made, based on the pace of project delivery
- Asset management approach
- Earmarking funds for projects
- Reduced replacement value of assets in the Asset Management Plan
- Caledon Barn restoration project, including budget/debt obligation, contributions of the Friends of Historic Bovaird House, and public use/access
- Use of debt for projects and a request that staff develop a guideline
- Unspent capital funds
- Electrification of the City's fleet
- Requests for information regarding:
 - population projections and how they are determined
 - four-year trends on the:
 - balance of property tax between commercial and residential
 - proportion of salary and wages in the overall budget, and
 - reliance on property taxes and user fees
 - Caledon Barn restoration project, including a list of other non-profit groups that receive funding/debt finance opportunities from the City for similar projects
 - annual capital contributions by the Cities of London and Toronto

- amount of funds remaining in each department's allocated budget for 2021, as of the end of November 2021, including any direction from Council in this regard

The following motion was considered.

BC002-2021

That the presentation by D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, and N. Damer, Treasurer, Corporate Support Services, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **2022-2024 Operating and Capital Budgets**, be received:

- a. CAO – Introductory Budget presentation
- b. Treasurer – Financial Context and Budget Proposal.

Carried

5.2 Departmental Presentations

a. Public Works and Engineering

M. Parks, Acting Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering, presented the 2022-2024 Capital and Operating Budget for the Public Works and Engineering Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- New staff requests for internal security services
- Winter maintenance contract timelines
- Unspent funds for road widening projects and the return of these funds to original source
- Limitations in the use of development charges
- Flexibility in the budget for climate change activities
- Backlog of, and the capacity to deliver, capital projects
- Request for information on the amount of capital, operating and development charges spent and earmarked for downtown projects

b. Fire and Emergency Services

B. Boyes, Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Services, presented the 2022-2024 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Fire and Emergency Services Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Status of the Lighthouse Program
- Spending of COVID-19 relief funds
- Future facilities and co-location opportunities with Paramedic Services and Peel Regional Police
- Electrification of the Fire and Emergency Services fleet
- Grant funding opportunities for environmental initiatives

c. Transit

A. Milojevic, General Manager, Transit, presented the 2022-2024 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Transit Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Implementation of the free seniors transit pass and delays due to COVID-19
- Advocacy efforts for transit funding
- Pilot project for green roofs on bus shelters

d. Community Services

M. Nader, Commissioner, Community Services, presented the 2022-2024 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Community Services Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- 311 services and improvements
- Service Brampton in-person "pop-up" centres
- Field hockey dome at Cassie Campbell Community Centre
- Community Safety Action Plan and alignment with the Region of Peel plan
- New staff requests
- Lighting at Centennial Park for horseshoe pits

- Budget reduction for recreation trails and playground repair and replacement
- Tree Planting program expansion/acceleration
- Request for information on the demand for cricket facilities, including investments needed to expand usage of existing facilities to meet demand

e. Planning, Building and Economic Development

R. Forward, Commissioner, Planning, Building and Economic Development, presented the 2022-2024 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Planning, Building and Economic Development Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Second unit permit applications
 - Surge of applications and processing backlog
 - 2022 request for additional staff and external resources to address this backlog
 - Monitoring and mitigating impacts on single-family neighbourhoods
- Provincial housing symposium

f. Legislative Services

M. Kallideen, Commissioner, Legislative Services, presented the 2022-2024 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Legislative Services Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- New Animal Shelter project budget
- 2021 staff requests and hires
- Status of report on the use of external legal consultants
- Requests for information on:
 - 2022 revenue projections for Court Administration
 - differences in Enforcement and By-law Services labour costs from 2021 to 2022

- staff resources needed to address backlog of complaints, and the associated costs
- Demand for proactive by-law enforcement

g. Corporate Support Services

D. Barrick, CAO and Acting Commissioner, Corporate Support Services, presented the 2022-2024 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Corporate Support Services Department.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Capital budget request for Digital Innovation and IT
- Updates to the City's website to improve user experience
- 311 mobile app enhancements
- Budget allocated for Accela software
- Development of programming and supports for persons with special needs (e.g. employment opportunities)
- Human Resources revenue and expenses
- Budget for Strategic Communications, Culture and Events
- Tracking of funds spent, and cost recovery for COVID related initiatives
- Requests for information on:
 - funds allocated in previous budgets to improve the City's website
 - budget allocated for the Accela program in 2022 and investments from 2018 to present
 - funds spent in 2021 on consultants to install software
 - total cost of severances paid in 2021
 - allocation of funds for COVID related items/initiatives by department and details on how funds were spent
 - number of contract staff in Digital Innovation and IT

h. Office of the CAO

D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, Office of the CAO, presented the 2022-2024 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Office of the CAO.

Committee discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Equity Office initiatives and new staff requests
- Status of Brampton U and staff dedicated to this initiative
- Status of the Centre for Innovation, including construction timelines and relationship with the University of Guelph-Humber
- Possible duplication of staff resources related to equity, diversity, and post-secondary initiatives, and a suggestion that some roles may be absorbed by existing staff
- Co-op and internship opportunities at the City
- Requests for information on:
 - capital lease transfer to capital (1.7%), (\$8.4 M), and potential advantages
 - funds spent on consultants and lobbyist activities relating to Brampton U
 - breakdown of the total number of employees by department, including new staff requests, from 2018 to present

The following motion was considered.

BC003-2021

That the following departmental presentations to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1, and 6, 2021, re: **2022-2024 Operating and Capital Budgets** be received:

- a. Public Works and Engineering
- b. Fire and Emergency Services
- c. Transit
- d. Community Services
- e. Planning, Building and Economic Development
- f. Legislative Services
- g. Corporate Support Services
- h. Office of the CAO

Carried

6. Delegations

6.1 Possible Delegations re: 2022-2024 Budgets and Approval of the 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets

6.1(1)

Michelle McCollum, Chair, and Glenn Williams, Volunteer, Brampton Board of Trade, presented the recommendations of the Brampton Board of Trade for the 2022 Budget, and outlined the following:

- Request that budget materials/reports be available well in advance of Budget Committee meetings to allow sufficient time for review
- Capital Asset Management Program, including unspent funds and changes to the funding strategy
- Concerns from businesses regarding the City's ability to plan and deliver projects
- Concern regarding the impact of deferring costs and increased use of debt on future tax rates
- Suggestion that staff prepare a 10-year capital plan

Committee discussion took place and included the following:

- Suggestion to put down payments on City priorities to demonstrate commitment to projects in a manner that will not impact funding opportunities from senior levels of government
- Impact of shifting and deferring costs on future budgets
- The importance of quality of life and tax predictability and stability for businesses to invest and thrive
- Appropriate use of external debt
- Backlog in the capital program and the need to complete essential projects that improve quality of life
- Development of a 10-year capital plan and 3-5 year tax projections to understand the impact of Council decisions
- Importance of tax competitiveness and access to talent for business investment and attraction

The following motion was considered.

BC004-2021

That the delegation from Michelle McCollum, Chair, and Glenn Williams, Volunteer, Brampton Board of Trade, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **2022-2024 Budgets and Approval of the 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets**, be received.

Carried

6.1(2)

Sylvia Roberts provided a presentation regarding the Brampton Transit Budget, which included information regarding rapid transit and night service in the GTHA, Brampton Transit ridership and service hours, and the benefits in increasing transit service hours.

The following motion was considered.

BC005-2021

That the delegation from Sylvia Roberts, Brampton Resident, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Brampton Transit 2022 Budget**, be received.

Carried

6.1(3)

Michael Avis, Chairman, Friends of Historic Bovaird House, provided information to Committee regarding the history of the Historic Bovaird House property, loss of heritage barns in Brampton, purpose and cost of the barn restoration project, and the role and efforts of the Friends of Historic Bovaird House, to fundraise and provide programming for the Historic Bovaird House facility.

Committee discussion took place with respect to the following:

- Programming at the Historic Bovaird House provided by the Friends of Historic Bovaird House on behalf of the City
- Status of the partnership agreement with the Friends of Historic Bovaird House
- Friends of Historic Bovaird House initiatives and possible grant funding opportunities
- Confirmation that the Historic Bovaird House is a City-owned facility

- Request for information on the City's investment in this facility
- Grant funding process for non-profit organizations
- Funding source and budget for the barn restoration project
- Possibility of the Friends of Historic Bovaird House to collaborate with other community groups to expand the use of this facility
- Purpose of the barn restoration to store and display artifacts and vintage farm vehicles, and an indication that it would not be suitable for multi-purpose uses
- History of the Bovaird family/house and the importance of investing in, recognizing and preserving, the City's history
- Contributions and donations from the Friends of Historic Bovaird House to this facility, and the resulting cost savings to the City
- Proposed budget of \$1 million for the barn restoration project
- Authenticity of the barn and the need to source additional materials for its restoration

The following motion was introduced:

WHEREAS the Caledon Barn (Robinson Barn), would complete the homestead property on Bovaird House providing a unique cultural, educational and heritage view of life in the City over the past 150 years;

WHEREAS the Bovaird House property is a City-owned facility, totally run by dedicated volunteers;

WHEREAS the remnants of the Barn were purchased solely by the Friends of Bovaird House to be resurrected on the Bovaird House site;

WHEREAS the cost of restoration, renovation and repairs requires an investment to upgrade and meet safety standards and quality codes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$500,000 be assigned for the Caledon Barn Restoration through the 2022 Capital Projects list, with funding sourced from the tax base; and the remaining \$500,000 left in the 2023 Capital Budget.

A Point of Order was raised by Regional Councillor Santos. The Chair gave leave for the Point of Order. Councillor Santos sought clarification from the City Clerk regarding procedural rules relating to delegation requests and the appropriateness of the motion introduced above.

P. Fay, City Clerk, advised that as this is a Budget Committee meeting, the motion introduced is appropriate and may be dealt with at this time or held for consideration during the departmental budgets.

Further Committee discussion included concerns regarding the outstanding partnership agreement between the City and the Friends of Historic Bovaird House, and the allocation of funds for this project. It was noted that other non-profit groups apply for funding through the Advance Brampton Fund.

A Point of Order was raised by City Councillor Whillans. The Chair gave leave for the Point of Order. In response to comments from Regional Councillor Santos, Councillor Whillans clarified that funding for the barn restoration project is in the capital budget and as such, comments relating to funding requests from other non-profit groups are not relevant.

On a Point of Personal Privilege, Regional Councillor Santos clarified her comments, noting that she was comparing funding provided to the Friends of Historic Bovaird House to that provided to other non-profits groups through the Advance Brampton Fund.

On a Point of Personal Privilege, City Councillor Bowman outlined the difference between the Friends of Historic Bovaird House and other non-profit groups, in that the subject barn will be a City-owned asset, located on City property.

An amendment to the operative clause of the motion was introduced and not accepted by the mover to provide that the funding be subject to the execution of an up-to-date partnership agreement between the Friends of Historic Bovaird House and the City.

A motion to Call the Question was introduced and subsequently withdrawn.

In response to questions from Committee, staff provided information on the scope of work for the barn restoration project and associated costs.

A motion was introduced to refer the main motion above to staff for consideration.

On a Point of Personal Privilege, City Councillor Bowman clarified the intent of the motion, noting that a total of \$1 million remains in the budget for this project (\$500,000 in 2022 and \$500,000 in 2023).

A motion to Call the Question was introduced, voted on and carried. In accordance with the Procedure By-law, Members who had not spoken on this topic were given the opportunity to do so.

Further Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Project timelines and the need to further review this project and funding request
- Information from staff on previous City investments in this facility

The motions were considered as follows:

BC006-2021

*That the delegation from Michael Avis, Chairman, Friends of Historic Bovaird House, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Robinson Barn Installation**, be **referred** to staff for consideration and a report thereon to Budget Committee, with regard to status of financial investment in historic Bovaird House to date and sources of funding; and*

That staff provide a copy of the original agreement, and any subsequent agreements, between the City and the Friends of Historic Bovaird House, for reference.

A recorded vote was requested and the motion lost, as follows:

Yea (5): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, and City Councillor Singh

Nay (6): Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, and City Councillor C. Williams

Lost (5 to 6)

BC007-2021

*That the following motions be **referred** to staff for consideration:*

Moved by City Councillor Bowman

Whereas the Caledon Barn (Robinson Barn), would complete the homestead property on Bovaird House providing a unique cultural, educational and heritage view of life in the City over the past 150 years;

Whereas the Bovaird House property is a City-owned facility, totally run by dedicated volunteers;

Whereas the remnants of the Barn were purchased solely by the Friends of Bovaird House to be resurrected on the Bovaird House site;

Whereas the cost of restoration, renovation and repairs requires an investment to upgrade and meet safety standards and quality codes;

Therefore Be It Resolved that \$500,000 be assigned for the Caledon Barn Restoration through the 2022 Capital Projects list, with funding sourced from the tax base; and the remaining \$500,000 left in the 2023 Capital Budget.

Moved by Regional Councillor Santos

That the following amendment to the operative clause of the main motion be approved:

Therefore Be It Resolved that \$500,000 be assigned for the Caledon Barn Restoration through the 2022 Capital Projects list, subject to execution of an up-to-date partnership agreement between the Friends of Historic Bovaird House and the City, with funding sourced from the tax base; and the remaining \$500,000 left in the 2023 Capital Budget.

A recorded vote was requested and the motion lost, as follows:

Yea (5): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, and City Councillor Singh

Nay (6): Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, and City Councillor C. Williams

Lost (5 to 6)

BC008-2021

That the following amendment to the operative clause of the main motion be approved:

Therefore Be It Resolved that \$500,000 be assigned for the Caledon Barn Restoration through the 2022 Capital Projects list, subject to execution of an up-to-date partnership agreement between the Friends of Historic Bovaird House and the City, with funding sourced from the tax base; and the remaining \$500,000 left in the 2023 Capital Budget.

A recorded vote was requested and the amendment lost, as follows:

Yea (5): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, and City Councillor Singh

Nay (6): Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, and City Councillor C. Williams

Lost (5 to 6)

BC009-2021

Whereas the Caledon Barn (Robinson Barn), would complete the homestead property on Bovaird House providing a unique cultural, educational and heritage view of life in the City over the past 150 years;

Whereas the Bovaird House property is a City-owned facility, totally run by dedicated volunteers;

Whereas the remnants of the Barn were purchased solely by the Friends of Bovaird House to be resurrected on the Bovaird House site;

Whereas the cost of restoration, renovation and repairs requires an investment to upgrade and meet safety standards and quality codes;

Therefore Be It Resolved that \$500,000 be assigned for the Caledon Barn Restoration through the 2022 Capital Projects list, with funding sourced from the tax base; and the remaining \$500,000 left in the 2023 Capital Budget.

A recorded vote was requested and carried, as follows:

Yea (6): Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, and City Councillor C. Williams

Nay (5): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, and City Councillor Singh

Carried (6 to 5)

BC010-2021

That the delegation from Michael Avis, Chairman, Friends of Historic Bovaird House, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1, and 6, 2021, re: **Robinson Barn Installation**, be received.

A recorded vote was requested and carried, as follows:

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

6.2 Delegation from Chris Drew, re: Brampton Transit Investments

Chris Drew provided a presentation regarding City investments in the annual bus shelter program and advised that bus shelters provide comfort and safety to transit riders and improve the transit experience. He provided information on the criteria used to evaluate shelter requests, and outlined various locations throughout the City where bus shelters could be installed and would benefit transit riders. In addition, Mr. Drew shared innovative ideas for bus shelters from around the world and encouraged Committee to support and invest in the bus shelter program.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Evaluation criteria for bus shelters
- Installation of bike racks near bus stops

The following motion was considered.

BC011-2021

That the delegation from Chris Drew, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1, and 6, 2021, re: **Brampton Transit Investments**, be received.

Carried

6.3 Delegation from Jotvinder Sodhi, Home Owners Welfare Association, re: Property Tax Freeze and the Property Tax Rebate Program for low income seniors and persons with disabilities

Jotvinder Sodhi, Home Owners Welfare Association, requested that consideration be given to implementing a property tax freeze due to the financial impacts of COVID-19, and increasing the property tax rebate for low income seniors and persons with disabilities from \$400 to \$1200. Mr. Sodhi outlined the impacts of inflation on seniors and highlighted the need to address financial barriers for seniors to be active and participate in health and fitness programs.

Committee discussion included the need to explore options to increase the property tax rebate for low income seniors and persons with disabilities.

The following motion was considered.

BC012-2021

That the delegation from Jotvinder Sodhi, Home Owners Welfare Association, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Property Tax Freeze and the Property Tax Rebate Program for low income seniors and persons with disabilities**, be received.

Carried

6.4 Delegation from Jotvinder Sodhi, Home Owners Welfare Association, re: Public and Road Safety

Jotvinder Sodhi, Home Owners Welfare Association, provided information to Committee regarding public and road safety concerns in northeast Brampton, and outlined the need for more police presence in this area. In addition, Mr. Sodhi outlined the need for bus rapid transit in this area, noting that ridership is low due to the current wait times for transit service.

Committee discussion took place with respect to the following:

- Construction of regional roads and concerns regarding Mayfield Road project delays
- Community safety education programs
- Traffic calming measures to address speed concerns
- Request for a community police station

The following motion was considered.

BC013-2021

That the delegation from Jotvinder Sodhi, Home Owners Welfare Association, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Public and Road Safety**, be received.

Carried

6.5 Delegation from Mike Hardcastle, General Manager, CAA Centre, and Hedayat Nasoody, Vice President, Asset Management, Realstar Management, re: Capital Funding for CAA Centre

Prior to the delegation, S. Akhtar, City Solicitor, provided information and responded to questions from Committee regarding matters that should be discussed in closed session in relation to the subject delegation.

A Point of Order was raised by Regional Councillor Palleschi. The Chair gave leave for the Point of Order. Councillor Palleschi raised concerns regarding the information provided by the City Solicitor as it relates to matters to be discussed in closed session.

Mr. Akhtar advised that matters relating to contract options and legal advice should be considered in closed session.

Mike Hardcastle, General Manager, CAA Centre, and Hedayat Nasoody, Vice President, Asset Management, Realstar Management, provided background information on the CAA Centre and presented the 2022 Capex request.

Committee discussion took place regarding the capital funding request for the CAA Centre and included the following:

- Events held at the CAA Centre
- Condition of the roof and the need for replacement
- Sidewalk and curb repairs
- City capital obligations and funding for major repairs
- Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the CAA Centre and relief funds received
- Efforts to secure a professional team for the CAA Centre

The following motion was considered.

BC014-2021

That the delegation from Mike Hardcastle, General Manager, CAA Centre, and Hedayat Nasoody, Vice President, Asset Management, Realstar Management, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Capital Funding for CAA Centre**, be received.

Carried

6.6 Delegation from Tracy Pepe, CEO, The Scented L'air, re: Budget Request for the John Street Junction Pilot Project

Tracy Pepe, My Nose Initiative Inc., provided information on, and sought Committee's support for, a funding request for the John Street Junction Pilot Project. Ms. Pepe outlined the importance of this initiative to support businesses and revitalize the downtown community, and provided details on project costs and timelines, the provincial grant received, and the funding shortfall of \$52,000.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Provincial grant received for this project
- The need to mitigate the impacts of construction on downtown businesses
- Project timelines
- Indication that staff have been working with the delegation on this project
- Similar grant received by the BIA and the opportunity for the delegation to collaborate with the BIA on this project

The following motion was considered.

BC015-2021

That the delegation from Tracy Pepe, My Nose Initiative Inc., to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Budget Request for the John Street Junction Pilot Project**, be **referred** to staff for consideration and a report back to Budget Committee, if possible, on a recommendation regarding the project and potential funding source and/or in-kind funding.

Carried

7. Local Board and other Presentations

7.1 Downtown Brampton BIA

Suzy Godefroy, Executive Director, and Zeeshan Majid, Treasurer, Downtown Brampton BIA, presented the Downtown Brampton BIA 2022 Operating Budget request.

The following motions were considered.

BC016-2021

That the presentation by Suzy Godefroy, Executive Director, and Zeeshan Majid, Treasurer, Downtown Brampton BIA, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Downtown Brampton BIA 2022 Operating Budget Request**, be received.

Carried

BC017-2021

That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Downtown Brampton BIA be approved, as presented.

A recorded vote was requested and carried, as follows:

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

7.2 Brampton Public Library

Todd Kyle, CEO, Brampton Public Library, presented the Brampton Library 2022 Operating and Capital Budget request.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- COVID-19 impacts
- Community supports, services and resources provided by the library
- Costs associated with electronic materials
- Fundraising efforts

The following motions were considered.

BC018-2021

That the presentation by Jaipaul Massey-Singh, Board Chair, and Todd Kyle, CEO, Brampton Public Library , to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Brampton Library 2022 Operating and Capital Budget Request**, be received.

Carried

BC019-2021

1. That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Brampton Library be approved, as presented;
2. That the 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Brampton Library be approved, as presented; and
3. That the 2023 and 2024 Capital Budget submission for the Brampton Library be endorsed, in principle.

A recorded vote was requested and carried, as follows:

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

8. Reports

- 8.1 Staff Report re: Budget Amendment and Request to Begin Procurement for the Design, Contract Administration and Advisory Services of a Cricket Stadium

The following motion was considered, pursuant to Closed Session discussion on Item 14.2.

BC020-2021

1. That the report titled: **Budget Amendment and Request to Begin Procurement for the Design, Contract Administration and Advisory Services of a Cricket Stadium**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received;
2. That staff be requested to report back to Council in early 2022 with a report on a framework and public-private-partnership (P3) option for a multi-purpose cricket facility at the CAA lands, where the City retains ownership of all or most of the CAA lands, and options for possible private sector facility development and/or management, for a possible Request to Begin Procurement process for Council approval.

A recorded vote was requested and carried, as follows:

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

8.2 Staff Report re: Toronto Global Results Update

Committee discussion took place with respect to the subject report and included the following:

- Current funding agreement with Toronto Global and concerns with their performance
- Indication that staff are working with Toronto Global on future programming to improve results for Brampton
- Funding allocation in the 2022 budget for a potential new agreement with Toronto Global or an alternative plan for economic development

The following motion was considered.

BC021-2021

That the report titled: **Toronto Global Results Update (File CE.x)**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received.

Carried

8.3 Staff Report re: Preliminary Feasibility of Financial Support for Healthcare Expansion in Brampton

A motion was introduced and subsequently withdrawn to refer the subject report back to staff for further consideration after the matter has been considered by Regional Council, and to report back to City Council thereafter at the appropriate time.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Discussions with the Region of Peel regarding their financial contribution for a hospital in Brampton
- Varying opinions on the implementation of a tax levy to fund the hospital

- Current capacity issues at Brampton Civic Hospital and the resulting impact on residents
- Lobbying the Province for hospital funding
- Options for Brampton's financial contribution for the hospital, including Option #4 in the subject report
- Use of unspent capital funds to fund the hospital, and concerns regarding the potential future financial impact on the infrastructure reserve
- Examples of hospital funding commitments in other regions and previous contributions from the Region of Peel
- Financial impact of COVID-19 on Brampton residents
- Funding commitment timelines for the hospital project
- Mississauga hospital funding announcement
- Council Resolution C365-2021 regarding funding for the hospital
- The need to demonstrate the City's commitment to the hospital

The following motion was considered.

BC022-2021

1. That the report titled: **Preliminary Feasibility of Financial Support for Healthcare Expansion in Brampton**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received;
2. That Option 4, as identified in Item 8.3, Staff Report re: Preliminary Feasibility of Financial Support for Healthcare Expansion in Brampton, which identifies City Funds of 50 per cent of \$125 million with Existing Reserves, Phase 2 - Peel Memorial Funding Available of \$21,957,000 and Return of Capital Identified through 2022 Budget of \$40,543,000, with a zero per cent tax levy impact, be approved.

A recorded vote was requested and carried, as follows:

Yea (7): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Nay (4): Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, City Councillor Whillans, and City Councillor Bowman

Carried (7 to 4)

- 8.4 Staff Report re: Budget Amendment and Request to Begin Procurement – Applicant Tracking System (ATS) for a Five (5) Year Period

Deleted under the Approval of Agenda - Recommendation BC001-2021

- 8.5 Staff Report re: Request to Begin Procurement – Physical Security Services at various City of Brampton locations for a three (3) Year Period

The following motion was considered.

BC023-2021

1. That the report titled: **Request to Begin Procurement – Physical Security Services at various City of Brampton locations for a three (3) Year Period**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received; and
2. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to begin the procurement for Physical Security Services at various City of Brampton locations for a three (3) year period with two (2) additional one (1) year optional renewal terms.

Carried

- 8.6 Staff Report re: Winter Maintenance - Windrow Snow Clearing (RM 57/2021)

Item 11.3 was brought forward and dealt with at this time.

Committee discussion took place with respect to the subject report and included the following:

- Costs associated with providing windrow snow clearing as part of the City's winter maintenance program
- Suggestion that windrow snow clearing be a priority in the negotiation of future winter maintenance contracts
- Increasing the Snow Removal Financial Assistance Program grant
- Current winter maintenance service practices
- Previous Council decision related to the Fall Leaf Vacuum Program
- Request for information on the cost to include the community of Churchville in the Fall Leaf Vacuum Program

The following motions were considered.

BC024-2021

Whereas, the City of Brampton currently has a Financial Assistance Program to help senior citizens and physically challenged homeowners with costs incurred from hiring a service provider to remove snow from their sidewalks and driveways;

Whereas, qualifying applicants under the Financial Assistance Program may receive a grant of up to \$200 for non-corner lot properties or up to \$300 for corner lot properties with sidewalks on two sides of the property and where both sidewalks are not cleared by City forces;

Whereas, applicants must be 65 years of age or more at the date of the application OR be permanently confined to a wheelchair, restricted to the permanent use of crutches or braces, or otherwise be permanently disabled in such a way as to restrict physical mobility;

Whereas, applicants must own and occupy the property on which the application is made, and not have claimed a credit on any other property for the same winter season, and not be living in a condominium dwelling whereby all snow removal is the direct responsibility of the condominium corporation;

Whereas, the grants allowed under the Financial Assistance Program are not sufficient to cover Seniors Snow Removal costs due to rising prices;

Whereas, the cost of any alternative measures such as Windrow would be vastly more expensive to taxpayers on an annual basis; and

Whereas, any proposed enhancement to the current Financial Assistance Program would be less costly than other more expensive alternatives;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the City of Brampton increase the grant under the Financial Assistance Program to qualifying applicants for non-corner lot properties from \$200 to \$300;

That the City of Brampton increase the grant under the Financial Assistance Program to qualifying applicants for corner lot properties with sidewalks on two sides of the property and where both sidewalks are not cleared by City forces from \$300 to \$400;

That the increases proposed above be included in the 2022 budget; and

That windrow clearing be a priority in future winter maintenance budget discussions.

Carried

BC025-2021

1. That the report titled: **Winter Maintenance - Windrow Snow Clearing**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, be received;
2. That the current Winter Maintenance Service Levels be maintained; and
3. That windrow clearing be a priority in negotiation of future winter maintenance contracts.

Carried

8.7 Staff Report re: James and Margaret McGie Park Cost and Implementation Plan

The following motion was considered.

BC026-2021

1. That the report titled: **James and Margaret McGie Park Cost and Implementation Plan**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, be received; and
2. That an adjustment be made to the proposed 2022 Operating and Capital Budget for Community Services, subject to confirmation from the Treasurer, to accommodate James and Margaret McGie Park trail development as follows:
 - 2022 capital budget increase of adjustment of \$140,000; and
 - 2022 operating budget increase of \$5,000

Carried

8.8 Staff Report re: Recreation Facility Investment by Ward

Committee discussion took place with respect to the subject report and included the following:

- Discrepancy in recreation facilities by ward
- Parking at the Gore Meadows Community Centre and growth impacts in wards 9 and 10
- Factors considered in the review of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (e.g. asset replacement, usage by non-residents, equitable distribution of services, etc.)

- Lack of recreation facilities in some areas and the need to explore options for providing services (e.g. community hubs vs larger facilities)
- Benefits and shortcomings of larger recreation facilities
- Opportunities and partnerships with school boards to reduce costs
- Caledon Barn restoration project, including the proposed budget and contributions of the Friends of Historic Bovaird House
- Spaces for culture and creative arts
- Urban community hub in the Shoppers World redevelopment project
- Request for information on the value of recreation facilities by ward

The following motion was considered.

BC027-2021

That the report titled: **Recreation Facility Investment by Ward**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30 and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received.

Carried

8.9 Staff Report re: Implementation of Speed Cushions

Committee discussion took place with respect to the staff report and included the following:

- Use of speed cushions as a traffic calming measure
- Consultation with Fire and Emergency Services prior to implementation
- Impacts on snow clearing services
- Public consultation prior to implementing speed cushions
- Budget for the Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Guide and the possibility of implementing additional speed cushions across the City with increased funding

A motion was introduced to replace recommendation #2 in the staff report with the following:

2. Whereas speeding is a high priority issue across the City of Brampton, and a serious concern for public safety;

Whereas speed cushions can be used to reduce speed in our neighborhoods and force drivers to slow down, making our roads safer especially in areas with a higher number of pedestrians;

Whereas many speeding complaints are being addressed through City of Brampton's existing traffic calming devices such as Automated Speed Enforcement cameras, roads diets, and bike lanes, the addition of speed cushions will help reduce speed and increase public safety in neighborhoods of concern where other speed reducing measures cannot be implemented;

Whereas speed cushions are used in other municipalities such as Toronto and Mississauga;

Whereas City of Brampton staff can utilize the Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Guide (NTCG) to implement where the speed cushions should be placed;

Therefore be it resolved that, in consultation with ward councillors, \$200,000 be included in the Traffic Services 2022 budget to implement additional speed cushions, to be distributed evenly per ward across the City of Brampton in the highest priority areas in accordance with the NTCG.

Further discussion took place with respect to the following:

- Evaluation criteria for the implementation of speed cushions and a request that this information be provided on the City's website
- Request that staff consult with area councillors regarding the implementation of speed cushions in their respective wards
- Possibility of requiring speed cushions to be installed by developers in new areas, where appropriate

An amendment to the motion above was introduced and accepted by the mover to add the following clause:

That staff be requested to develop a draft strategy for the integration of speed cushions in future development areas, and report thereon for Council consideration.

The motion, as amended, was considered as follows.

BC028-2021

1. That the report titled: **Implementation of Speed Cushions (File I.AC)**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received; and,
2. Whereas speeding is a high priority issue across the City of Brampton, and a serious concern for public safety;

Whereas speed cushions can be used to reduce speed in our neighborhoods and force drivers to slow down, making our roads safer especially in areas with a higher number of pedestrians;

Whereas many speeding complaints are being addressed through City of Brampton's existing traffic calming devices such as Automated Speed Enforcement cameras, roads diets, and bike lanes, the addition of speed cushions will help reduce speed and increase public safety in neighborhoods of concern where other speed reducing measures cannot be implemented;

Whereas speed cushions are used in other municipalities such as Toronto and Mississauga; and

Whereas City of Brampton staff can utilize the Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Guide (NTCG) to implement where the speed cushions should be placed;

Therefore Be It Resolved that, in consultation with ward councillors, \$200,000 be included in the Traffic Services 2022 budget to implement additional speed cushions, to be distributed evenly per ward across the City of Brampton in the highest priority areas in accordance with the NTCG; and

That staff be requested to develop a draft strategy for the integration of speed cushions in future development areas, and report thereon for Council consideration.

Carried

8.10 Staff Report re: Business Licence Fees - 2022 Recommendations for Adjustments

Committee discussion took place with respect to the subject report and included the following:

- Impact of COVID-19 closures on personal care businesses such as hair salons, and a suggestion to waive the 2021 or 2022 business licensing fee for these types of businesses only
- Indication from staff that all 2021 business licensing fees have been paid
- Clarification from staff regarding Option #4 outlined in the subject report
- Cost of eliminating the business licensing fee for personal care businesses and reducing fees for all other businesses, except adult entertainment, by 50 per cent
- The need to ensure that only businesses impacted by COVID-19 closures receive financial relief, and the possibility of excluding other businesses (e.g. big box stores and fast food chains)
- Request for information on the business sectors most impacted by COVID-19 closures
- Request for information on the financial impacts of the proposed 2022 licence fee adjustments by licence type

Later in the meeting Item 11.4 was added to the agenda and included further information on the potential revenue impacts of licence fee adjustments for 2022.

The following motion was considered.

BC029-2021

1. That the report titled: **Business Licensing Fees – 2022 Recommendations for Adjustments**, to the Budget Committee Meeting November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received;
2. That Council provide direction to eliminate the business licencing fee for the category of “Personal Services Facility” for the 2022 business licence renewal, and that fee relief of 50 per cent of the 2020 fees prescribed in the by-laws be provided, up to a maximum of \$300 only to renewal business licensing categories that were affected by provincially mandated closures; with the exclusion of the “Adult entertainment” category; and
3. That new applications be charged the current rate in accordance with the appropriate by-law.

Carried

8.11 Staff Report re: 2022 User Fees

P. Fay, City Clerk, Legislative Services, provided an overview of the subject report.

The following motion was considered.

BC030-2021

1. That the report titled: **2022 User Fees – Community Services, Corporate Support Services, Fire & Emergency Services, Legislative Services, Public Works & Engineering and Planning, Building & Economic Development**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received;
2. That the user fee charges proposed for 2022, as set out in appendices of this report, be approved; and
3. That the respective schedules to User Fee By-Law 380-2003, as amended, be further amended to include the approved fees for 2022.

Carried

8.12 Staff Report re: 2021 Third Quarter Operating Budget and Reserve Report

M. Medeiros, Manager, Financial Planning, Corporate Support Services, provided an overview of the subject report.

Committee discussion included the following:

- Tracking of costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic
- Cash-in-lieu of parkland, and the need to ensure there is adequate parkland in areas where cash was received

The following motion was considered.

BC031-2021

That the report titled: **2021 Third Quarter Operating Budget and Reserve Report**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30 and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received.

Carried

8.13 Staff Report re: Capital Project Financial Status Report – Q3 2021

M. Kuzmanov, Manager, Accounting, Corporate Support Services, provided an overview of the subject report.

Committee discussion included the following:

- Unspent funds and the City's capacity to deliver capital projects
- Various capital projects where funding was returned to source (e.g. Centre for Innovation)
- Possibility of reallocating unspent funds to the hospital
- Request for a table showing available funding by source that can be used to fund the hospital

The following motion was considered.

BC032-2021

1. That the report titled: **Capital Project Financial Status Report – Q3 2021**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30 and December 1 and 6 2021, be received;
2. That the Treasurer be authorized to amend budgets for Capital Projects listed in Schedule D of this report with no net impact on the overall approved City budget.

Carried

8.14 Staff Report re: 2021 Corporate Asset Management Plan

Amit Gupta, Manager, Corporate Asset Management, Corporate Support Services, and Andrew Mirabella, Hemson Consulting, provided a presentation entitled "Development of a Corporate Asset Management Plan".

Committee discussion took place and included the following:

- Evaluation and re-evaluation of the condition of assets, including changes to this process
- Maturity assessment of the Corporate Asset Management Plan
- Planning and accounting for the disposal, replacement or renewal of assets
- Request for a list of assets in very poor condition

- The need to repair assets in a timely manner to prevent further deterioration and more costly future repairs
- Revised infrastructure gap
- Review timelines for the Corporate Asset Management Plan
- Consideration of resident expectations for the condition of assets

The following motion was considered.

BC033-2021

That the report and presentation titled: **2021 Corporate Asset Management Plan**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30 and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received.

Carried

8.15 Staff Report re: Interest Rate Stabilization Reserve Status Update

The following motion was considered.

BC034-2021

1. That the report titled: **Interest Rate Stabilization Reserve Status Update**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30 and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received; and
2. That Council approve the following two step approach to be completed by staff to address the investment income structural deficit in the 2022 Operating Budget:
 - That funding in the amount of \$13,307,000 be transferred to the Interest Rate Stabilization Reserve (IRS), with \$8,102,000 funded from the Workers Compensation Reserve Fund (Reserve 3) and \$5,205,000 funded from the Employee Benefit Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund (Reserve 19); and
 - That the investment income annual deficit of \$3.6 million be eliminated through subsequent annual operating budget adjustments over an 8-year period prior to the projected exhaustion of the \$13.3 million in funding recommended to be transferred through this report (Table 3).

Carried

8.16 Staff Report re: Seniors Tax Rebate and the Printing of Old Tax Bills

Committee discussion took place with respect to the request outlined in correspondence Item 10.1 to increase the Property Tax Rebate Program for low income seniors and low income persons with disabilities, and included the following:

- The possibility of increasing the seniors tax rebate to the CPI adjusted level
- Information from staff on the current by-law and program for annual increases to the tax rebate, and the possible application of an annual CPI adjustment
- Eligibility for the Property Tax Rebate Program
- The possibility of providing taxpayers with online access to view and print property tax bills and payment receipts for a period of up to five preceding years.

The following motion was considered.

BC035-2021

1. That the report titled: **Seniors Tax Rebate and the Printing of Old Tax Bills**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received;
2. That the rebate be increased to the Toronto CPI level (to a rate of \$514); and
3. That staff work to provide an online ability for Brampton taxpayers to generate tax bills and payment receipts for up to the period of five preceding years.

A recorded vote was requested and carried, as follows:

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

9. **Referred Matters List**

Nil

10. **Correspondence**

- 10.1 Correspondence re: Request to Increase the Property Tax Rebate Program for low income seniors and low income persons with disabilities, and support for other seniors programs

The following motion was considered.

BC036-2021

That the following correspondence re: **Request to Increase the Property Tax Rebate Program for low income seniors and low income persons with disabilities, and support for other seniors programs**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received:

1. Myrna Adams, President, Brampton Senior Citizens Council, dated November 8, 2021
2. Home Owners Welfare Association (See Item 6.3)

Carried

- 10.2 Correspondence from Chris Bejnar, Brampton Resident, re: Funding for Brampton Hospitals

The following motion was considered.

BC037-2021

That the correspondence from Chris Bejnar, Brampton Resident, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Funding for Brampton Hospitals**, be received.

Carried

- 10.3 Correspondence from Jessica Thyriar, Brampton Resident, dated December 2, 2021, re: Property Tax Support

The following motion was considered.

BC038-2021

That the correspondence from Jessica Thyriar, Brampton Resident, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Property Tax Support**, be received.

Carried

- 10.4 Correspondence from Marjorie Taylor, Brampton Resident, re: Additional Equity Office Staff in the 2022 Budget

The following motion was considered.

BC039-2021

That the correspondence from Marjorie Taylor, Brampton Resident, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Additional Equity Office Staff in the 2022 Budget**, be received.

Carried

- 10.5 Correspondence from Daisy Wright, Brampton Resident, re: Equity Office & Anti-Black Racism Unit Budget

The following motion was considered.

BC040-2021

That the correspondence from Daisy Wright, Brampton Resident, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, re: **Equity Office & Anti-Black Racism Unit Budget**, be received.

Carried

11. Other/New Business

- 11.1 Public Engagement Document

The following motion was considered.

BC041-2021

That the **Public Engagement Document**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30 and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received.

Carried

- 11.2 2022 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets Pre-Budget Discussions

The following motion was considered.

BC042-2021

That the **2022 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets Pre-Budget Discussions**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30 and December 1 and 6, 2021, be received.

Carried

- 11.3 Discussion Item at the request of Regional Councillor Fortini, re: Snow Removal Financial Assistance

Dealt with under Item 8.6 - Recommendation BC024-2021

- 11.4 2022 Budget Committee Questions

The following motion was considered.

BC043-2021

That the additional information provided by staff re: **2022 Budget Committee Questions**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30 and December 1, and 6, 2021, be received.

Carried

- 11.5 Capital Lease Options – South West Tower

The following motion was considered.

BC044-2021

That the additional information provided by staff re: **Capital Lease Options – South West Tower**, to the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30 and December 1, and 6, 2021, be received.

Carried

- 11.6 Departmental Budget Recommendations

Staff responded to questions from Committee regarding labour expenditures in the budget and COVID-19 related impacts. Staff clarified that labour expenditures in the 2022 budget have not been adjusted for COVID-19 and reflect a normal service level.

The following motions were considered, and a recorded vote was requested for each.

Public Works and Engineering

BC045-2021

1. That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Public Works and Engineering Department be approved, except for the compensation portion of the Public Works and Engineering Department budget;
2. That the 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Public Works and Engineering Department be approved, as presented; and
3. That the 2023 and 2024 Capital Budget submission for the Public Works and Engineering Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

Note: City Councillor Whillans declared a conflict of interest with respect to the compensation portion of the Public Works and Engineering Department budget, as his nephew works in this department, and left the meeting during consideration of the motion below.

BC046-2021

That the 2022 Operating Budget submission, as it pertains specifically to the compensation portion of the Public Works and Engineering Department operating budget, be approved.

Yea (10): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Absent (1): City Councillor Whillans

Carried (10 to 0)

Fire and Emergency Services

BC047-2021

1. That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Fire and Emergency Services Department be approved;
2. That the 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Fire and Emergency Services Department be approved, as presented; and
3. That the 2023 and 2024 Capital Budget submission for the Fire and Emergency Services Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

Transit

BC048-2021

1. That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Transit Department be approved
2. That the 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Transit Department be approved, as presented; and
3. That the 2023 and 2024 Capital Budget submission for the Transit Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

Community Services

Staff responded to questions from Committee regarding the timelines for the Embleton Recreation Centre project.

BC049-2021

That the Field Hockey/Multi-Use dome project forecasted for 2023/2024 be accelerated to be completed at the earliest feasible date and;

Further that the project consist of the construction of a new Field Hockey dome at Cassie Campbell and relocation of the existing cricket field from Cassie Campbell to Creditview/Sandalwood Park that will include a premier field with lighting and other amenities and;

Further that with the project estimated to total \$13 million with \$1 million previously allocated, an advancement of \$12 million from Development Charges be apportioned to complete this project.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

BC050-2021

1. That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Community Services Department be approved;
2. That the 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Community Services Department be approved, as amended by Recommendation BC049-2021 (Field Hockey/Multi-Use Dome project); and
3. That the 2023 and 2024 Capital Budget submission for the Community Services Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

Planning, Building and Economic Development

BC051-2021

1. That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Planning, Building and Economic Development Department be approved;

2. That the 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Planning, Building and Economic Development Department be approved, as presented; and
3. That the 2023 and 2024 Capital Budget submission for the Planning, Building and Economic Development Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

Legislative Services

BC052-2021

Whereas the City of Brampton Enforcement and Bylaw Services investigates and enforces by-laws enacted by the City Council to uphold community standards and public safety through education and consistent and impartial enforcement;

Whereas the City of Brampton enforcement officers uphold city bylaws to enhance public safety, property standards, and an overall sense of pride in our city;

Whereas the City of Brampton has been actively enforcing the city sign and parking bylaws through four (4) permanent part-time officers and two (2) pilot PT officers realizing a 36.5 % increase in penalty notices which is \$1.4 million in parking fines issued by these officers;

Whereas the part-time officers have collected 34,829 signs in 2021, which is an increase of 56% from 19,500 in 2016;

Whereas the cost of a part-time officer is approximately \$37,878 and the total cost for an additional four (4) part-time officers is approximately \$151,512;

Whereas the City of Brampton enforcement and bylaw services have seen a marked increase to the amount of calls for property standards of approximately 13,000 complaints and backlog of over 1,000 driveway complaints;

Therefore be it resolved the Enforcement and Bylaw services extend the pilot program and increase the number of permanent PT bylaw officers by four (4) for a total compliment of eight (8) permanent part-time officers;

That Enforcement and Bylaw services use revenue from pilot program to increase number of property stands officers by two (2) to address the property standards complaints.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

BC053-2021

1. That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Legislative Services Department be approved, as amended by Recommendation BC052-2021 (Enforcement and By-law Services staff additions), and except for the compensation portion of the Enforcement and By-law Services Division of the Legislative Services Department budget;
2. That the 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Legislative Services Department be approved, as presented; and
3. That the 2023 and 2024 Capital Budget submission for the Legislative Services Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

Note: Regional Councillor Fortini declared a conflict of interest with respect to the compensation portion of the Enforcement and By-law Services Division budget, as his daughter works in this division, and left the meeting during consideration of the motion below.

BC054-2021

That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Legislative Services Department, as it pertains specifically to the compensation portion of the Enforcement and By-law Services Division of the Legislative Services Department budget, be approved.

Yea (10): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Absent (1): Regional Councillor P. Fortini

Carried (10 to 0)

Corporate Support Services

BC055-2021

1. That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Corporate Support Services Department be approved;
2. That the 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Corporate Support Services Department be approved, as presented; and
3. That the 2023 and 2024 Capital Budget submission for the Corporate Support Services Department be endorsed, in principle, as presented.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

BC056-2021

Whereas advancing equity, diversity, inclusion and anti-racism via the newly established Equity Office is a stated priority of City Council;

Whereas a focus on being a well-run city is a stated Council priority under the Term of Council Priorities;

Whereas the Corporate Projects, Policy and Liaison Division aims to co-ordinate and drive priority initiatives forward across the entire organization;

Whereas the staff of the Equity Office has conducted, an operational review to ensure the program meets the Term of Council Priorities established by Mayor Brown and Members of Council. The operational review conducted a forecast on the staffing requirements from short, medium and long-term perspectives to

balance the implementation in a fiscally responsible manner. The staffing objectives can be adjusted based on proactive planning, responsive to emerging business and environmental needs in addition to ensuring continued engagement with the community;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the Manager, Equity Office adjust the operational review timelines and implement a strategy to include additional staffing for the programs in 2022 inclusive of one (1) Coordinator, one (1) Advisor, in addition to the one (1) Senior Advisor position requested in support of the Indigenous Reconciliation Project;

That the Economic Empowerment & Anti-Black Racism (EE-ABR) initiatives and associated staffing resources are consolidated within the Equity Office;

That the Manager, Equity Office continues to evaluate internal opportunities for collaboration and consolidation with the City's programs to ensure there are no duplication of efforts within the corporation and moving forward to have the opportunity to request additional resources to ensure continued alignment with municipal best practices as needed; and

That an update will be provided to Council by the end of Q2 2022.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

BC057-2021

1. That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer be approved, as amended by Recommendation BC056-2021 (Equity Office); and
2. That the 2022 Capital Budget submission for the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer be approved.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

General Government

BC058-2021

That the 2022 Operating Budget submission for General Government be approved.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

A motion was introduced with the following operative clause:

Therefore Be It Resolved that Council approves its 2022 budget with a zero per cent tax levy after assessment by directing staff as follows:

- a) That staff be directed to transfer the capital lease for the West Tower to the 2022 Capital Budget in the amount of \$8,400,000, which represents a reduction in the 2022 proposed tax levy impact of 1.7%; and
- b) That staff be directed to adjust the Transit Fuel allocation in the 2022 operating budget by \$3,400,000, thereby representing a tax levy savings of 0.7%; and
- c) That the 2022 infrastructure contribution be maintained at the record breaking 2021 infrastructure contribution level of \$116,648,000.

Committee discussion took place with respect to the transfer of the capital lease for the West Tower to the 2022 Capital Budget.

The motion was considered as follows.

BC059-2021

Whereas the City of Brampton Members of Council recognizes that municipal fiscal responsibility and accountability are integrated with the Term of Council Priority for a well-run City;

Whereas the City of Brampton Members of Council recognizes that citizens have experienced considerable personal, professional, and financial sacrifices in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, and it's the City's obligation to balance the municipal tax levy, infrastructure, and ensure the resources are available to secure success with recognition of the challenges experienced by individuals and families since 2020;

Whereas the City of Brampton Members of Council recognized that in order to support individuals and families, municipal taxes in Brampton must be consistent with other municipalities in Ontario; and

Whereas the City Council solidifies its commitment to individuals and families with a 2022 Zero per cent (0%) increase in municipality property taxes to help recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is recognized that this would represent the fourth (4) sequential budget year that the collaboration between Members of Council and staff resulted in a Zero per cent (0%) municipal property tax increase for the City of Brampton.

Therefore Be It Resolved that Council approves its 2022 budget with a zero per cent tax levy after assessment by directing staff as follows:

- a) That staff be directed to transfer the capital lease for the West Tower to the 2022 Capital Budget in the amount of \$8,400,000, which represents a reduction in the 2022 proposed tax levy impact of 1.7%; and
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- c) That the 2022 infrastructure contribution be maintained at the record breaking 2021 infrastructure contribution level of \$116,648,000.

Yea (11): Mayor P. Brown, Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor P. Fortini, Regional Councillor Dhillon, City Councillor Whillans, City Councillor Bowman, City Councillor C. Williams , and City Councillor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

12. Council Question Period

Nil

13. Public Question Period

Members of the public were given the opportunity to submit questions via e-mail to the City Clerk's Office regarding any decisions made at this meeting.

P. Fay, City Clerk, Legislative Services, read out loud, and staff provided a response, to the following questions submitted by Sylvia Roberts, Brampton resident:

- "1. Why does the Corporate Asset Management Plan, plan for assessment growth from new construction to be routed to paying for replacing existing infrastructure, instead of paying for growth assets? Shouldn't growth pay for growth, instead of growth paying for existing assets?
2. When was, or will the third hospital site dedicated?
3. Does the 2022 budget meet or exceed the 8% GHG reduction per year needed to meet the 50% reduction target mentioned in motion C312-2021?
4. As far as I know, the stormwater levy had not been originally planned to fund Riverwalk, how does the City plan to replenish the tens of millions taken from the stormwater fund for Riverwalk?"

14. Closed Session

The following motion was considered.

BC060-2021

That Committee proceed into Closed Session to address matters pertaining to:

- 14.1. Open Session meeting exception under Section 239 (2) (i), (j) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001:

A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization; and a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value; and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

- 14.2. Open Meeting exception under Section 239 (2) (c) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001:

A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality; and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality.

Carried

In Open Session, the Chair reported on the status of matters considered in Closed Session, as follows:

14.1 – This item was considered by Committee in Closed Session, information was received and procedural direction was given to **refer** the matter to the January 26, 2022 Council meeting

14.2 - This item was considered by Committee in Closed Session, information was received and no direction was given to staff (See Item 8.1 - Recommendation BC020-2021)

15. Adjournment

The following motion was considered.

BC061-2021

That the Budget Committee Meeting of November 29, 30, and December 1 and 6, 2021, do now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Mayor P. Brown, Chair

Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Vice-Chair