



**REPORT OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE – 2022 Capital & Operating
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021**

Minutes of the Budget Committee meeting held on December 6, 2020, at 1:26 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Halton Hills Town Hall and Via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: (EP-Electronic Participation)	Mayor R. Bonnette, Councillor C. Somerville (EP), Councillor J. Fogal (EP), Councillor M. Albano (EP), Councillor J. Hurst (EP), Councillor T. Brown (EP), Councillor B. Lewis, Councillor W. Farrow-Reed (EP), Councillor M. Johnson (EP), Councillor B. Inglis (EP), Councillor A. Lawlor (EP)
STAFF PRESENT (Open Session) (E – Electronically Present)	C. Mills, Chief Administrative Officer, J. Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Development (E), W. Harris, Commissioner of Recreation & Parks (E), J. Rehill, Chief & Commissioner of Fire Services (E), M.J. Leighton, Town Treasurer and Director of Accounting, B. Andrews, Commissioner of Transportation and Public Works (E), V. Petryniak, Clerk & Director of Legislative Services

***Recommendation varies from Staff Recommendation**

1. OPENING OF THE BUDGET MEETING

Mayor R. Bonnette opened the Budget Committee Meeting at 1:26 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

4. BUDGET DELEGATIONS

a. Yaw Ennin & Cindy Robinson - Georgetown BIA

Y. Ennin and C. Robinson made a presentation to Budget Committee regarding the 2022 Georgetown BIA Budget.

b. Patricia Daleman, Acton BIA

P. Daleman made a presentation to the Budget Committee regarding the 2022 Acton BIA Budget.

5. PRESENTATIONS

a. Moya Leighton, Town Treasurer and Director of Finance with Opening Remarks by C. Mills, Chief Administrative Officer

M. Leighton made a presentation to Budget Committee regarding Proposed 2022 Capital and Operating Budget and Business Plan with Opening Remarks provided by C. Mills, Chief Administrative Officer.

(PowerPoint on file in the Clerk's Office)

b. Damian Szybalski, Director of Economic Development, Innovation & Culture - Office of the CAO

D. Szybalski made a presentation regarding Office of the CAO 2022 Business Plan, Proposed Operating and Capital Budget.

(PowerPoint on file in the Clerk's Office)

c. Laura Lancaster, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services and Director of Human Resources - Corporate Services

L. Lancaster made a presentation regarding Corporate Services 2022 Business Plan, Proposed Operating and Capital Budget.

(PowerPoint on file in the Clerk's Office)

d. Melanie Southern, Chief Librarian - Library Services

M. Southern made a presentation regarding Library Services 2022 Business Plan, Proposed Operating and Capital Budget.

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e. Jon Rehill, Commissioner & Fire Chief - Fire Services

J. Rehill made a presentation regarding Fire Services 2022 Business Plan, Proposed Operating and Capital Budget.

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f. Bill Andrews - Commissioner of Transportation & Public Works - Transportation & Public Works

B. Andrews made a presentation regarding Transportation & Public Works 2022 Business Plan, Proposed Operating and Capital Budget.

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g. John Linhardt - Commissioner of Planning & Development - Planning & Development

J. Linhardt made a presentation regarding Planning & Development 2022 Business Plan, Proposed Operating and Capital Budget.

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h. Warren Harris, Commissioner of Recreation & Parks - Recreation & Parks

W. Harris made a presentation regarding Recreation & Parks 2022 Business Plan, Proposed Operating and Capital Budget.

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The Budget Committee recessed at 5:02 p.m. The meeting was reconvened on Tuesday December 7, 2021 at 1:03 p.m.

6. BUDGET REFERRALS

NIL

Direction to Staff:

1. THAT the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Truth and Reconciliation Implementation, in the amount of \$45,000 be funded from the Tax Rate Stabilization.

2. THAT the Bike Share Feasibility study, in the amount of \$50,000 be removed from the 2022 Capital Budget;

AND FURTHER THAT the Bike Share Feasibility study be referred to the Active Transportation Committee for discussion.

7. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

- a. **CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT NO. CORPSERV-2021-0045 dated December 6, 2021 regarding Ontario Regulation 284/09**

Recommendation No. BU-2021-0001

THAT Report No. CORPSERV-2021-0045 dated December 6, 2021 regarding Ontario Regulation 284/09, 2022 Budget be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves this report, which meets the requirements of Regulation 284/09 and outlines the 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets in a format that is compliant with the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB);

AND FURTHER THAT should any budget changes be approved by Budget Committee, the PSAB compliant 284/09 report will be amended to include those changes, to ensure consistency with the approved budget.

CARRIED

- b. **CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT NO. CORPSERV-2021-0041 dated November 12, 2021 regarding 2022 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget and Business Plans.**

Recommendation No. BU-2021-0002

THAT Report No. CORPSERV-2021-0041 dated November 12, 2021 regarding the 2022 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget and Business Plans be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the proposed base Operating Budget levy increase of 3.3% be approved;

- * AND FURTHER THAT Council approve a new special levy of 0.67% or \$377, 000 to assist with the funding of rising insurance costs;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve a 0.6% increase to the existing infrastructure gap special levy;

- * AND FURTHER THAT Council approve a total net levy increase of \$58,914,300, 4.57% for the Town portion of the 2022 Operating Budget,

noting that this excludes any increases related to provisions for the Acton and Georgetown Business Improvement Associations (BIA), the Region of Halton or Education; a combined overall net levy increase of 2.79% can be anticipated based on the proposed Town rate of 4.57%, preliminary Regional budget directions of 2.0% and a 0% education increase

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves a one-time re-direction of \$421,000 from the pavement management program to assist with the funding of rising insurance costs in 2022;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to transfer \$156,000 of 2022 base budget funding related to the new transit service agreement with the Town of Milton, to the pavement management reserve should it not be approved by their Council;

AND FURTHER THAT the Acton BIA expenditures included in the 2022 budget be approved in the gross amount of \$140,009.50, with a tax levy of \$101,818.50;

AND FURTHER THAT the Georgetown BIA expenditures included in the 2022 budget be approved in the gross amount of \$268,250, with a net tax levy of \$212,000;

* AND FURTHER THAT the 2022 Capital Budget in the amount of \$27,338,100 be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT the nine year, 2023-2031 Capital Budget forecast in the amount of \$427,061,500 be approved in principle subject to an annual review;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be authorized to proceed with the capital program, with any acquisitions or approval of awards being subject to the usual Town policies, by-laws, and procedures governing same receipt of final approval of Council where required;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the establishment of a Growth Stabilization Fund to facilitate the deferral and use of development application and agreement fee revenues.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

8. CLOSED SESSION (if required)

Not required.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Committee Meeting adjourned on Tuesday December 7, 2021 at 4:14 p.m.

Rick Bonnette, MAYOR

Valerie Petryniak, CLERK