

Finance Committee Minutes (Electronic Participation)

City of Peterborough

July 13, 2020

Roll Call Councillor Akapo
 Councillor Baldwin
 Councillor Beamer
 Councillor Clarke
 Councillor Pappas, Chair
 Councillor Parnell
 Councillor Riel
 Mayor Therrien
 Councillor Vassiliadis
 Councillor Wright
 Councillor Zippel

Staff Sandra Clancy, Chief Administrative Officer
 Cynthia Fletcher, Commissioner of Infrastructure and Planning Services
 Richard Freymond, Commissioner of Corporate and Legislative Services
 Natalie Garnett, Deputy Clerk
 John Kennedy, City Clerk
 Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner of Community Services
 Bill McDougall, Budget and Operations Analyst
 Yvette Peplinskie, Manager of Financial Services
 Kendra Sedgwick, Committee Coordinator
 Brendan Wedley, Manager of Communication Services

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

The Clerk conducted a roll call.

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That the minutes of the June 24, 2020 Finance Committee meeting be approved.

The Clerk conducted the vote.

In support of motion: Councillor Beamer, Councillor Wright, Mayor Therrien, Councillor Riel, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Akapo, Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Zippel, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Pappas

The motion carried.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.

Consent Agenda

No items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Reports and Communications

Tax Adjustments under Section 356 and Tax Appeals under Sections 357, 358 and 3529 of the Municipal Act, 2001

Report CLSFS20-031

Moved by Andrew Beamer

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in report CLSFS20-031 dated July 13, 2020 of the Commissioner of Corporate and Legislative Services as follows:

- a) That tax reductions in the amount of \$113,082.55 calculated in accordance with Sections 357, 358 and 359 of the Municipal Act, 2001 and attached to report CLSFS20-031 as Appendix A be received.**
- b) That land apportionments under Section 356 of the Municipal Act, 2001 be received.**

The Clerk conducted the vote.

In Support of motion: Councillor Parnell, Councillor Zippel, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Akapo, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Riel, Mayor Therrien, Councillor Wright, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Pappas

The motion carried.

2021 Budget Guidelines

Report CLSFS20-028

Moved by Mayor Therrien

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CLSFS20-028, dated July 13, 2020, of the Commissioner of Corporate and Legislative Services, as follows:

- ~~a) That the Draft 2021 Operating Budget reflect an estimated 3.0% all-inclusive (Municipal, Education, Sanitary Sewer Surcharge) increase for general Operating Budget impacts and in support of the capital program, including a provision for Stormwater Protection;~~
- b) That the revised Tax Ratio Reduction Program continues for the 2021 Budget for the final year, and reflects reductions:**
 - i) to the Industrial Class Tax Ratios but not the Multi-residential Class, and**
 - ii) at the reduced rate established through the 2016 Budget process;**
- ~~c) That the increase in the Police Services portion of the draft 2021 Operating Budget reflect no more than the estimated Operating portion of Net Tax Levy increase (estimated to be 2.43%), and any increase in the net Police Services budget beyond the estimated Operating Portion of the Net Tax Levy increase be addressed by Council as part of the detailed 2021 Budget deliberations to occur in November of 2020; and~~
- d) That in response to Federal or Provincial announcements such as stimulus Funding becoming available as part of the COVID-19 pandemic recovery plan, staff be directed to provide a further Report at a later date in 2020 seeking up to an additional 0.5% All-Inclusive increase to provide the local funding share, if required.**
- e) That, similar to the COPHI dividend payment, the annual earnings from Investing the proceeds resulting from the sale of assets of PDI be directed towards enhancing Capital financing, and not be used for purposes of reduction in the net tax levy.**

All items were separated for vote.

Upon item a) the Clerk conducted the vote.

In support of motion: Councillor Zippel, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Riel, Mayor Therrien

Opposed to motion: Councillor Parnell, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Akapo, Councillor Wright, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Pappas

The motion lost.

Upon item b), the Clerk conducted the vote.

In support of motion: Councillor Parnell, Councillor Zippel, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Akapo, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Riel, Councillor Wright, Councillor Beamer

Opposed to motion: Mayor Therrien, Councillor Pappas

The motion carried.

Upon item c), the Clerk conducted the vote.

In support of motion: Councillor Zippel, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Baldwin

Opposed to motion: Councillor Parnell, Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Akapo, Councillor Riel, Councillor Wright, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Pappas

The motion lost.

Upon item d) the Clerk conducted the vote.

In support of motion: Councillor Beamer, Mayor Therrien, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Akapo, Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Zippel, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Pappas

Opposed to motion: Councillor Riel, Councillor Wright

The motion carried.

Upon item e) the Clerk conducted the vote.

In Support of motion: Councillor Parnell, Councillor Zippel, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Akapo, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Riel, Mayor Therrien, Councillor Wright, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Pappas

The motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beamer

- a) That the Draft 2021 Operating Budget reflect an estimated 2.0% all- inclusive (Municipal, Education, Sanitary Sewer Surcharge) increase for general Operating Budget impacts and in support of the capital program, including a provision for Stormwater Protection;

In support of motion: Councillor Beamer, Councillor Wright, Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Pappas

Opposed to motion: Mayor Therrien, Councillor Riel, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Akapo, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Zippel

The motion lost.

Moved by Councillor Akapo

- a) That the Draft 2021 Operating Budget reflect an estimated 2.5% all- inclusive (Municipal, Education, Sanitary Sewer Surcharge) increase for general Operating Budget impacts and in support of the capital program, including a provision for Stormwater Protection;

In support of motion: Councillor Zippel, Councillor Akapo, Councillor Baldwin, Mayor Therrien

Opposed to motion: Councillor Parnell, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Riel, Councillor Wright, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Pappas

The motion lost.

Moved by Councillor Parnell

- a) That the Draft 2021 Operating Budget reflect an estimated 2.25% all- inclusive (Municipal, Education, Sanitary Sewer Surcharge) increase for general Operating Budget impacts and in support of the capital program, including a provision for Stormwater Protection;

In support of motion: Councillor Beamer, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Clarke

Opposed to motion: Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Riel, Councillor Wright, Councillor Zippel, Mayor Therrien, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Akapo, Councillor Pappas

The motion lost.

Moved by Mayor Therrien

- a) That the Draft 2021 Operating Budget reflect an estimated 2.75% all- inclusive (Municipal, Education, Sanitary Sewer Surcharge) increase for general Operating Budget impacts and in support of the capital program, including a provision for Stormwater Protection;

In support of motion: Councillor Zippel, Councillor Akapo, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Riel, Mayor Therrien

Opposed to motion: Councillor Parnell, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Wright, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Pappas

The motion lost.

Moved by Councillor Parnell

- a) That the Draft 2021 Operating Budget reflect an estimated 2.4% all- inclusive (Municipal, Education, Sanitary Sewer Surcharge) increase for general Operating Budget impacts and in support of the capital program, including a provision for Stormwater Protection;

In support of motion: Councillor Beamer, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Clarke Councillor Pappas

Opposed to motion: Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Riel, Councillor Wright, Councillor Zippel, Mayor Therrien, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Akapo

The motion lost.

The meeting recessed at 6:48 p.m. and resumed at 6:57 p.m. The Clerk conducted a roll call.

Moved by Councillor Wright

- a) That staff be directed to prepare the Draft 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets that:**
- i) Is reflective of the comments made at the Finance Committee at its meeting of July 13, 2020 respecting the tax-payers ability to pay an additional 3%**
 - ii) That the detailed draft Budget include a list of all services the City provides and whether these services are mandatory or non-mandated services, and**
 - iii) That staff be directed to search for all potential cost savings.**

The Clerk conducted the vote.

In support of motion: Councillor Beamer, Councillor Wright, Councillor Riel, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Zippel, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Pappas

Opposed to motion: Councillor Akapo, Mayor Therrien

The motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Parnell

- c) That the increase in the Police Services portion of the draft 2021 Operating Budget reflect no more than the estimated Operating portion of Net Tax Levy increase (estimated to be 2.18%), and any increase in the net Police Services budget beyond the estimated Operating Portion of the Net Tax Levy increase be addressed by Council as part of the detailed 2021 Budget deliberations to occur in November of 2020**

The Clerk conducted the vote.

In Support of motion: Councillor Parnell, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Akapo, Councillor Riel, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Pappas

Opposed to motion: Councillor Wright, Mayor Therrien, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Zippel

The motion carried.

Other Business

Moved by Councillor Beamer

That staff report back on potential 2021 budget savings regarding:

- a) The KPMG Social Services Division Review - efficiencies and savings**
- b) That the following agencies have a 0% increase - PKED, Peterborough Humane Society, DBIA, Peterborough Family Health Team, and Greater Peterborough Innovation Cluster**
- c) Community organizations and groups have a 0% increase**
- d) No capital funding for the Canoe Museum**
- e) No new staff positions unless they are self-liquidating**
- f) Potential savings from the transit budget.**

Councillor Akapo declared a conflict with item 3, as she is employed by one of the grant recipients. It was separated for vote and Councillor Akapo did not discuss or vote on this item.

Upon item 3 the Clerk conducted the vote.

In support of motion: Councillor Parnell, Councillor Zippel, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Riel, Mayor Therrien, Councillor Wright, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Pappas

The motion carried.

Committee recessed at 7:28 p.m. and reconvened at 7:35 p.m. The Clerk conducted a roll call.

Upon the balance less item 3, the Clerk conducted the vote.

In support of motion: Councillor Beamer, Councillor Wright, Mayor Therrien, Councillor Riel, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Akapo, Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Zippel, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Pappas

The motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Therrien

That the Finance Committee be recessed until the completion of the Public Meetings Under the Planning Act on the General Committee agenda.

The Clerk conducted the vote.

In support of motion: Councillor Parnell, Councillor Zippel, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Riel, Mayor Therrien, Councillor Wright, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Akapo, Councillor Pappas

The motion carried.

Committee reconvened in Finance Committee at 9:31 p.m. and the Clerk conducted a roll call.

Moved by Councillor Wright

That staff provide a report on potential revenue generation in the event user fees were increased 5-10%.

The Clerk conducted the vote.

In support of motion: Councillor Beamer, Councillor Wright, Mayor Therrien, Councillor Riel, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Akapo, Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Zippel, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Pappas

The motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Clarke

That staff provide a report on Zero-based budgeting processes for Council consideration in first quarter of 2021.

The Clerk conducted the vote.

In support of motion: Councillor Parnell, Councillor Zippel, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Riel, Mayor Therrien, Councillor Wright, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Akapo, Councillor Pappas

The motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Beamer

That this meeting adjourn at 9:47 p.m.

The Clerk conducted the vote.

In support of motion: Councillor Beamer, Councillor Wright, Mayor Therrien, Councillor Riel, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Akapo, Councillor Vassiliadis, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Zippel, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Pappas

The motion carried.

John Kennedy

City Clerk

Councillor Pappas

Chair