

THE COUNCIL OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL December 5, 2019

Regional Chair lannicca called the Regional Council Budget meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: P. Brown* S. McFadden

G. Carlson M. Medeiros* S. Dasko M. Palleschi G.S. Dhillon* C. Parrish K. Ras J. Downey C. Fonseca+ P. Saito P. Fortini R. Santos A. Groves* I. Sinclair N. lannicca R. Starr

J. Innis A. Thompson+
J. Kovac P. Vicente

M. Mahoney

Members Absent: B. Crombie Due to personal matters

D. Damerla Due to personal matters

Also Present: N. Polsinelli, Interim Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson,

Commissioner of Corporate Services; S. VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer; S. Baird, Commissioner of Digital and Information Services; P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor; A. Smith, Acting Chief Planner; A. Farr, Acting Commissioner of Public Works; J. Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services; C. Granger, Acting Commissioner of Health Services; Dr. J. Hopkins, Medical Officer of Health; K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Director of Legal Services; H. West, Legislative Specialist; S. Valleau, Legislative Technical Coordinator; S. MacGregor, Legislative

Assistant

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Saito declared a conflict of interest with respect to the non-union salary portion of the Region of Peel Budget, as a family member is employed with the Region of Peel.

^{*} See text for arrivals

See text for departures

[⋆] Denotes alternate member

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. November 28, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting

Moved by Councillor Kovac, Seconded by Councillor Innis;

That the minutes of the November 28, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting be approved.

Carried RCB-2019-54

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Carlson, Seconded by Councillor Dasko;

That the agenda for the December 5, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting be approved.

Received RCB-2019-55

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1. Peel Regional Police (PRP)

Presentation by Nishan Duraiappah, Chief of Police, PRP

Received RCB-2019-56

Councillor Groves arrived at 9:32 a.m. Councillor Brown arrived at 9:53 a.m. Councillor Medeiros arrived at 9:53 a.m. Councillor Dhillon arrived at 10:04 a.m.

Councillor Fonseca departed at 10:30 a.m. due to a personal matter

Nishan Duraiappah, Chief of Police, Peel Regional Police (PRP), provided an overview of the proposed 2020 PRP budget. He summarized the key components of the budget being: Provincial grant funding cuts; the requirement to hire 35 uniformed Officers; and, management of the capital plan; noting that the 2020 tax increase is 5.4 per cent. He highlighted efficiencies that were achieved through human resource initiatives and stakeholder collaborations. He provided municipal data comparisons for policing/population ratios and noted that the Region of Peel is below the national average. Nishan Duraiappah reviewed Peel data/trends for violent crimes, homicides, robberies and breach of probations and road safety. He reviewed forward-thinking initiatives that will be undertaken by Peel Regional Police to enhance police services within the community.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Saito regarding approval of the capital plan, Chief Duraiappah responded that the facilities plan was approved two years ago which included construction of a new building to replace 22 Division. He stated that no land has been acquired to date and he will be reviewing the plan and will report to the Peel Police Services Board.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Saito regarding how the 35 new police officers will be deployed, Chief Duraiappah responded that 25 officers will be deployed as front line staff and the other officers would have special assignments, which could be augmented.

Councillor Saito noted that the Region of Peel is facing budget pressures and asked what impact would occur if the Peel Police budget was reduced from 5.3 to 4.3 per cent. Chief Duraiappah stated that this would be a reduction of \$2.2M which would equate to a minimum of 12 officers, noting that 94 per cent of the budget is associated to salaries and wages.

In response to a question asked by Councillor Innis regarding how the provincial grant funding cuts have been absorbed by Peel Regional Police, Chief Duraiappah stated that the Province has reduced the Peel funding grant by \$2.6M, which funded Police Officers. Councillor Innis stated that Regional Council needs to educate the public on the provincial reductions resulting in municipal tax increases.

Councillor Innis suggested that a motion be presented at the December 12, 2019 Regional Council Meeting requesting the Ministry of Transportation Ontario to install CCTV cameras on highway 407 and 401, as was previously requested by the Peel Police Services Board.

Regional Chair lannicca referenced the Chief's comments regarding multisector collaboration, community engagement and the provincial requirements for a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. He noted that a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan may provide front end services that could relieve police officer resources. Nancy Polsinelli, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, stated that there are two leadership tables that are comprised of 25 community partners from across the Region who are developing the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. The Plan will focus on three areas being: family violence; mental health and addiction; and, systemic discrimination and will be implemented by January 1, 2021.

5.2. Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Municipal Policing Services in Caledon

Presentation by Heather Haire, Treasurer, Town of Caledon, and Inspector Mike Garant, Interim Detachment Commander, Caledon OPP

Received RCB-2019-57

Inspector Mike Garant, Interim Detachment Commander, Caledon Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), provided an overview of the proposed 2020 OPP budget. He highlighted the services that the OPP provides to the Town of Caledon and the 2020 focus on key priorities including: Traffic and Commercial Vehicle enforcement and traffic education; property, drug and violent crime reduction; increased community engagements; and continuing analytics of data.

Heather Haire, Treasurer, Town of Caledon, provided the funding details of the proposed 2020 Caledon OPP budget and the 2021-2022 forecast. The proposed 2020 tax increase of 3.65 per cent includes a reduction, as requested by Regional Council.

Councillor Thompson requested that a cost share formula be explored for photo radars between the Peel Police Services Board and the Caledon OPP.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Brown regarding the OPP funding model and whether it is based on property assessment, Heather Haire confirmed that the Caledon OPP policing costs, including the capital budget, is levied based on property assessment.

Councillor Parrish stated that the Ernst & Young report indicated that the OPP budget levies approximately 52 per cent on assessment and 48 per cent on service calls.

Councillor Innis advised that the Caledon contract is different than other OPP contracts and that a more fulsome report regarding allocations will be presented in January 2020.

Councillor Innis requested data on call volumes related to mental health patients for Peel Regional Police and Caledon OPP.

Councillor Thompson departed at 11:56 a.m. due to other municipal business

5.3. Conservation Halton (CH)

Presentation by Hassaan Basit, Chief Administrative Officer, CH

Received RCB-2019-58

Haassan Basit, Chief Administrative Officer, Conservation Halton (CH), provided the CH 2020 budget overview stating that the budget will have a proposed 1.5 per cent levy increase. He highlighted the 2020 priorities including the delivery of services; floodplain mapping, capital infrastructure, digital transformation, and financial sustainability.

5.4. Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)

Presentation by John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, TRCA

Received RCB-2019-59

John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), provided the TRCA 2020 budget overview stating that the budget has a proposed 1.5 per cent levy increase which incorporates the reduction as requested by Regional Council. He highlighted the budget pressures, risks and impacts regarding Provincial changes from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. John MacKenzie identified core mandated programs, jurisdiction wide core support programs and non-core programs.

Councillor Sinclair acknowledged that the Conservation Authorities will be reviewing organizational services. He raised concern about duplication between Conservation Authorities and municipalities regarding land use planning. He also raised concern that the fisheries fall under provincial jurisdiction as a natural resource, while the federal government controls the habitat for the fish. He stated that the federal and the provincial governments are not providing appropriate funding to conservation authorities and that the costs are downloaded onto the property tax base. He suggested that a component of the review could include consulting large nurseries for trees that could be used for reforestation.

5.5. Credit Valley Conservation (CVC)

Presentation by Deborah Martin-Downs, Chief Administrative Officer, CVC

Received RCB-2019-60

Deborah Martin-Downs, Chief Administrative Officer, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), provided the CVC 2020 budget overview stating that the budget has a proposed 3.07 per cent levy increase which incorporates the reduction as requested by Regional Council. She identified budget drivers and pressures and outlined CVC funding sources. Deborah Martin-Downs highlighted the programs and services that CVC offers and she provided an overview of the public awareness campaign undertaken.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Update on the Affordable Transit Program

Deferred to the December 12, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting RCB-2019-61

6.2. **2020 Operating and Capital Budget**

Deferred to the December 12, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting RCB-2019-62

- 7. **COMMUNICATIONS** Nil
- 8. OTHER BUSINESS Nil
- 9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Additional Item 9.1.

9.1 Motion by Councillor Parrish Regarding a Review for a Reduction in the Peel Regional Police Budget

That the Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer be directed to request the Peel Regional Police Services Board and the Chief of Police to review the 2020 Police budget to try to achieve a reduction in the 2020 tax increase.

Councillor Parrish stated that she would like to have Peel Regional Police do a voluntary review of the 2020 budget to see if it can be reduced. She noted that she will place a formal motion on the December 12, 2019 Regional Council Budget agenda in consultation with the Regional Solicitor.

The Regional Clerk advised that a Notice of Motion is not required as the motion is related to an item on the agenda and that the motion could be addressed at the next Regional Council Budget meeting. Councillor Parrish stated that the motion will be to direct staff to communicate with the Peel Regional Police Board and the Chief regarding the request to reduce the 2020 budget.

10. BY-LAWS

By-law 67-2019: A by-law to amend By-law 43-2002 titled the "Fees By-law" and to repeal By-law 18-2019.

By-law 68-2019: A by-law to amend By-law 16-2007 titled the "Sewer Surcharge Rate and Sewer Waste Disposal Charge By-law" and to repeal By-law 13-2019.

By-law 69-2019: A by-law to amend By-law 17-2007 titled the "Waste Management System Fees and Charges By-law" and to repeal By-law 14-2019.

By-law 70-2019: A by-law to amend By-law 15-2007 titled the "Wastewater System Fees and Charges (Sewer Charge Rates) By-law" and to repeal By-law 12-2019.

By-law 71-2019: A by-law to amend By-law 14-2007 titled the "Water Consumption Fees and Charges By-law" and to repeal By-law 11-2019.

Deferred to the December 12, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting RCB-2019-63

11. IN CAMERA MATTERS - Nil

12. BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Moved by Councillor Vicente, Seconded by Councillor Starr;

That By-law 72-2019 to confirm the proceedings of Regional Council at its Budget meeting held on December 5, 2019, to deliberate the 2020 Budget and to authorize the execution of documents in accordance with the Region of Peel by-laws relating thereto, be given the required number of readings, taken as read, signed by the Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk, and the corporate seal be affixed thereto.

Carried RCB-2019-64

13.	ADJOURNMENT	
The mo	eeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.	
	Regional Clerk	Regional Chair