

Minutes - Final
Finance and Corporate Services
Committee

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

The meeting was called to order by Councillor, M. Prowse at 6:07 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

PRESENT:

**Councillor, M. Prowse, Finance and Corporate Services Committee
Chairperson**

Mayor, J. Lehman (ex-officio)

Councillor, B. Ainsworth, Finance and Corporate Services Committee Member

Councillor, J. Brassard, Finance and Corporate Services Committee Member

Councillor, A. Nuttall, Finance and Corporate Services Committee Member

Councillor, B. Jackson

Councillor, L. Strachan.

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, C. Ladd

Deputy Treasurer, C. Millar

Director of Corporate Asset Management, B. Parkin

Director of Environmental Services, J. Thompson

Director of Finance, D. McKinnon

Director of Legislative and Court Services/City Clerk, D. McAlpine

Director of Planning Services, S. Naylor

Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet, D. Friary

**Executive Assistant to the General Manager of Community and Corporate
Services, J. Taylor**

General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, E. Archer

General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, R. Forward

Supervisor of Administrative Support Services, W. Sutherland.

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

2014 BUDGET DIRECTIONS

E. Archer, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, advised that the purpose of the presentation was to outline the approach for preparation of the 2014 Business Plan. He noted that the presentation would review the following aspects of the Plan:

- Proposed approach for setting 2014 service levels
- Description of expected service level changes and cost drivers
- Draft process milestones highlighting Council's role

E. Archer noted that themes such as asset renewal, service enhancements, growth management and intensification and economic development could be used in the development of the 2014 Business Plan. He commented that he believes it is important to manage expectations to avoid disappointment and unsustainable financial requirements.

E. Archer commented that four principles are proposed to assist Council in managing choices that balance affordability and service expectations. He noted that the 2014 Budget Directions will direct staff to produce a plan that:

- Maintains the City's ability to meet financial commitments now and in the future
- Raise or introduce new user fees to reduce the need for property tax subsidies
- Takes a focused approach to service changes, rather than "across the board"-type adjustments to spending plans
- Maintains our disciplined approach to capital planning so that renewal needs don't get displaced by investments required to fund growth

Councillor A Nuttall left the meeting.

C. Millar, Deputy Treasurer for the City of Barrie, provided information on the expected 2014 service level changes and cost drivers. He noted the factors influencing plans and priorities and the expected changes to operating costs. C. Millar itemized the preliminary estimates of cost drivers influencing the Business Plan and the pressures on the 2014 water and wastewater operating budget.

Councillor A. Nuttall re-joined the meeting.

B. Parkin, Director of Corporate Asset Management, provided information on the 2014 and 2015 Capital Plans. He outlined the financial obligations related to a number of works committed in the 2014 Capital Plan. B. Parkin noted that a five year capital plan would be developed in 2015 to begin identifying new projects that were on the horizon to 2024 and incorporate works that support new phases of growth.

Councillor J. Brassard left the meeting.

Councillor B. Jackson joined the meeting.

C. Millar concluded the presentation by outlining the process milestones in the preparation of the 2014 Business Plan and requested comments from the Committee relating to the budget preparation process.

Members of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee asked a number of questions and received responses from City Staff.

Mayor J. Lehman left the meeting.

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "B"

REPORT OF THE TOWN AND GOWN COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 23, 2013.

The Report of the Town and Gown Committee dated April 23, 2013 was received. (File: C05)

Attachments: [Town and Gown Committee Report April 23 2013.pdf](#)

REPORT OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 25, 2013.

The Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee dated April 25, 2013 was received. (File: C05)

Attachments: [Accessibility Advisory Committee Report April 25 2013.pdf](#)

**REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE DATED
MAY 7, 2013.**

The Report of the International Relations Committee dated May 7, 2013 was received. (File: C05)

Attachments: International Relations Committee Report May 7 2013.pdf

**The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and recommends
adoption of the following recommendation(s):**

SECTION "C"

USE OF CITY FACILITIES BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

1. That the following Council Policy regarding the Use of City Facilities by members of Council be maintained:

"Use of City Facilities

Individual expense accounts will be charged for the usage of Corporate Facilities based on the applicable rate established in the City's Fees By-law and the amounts will be included in annual Council remuneration reports."

2. That effective 2014, the expense account allocations for Councillors be determined on the basis of \$0.27 per person per ward, with the population per ward established in accordance with the forecasted population included in the Ward Boundary Review Report and the 2014 Business Plan be prepared accordingly.
3. That effective 2014, the expense account allocations for the Mayor be determined on the basis of \$0.06 per person in the City of Barrie, with the population per ward established in accordance with the forecasted population included in the Ward Boundary Review Report and the 2014 Business Plan be prepared accordingly. (CLK002-13) (File: C06) (13-G-074)

Attachments: CLK002-13.pdf

Councillor L. Strachan joined the meeting.

Mayor J. Lehman re-joined the meeting.

PLAN FOR THE SALE OF CITY OWNED PARKING LOTS IN THE CITY CENTRE (WARD 2)

1. That staff issue a Request for Proposal for strategic real estate services/advice related to the re-development of municipally-owned properties in the City Centre and report back to General Committee by mid-October 2013.
2. That the 36 Mulcaster Street parking lot and adjacent greenspace, excluding the Armouries Building, and Fire Fighters' Memorial be declared surplus, subject to an appropriate redevelopment that retains the historic and architectural significance of the building and site, in consultation with Heritage Barrie and Council approval. (EDO002-13) (File: D18-PAR) (13-G-114)

Attachments: [EDO002-13.pdf](#)

COMMUNITY PARK OUTDOOR PLAY SPACES DESIGN STANDARDS

1. That all new and redeveloped Community Park outdoor play spaces be designed and constructed in compliance with The Canadian Standards Association CAN/CSA- Z614-07 , Annex H.
2. That the following standards be included within the new Design Guidelines for Community Park Outdoor Play Spaces:
 - a) Physical barriers which prevent disabled children or caregivers from accessing the playspace be removed;
 - b) Pathways provide a connecting link between designated accessible parking spaces and the accessible outdoor playspace;
 - c) The selection of accessible safety surfacing options be guided by the individual site characteristics, as well as cost benefits; and
 - d) Consideration be given to various types of disability- sensory as well as physical impairments, so as to create a more inclusive play space.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

CHAIRMAN