



The Council for the Corporation of the Town of Milton met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. Electronically via Live Streaming Video with Acting Mayor Cluett in the Chair. All members were present.

I. AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS / AMENDMENTS

II. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Best disclosed a pecuniary interest on clause # 6 in the recommendation within Staff Report CORS-061-21 under Section IV Presentations, with regard to Community Services Fitness Salaries and Benefits as his wife is a part time fitness instructor at the Leisure Centre.

III. DELEGATIONS

1 **Staff Report CORS-061-21**

Subject: 2022 Capital and Operating Budget

Scott McCammon, Milton Chamber of Commerce and Ameen Walli-Attai addressed Council with respect to Staff Report CORS-061-21.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

1 **Staff Report CORS-061-21**

Subject: 2022 Capital and Operating Budget

Glen Cowan, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer, Corporate Services, addressed Council with respect to Staff Report CORS-061-21.

Res. 184-21: Be it resolved that Town of Milton Corporate Services staff review each of the reserve funds with a view to, where feasible, moving funds from those reserves in surplus to those funds in deficit to eliminate, where possible, those reserves that are financially over-supported and those reserves that are financially under-supported. **CARRIED**

Res. 185-21: Given that more than one-third of the Town of Milton's 2022 debt charges are owing to its \$30.3 million contribution to the expansion of Milton District Hospital and, further, given that this contribution limits the Town's ability to add additional monies to reserves and/or borrow monies to fund critical municipal infrastructure;

Be it resolved that the Mayor correspond with Ontario Premier Doug Ford and Ontario Health Minister Christine Elliott, copying Milton MPP Parm Gill, notifying them that it is unreasonable for the Province of Ontario to expect municipalities to help fund the construction or expansion of local hospitals and, thus, the practice should stop immediately;

Further, given the Province of Ontario agreed in 1997 to fund the expansion of Milton District Hospital with no financial participation by the Town of Milton, yet made the Town's financial participation a requirement for getting the expansion in 2016, the Province should provide full financial relief to the Town in the amount of \$30.3 million so that the Town can fund critical growth-related municipal infrastructure in Canada's fastest growing municipality in a fiscally responsible and timely manner.

Failing that request, the Province of Ontario should permit development charges to be deployed by the Town to fund hospital construction and/or expansion because this is growth-related infrastructure. **CARRIED**

Res. 186-21: THAT \$462,021 be accelerated from the forecast to the 2022 Capital Budget and \$110,471 be included in the 2022 Operating Budget to introduce a cross boundary transit service beginning in the fall of 2022 on a net 50% cost sharing basis with the Town of Halton Hills, as further described on page 64 of the Strategic Overview document;

THAT staff be directed to pursue other revenue opportunities, including private sector, and grants; and

THAT staff report back on the service after 12-18 months of service by the end of Q4 of 2023.

A recorded vote was requested.

| Name of Councillor | In Favour | Opposed |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Councillor M. Cluett | X | |
| Councillor S. Ali | X | |
| Councillor C. Best | X | |
| Councillor J. Challinor II | | X |
| Councillor R. Di Lorenzo | X | |
| Councillor R. Malboeuf | | X |
| Councillor K. Tesser Derksen | X | |
| Councillor Z. Hamid | X | |
| Mayor G. Krantz | | X |
| Total | 6 | 3 |

Motion was CARRIED

Res. 187-21: Be it resolved that the Town of Milton budget for attendance by members of Milton Council at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities annual conferences be limited to two seats and the Ontario Good Roads Association annual conference be limited to one seat in 2022. **CARRIED**

Res. 188-21: Given that the Service Level Change, Recreation Special Needs/ICAN, support program is a health and/or social service; and further, given that health and social services funding is the responsibility of the Province of Ontario;

Be it resolved that the Mayor correspond with Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Ontario Health Minister Christine Elliott and Ontario Community and Social Services Minister Merrilee Fullerton, copying Milton MPP Parm Gill, notifying them that it is unreasonable for the Province to expect local residents to fund this important support program through their property taxes when they are already funding it through their income taxes. If the Province expects municipalities to deliver this important support program, it should provide full and adequate funding to enable them to properly deliver the service to the community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Res. 189-21: Be it resolved that the Town of Milton Corporate Services, Community Services and Development Services departments and Milton Public Library reduce the purchased goods/purchased services lines in their proposed 2022 operating budgets by 2%. **LOST**

Res. 190-21: THAT an additional \$100,000 be included in the 2022 Operating Budget for tree planting in boulevards and parks as described on page 64 of the Strategic Overview document. **CARRIED**

Council reviewed Staff Report CORS-061-21 and a presentation from the Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer.

- Res. 191-21:
1. THAT the 2022 capital expenditures and revenue sources for Town departments, including the Library, in the amount of *123,735,576* be approved and authorized to proceed;
 2. THAT in accordance with s.s. 5(1) of the Development Charges Act, 1997 and S. 5 of Ontario Regulation 82/98, it is Council's clear intention that any excess capacity provided by any of the above referenced works will be paid for by future development charges;
 3. THAT any donations, grants or subsidies applied in the 2022 capital program to projects with development charges funding are to offset the non-growth related costs of those projects unless otherwise specified;
 4. THAT the 2023-2031 capital forecast for Town departments, including the Library, in the amount of *\$1,083,468,584* as outlined in the Capital Forecast section of this report be approved in principle subject to future annual reviews as part of the capital budget process;
 5. THAT, in consideration of the Council direction provided via CORS-045-21 and reflecting the adjustments noted in the 'Subsequent Events' section outlined herein, the 2022 Town and Library operating budget be approved with a tax levy of *\$79,686,328* assuming 2.38% net assessment growth, save and except for the portion of the Program Salaries and Benefits related to Fitness in the amount of \$305,027;

7. THAT, if the actual net taxable assessment growth is different than 2.38%, any increase in the tax dollars generated from the Town portion of assessment growth for 2022 taxation be transferred to the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve or any decrease in tax dollars generated from the Town portion of assessment growth for 2022 taxation be funded from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve;
8. THAT the non-union salary range adjustment for 2022 be approved at a rate of 1.80%;
9. THAT the Milton BIA expenditures included in the 2022 budget be approved in the gross amount of \$341,650 and having a net tax levy of \$245,796;
10. THAT the transfers to and from Reserves and Reserve Funds within the 2022 Proposed Budget as outlined in Appendix 3 (or as amended by Council) be approved.
11. THAT the Milton District Hospital Expansion Reserve Fund be closed as at December 31, 2021.

** This recommendation varies from the recommendation contained in Staff Report CORS-061-21.*

A recorded vote was requested.

| Name of Councillor | In Favour | Opposed |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Councillor M. Cluett | X | |
| Councillor S. Ali | X | |
| Councillor C. Best | X | |
| Councillor J. Challinor II | | X |
| Councillor R. Di Lorenzo | X | |
| Councillor R. Malboeuf | X | |
| Councillor K. Tesser Derksen | X | |
| Councillor Z. Hamid | X | |
| Mayor G. Krantz | | X |
| Total | 7 | 2 |

Motion was **CARRIED**



Councillor Best disclosed a pecuniary interest and refrained from discussion and voting on item # 6.

Res. 192-21: 6. THAT the Fitness - Salaries and Benefits in the amount of \$305,027, be approved; CARRIED

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1 Staff Report CORS-062-21

Subject: Ontario Regulation 284/09

Res. 193-21: THAT the compliance report for the expenses excluded from the 2022 budget outlined in report CORS-061-21 be approved as a requirement of Ontario Regulation 284/09 passed under the Municipal Act, 2001. CARRIED

VI. BY-LAWS

1 By-laws

Res. 194-21: THAT By-law Number 119-2021, be READ, PASSED AND NUMBERED;
AND THAT the Mayor and the Town Clerk be authorized to sign the said By-law, seal it with the seal of the Corporation and that it be engrossed in the By-law Book. CARRIED

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss the Acting Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

Gordon A. Krantz Mayor

Meaghen Reid Town Clerk