



**Regular Meeting of Council**  
**Minutes**

Date: November 2, 2023  
Time: 1:05 p.m.  
Location: Hybrid meeting- virtual and Council Chambers, City Hall

Members Present: Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, Kelvin Galbraith, Lisa Kearns, Rory Nisan, Shawna Stolte, Paul Sharman, Angelo Bentivegna

Staff Present: Tim Comisso, Richard Bellemare (Audio/Video Specialist), Debbie Hordyk, Kevin Arjoon (Clerk)

Note: This City Council meeting was conducted using a hybrid model, allowing members of Council, city staff and delegations the option of participating remotely or in-person.

- 1. Call to Order:**
- 2. Land Acknowledgement:**
- 3. Regrets:**

None.
- 4. Declarations of Interest:**

None.
- 5. Delegations:**
  - 5.1 Anne and Dave Marsden spoke regarding Mayors Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)
  - 5.2 Amy Schnurr representing Burlington Green spoke regarding Mayors Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)
  - 5.3 Lydia Thomas spoke regarding Mayors Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)
  - 5.4 Eric Stern spoke regarding Mayors Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)

**6. Petitions:**

Link to [Petition](#)

6.1 STOP the Proposed 2024 Property Tax Increase - City of Burlington

**Kevin Arjoon, City Clerk read the following into the record:**

**Petition received, On October 30, 2023 baring approximately 1650 signatures entitled " Stop the proposed 2024 Property Tax Increase - City of Burlington"**

**"We the undersigned do not agree to this proposed increase in property taxes for 2024. We the undersigned do not agree to any property tax increase over 3%."**

**Received and Filed**

**7. Recommendations from Standing Committees:**

7.1 Environment, Infrastructure & Community Services meeting of November 2, 2023

a. Dispatch agreement extension (BFD-10-23)

Direct the Burlington Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief to negotiate and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute an extension of the Dispatch Agreement for a term of up to one year upon approval of the Fire Chief and Executive Director of Legal Services and Corporation Counsel.

IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

7.2 Corporate Services, Strategy, Risk and Accountability meeting of November 1, 2023

Items a, c and d were voted upon by way of one consent vote.

IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

a. Pipeline to Permit Committee Terms of Reference (CM-15-23)

Approve the Pipeline to Permit Committee Terms of Reference as attached as Appendix A to city manager's office report CM-15-23; and

Appoint the following members of Council to Pipeline to Permit Committee for a two year term, ending November 30, 2025:

- Councillor Stolte (Deputy Mayor for Housing )
- Councillor Galbraith (Deputy Mayor for Business and Red Tape Reduction)
- Councillor Sharman (Deputy Mayor for Strategy and Budgets); and

Appoint Councillor Stolte as the second Co-Chair to the Pipeline to Permit Committee; and

Direct the City Clerk to forward this recommendation to the November 2, 2023, Council meeting for final approval.

**CARRIED**

c. Confidential legal update on a litigation matter regarding Tremaine Dundas (Evergreen Community)(L-69-23)

Instruct the Executive Director of Legal Services and Corporation Counsel, or his designate, to proceed in accordance with the instructions sought in confidential legal department report L-69-23.

**CARRIED**

d. Confidential legal update on a litigation matter regarding New OP Appeal (L-53-23)

Instruct the Executive Director of Legal Services and Corporation Counsel or his designate to proceed in accordance with the instructions sought in Confidential Legal Report L-53-23.

**CARRIED**

b. Confidential legal update on a litigation matter regarding 1010 Downsview Road and 355 Plains Road East (L-47-23)

Instruct the Executive Director of Legal Services and Corporation Counsel, or his designate, to proceed in accordance with the

instructions sought in confidential legal department report L-47-23; and

**That Council waive privilege to the planning rationale for the applications at 1010 Downsview Road and 355 Plains Road East contained in Appendix B of Report L-47-23 and confirm that the City has accepted the Offer to Settle, and that solicitor client privilege continue to apply for all purposes for the balance of the report L-47-23.**

IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**8. Urgent Business:**

**8.1 Mayor's Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)**

**This item was discussed earlier in the meeting after delegations.**

**Mayor Meed Ward passed the gavel to Deputy Mayor Kelvin Galbraith to chair this portion of the meeting so she may answer questions regarding the Mayor's Budget 2024 (MO-02-23) through the Chair.**

Moved by: Mayor Meed Ward

Seconded by: Councillor Sharman

Receive the Mayor's 2024 Operating Budget with a proposed net tax levy amount of \$243,400,298, and present the budget to the Nov. 21 and Nov. 23 (if required) CSSRA - Budget Committee for review and any amendments made by Council; and

Receive the Mayor's 2024 Capital Budget with a gross amount of \$88,556,830, a debenture requirement of \$6,900,000, and the 2025-2033 capital forecast with a gross amount of \$859,123,570, and a debenture requirement of \$24,950,000 as outlined in the 2024 Financial Needs and Multi-Year Forecast (F-35-23) as amended by Council; and

**That the following items a, b, c and d are subject to any amendments made at the CSSRA Budget Committee November 21, and November 23 and associated Council meeting:**

**a. Administer the debenture in the amount of \$6,900,000 in 2024 as**

**tax supported debt; and**

- b. Incorporate the 2024 financial needs and multi-year forecast overview (F-35-23) and accompanying reference document into the Mayor's 2024 Budget, as amended and noted; and**
- c. Approve that any surplus or deficit resulting from a difference between the actual net assessment growth and the estimated 0.75% net assessment growth be transferred to/from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund; and**
- d. Declare that, in accordance with sis. 5(1)5 of the Development Charges Act, 1997 and s. 5 of Ontario Regulation 82/98, it is council's clear intention that the excess capacity provided by the above-referenced works will be paid for by future development charges.**

**IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna**

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**Moved by: Mayor Meed Ward**

**Seconded by: Councillor Sharman**

**That Item 8.1 Mayors Budget 2024 - be amended to insert the following paragraph " That the following items a, b, c and d are subject to any amendments made at the CSSRA Budget Committee November 21, and November 23 and associated Council meeting: " and that the subsequent clauses be lettered accordingly.**

- a. Administer the debenture in the amount of \$6,900,000 in 2024 as tax supported debt; and**
- b. Incorporate the 2024 financial needs and multi-year forecast overview (F-35-23) and accompanying reference document into the Mayor's 2024 Budget, as amended and noted; and**
- c. Approve that any surplus or deficit resulting from a difference between the actual net assessment growth and the estimated 0.75% net assessment growth be transferred to/from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund; and**

**d. Declare that, in accordance with sis. 5(1)5 of the Development Charges Act, 1997 and s. 5 of Ontario Regulation 82/98, it is council's clear intention that the excess capacity provided by the above-referenced works will be paid for by future development charges.**

IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**Deputy Mayor Galbraith passed the gavel back to Mayor Meed Ward to continue chairing the meeting.**

**9. Confidential Items and Closed Session:**

None.

**10. Rise and Report:**

None.

**11. Motion to Receive and File Information Items:**

Moved by: Councillor Stolte

Seconded by: Councillor Kearns

Receive and file Information items, having been considered by Council:

**CARRIED**

11.1 Delegation notes from Amy Schnurr regarding Mayors Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)

11.2 Delegation notes from Lydia Thomas regarding Mayors Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)

11.3 Correspondence regarding Mayors Budget 2024 from Bay Area Climate Change Council (MO-02-23)

11.4 Correspondence from Heather Alexander regarding Mayors Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)

11.5 Correspondence from Lydia Thomas regarding Mayors Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)

**12. Notice of Motion:**

None.

**13. Confirmatory By-law:**

Moved by: Councillor Nisan

Seconded by: Councillor Bentivegna

Enact and pass By-law Number 68-2023 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held November 2, 2023 being read a first, second and third time.

IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**14. Statements by Members:**

**15. Motion to Adjourn:**

Moved by: Councillor Nisan

Seconded by: Councillor Sharman

Adjourn this Council now to meet again at the call of the Mayor.

2:50 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Kevin Arjoon

Clerk

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Marianne Meed Ward

Mayor