



## Special Meeting of Council

### Minutes

Date: November 28, 2023  
Time: 9:30 am  
Location: Council Chambers Level 2, City Hall

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

Staff Present: Tim Commisso, David Thompson (Audio/Video Specialist), Richard Bellemare (Audio/Video Specialist), Debbie Hordyk, Kevin Klingenberg (Deputy 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. Regrets:**

None.

**3. Declarations of Interest:**

None.

**4. Delegations:**

Moved by: Councillor Sharman

Seconded by: Councillor Galbraith

**Waive section 46.1 of the procedure by-law to allow a non-registered delegation to address Council.**

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

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

- 4.1 Anne and Dave Marsden spoke regarding 2024 budget review (MO-03-23)
- 4.2 Eric Stern spoke regarding 2024 budget review (MO-03-23)
- 4.3 Jim Thomson spoke regarding 2024 budget review (MO-03-23)
- 4.4 Nick Morrison representing Safe Streets Halton spoke regarding 2024 budget review (MO-03-23)
- 4.5 Lydia Thomas spoke regarding 2024 budget review (MO-03-23)

**5. Items to be considered at the Special Meeting of Council:**

- 5.1 2024 budget review (MO-03-23)

Moved by: Councillor Sharman  
Seconded by: Councillor Kearns

**Waive the budgeting for new staff policy to permit the proposed amendments regarding Skyway arena (#14) and Bateman (#59).**

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: Councillor Sharman  
Seconded by: Councillor Kearns

Support the 2024 operating budget including any budget amendments approved by the Corporate Services, Strategy, Risk and Accountability Budget Committee Nov. 21 and Nov. 23, **and the Special Council meeting of Nov. 28, 2023** to be applied against the proposed net tax levy amount of **\$243,392,994**; and

IN FAVOUR: (4): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, and Councillor Sharman

OPPOSED: (3): Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, and Councillor Bentivegna

**CARRIED (4 to 3)**

Moved by: Councillor Sharman  
Seconded by: Councillor Kearns

Support the 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 finance department report F-35-23; and

IN FAVOUR: (5): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

OPPOSED: (2): Councillor Nisan, and Councillor Stolte

**CARRIED (5 to 2)**

Moved by: Councillor Sharman  
Seconded by: Councillor Kearns

End the 30-day legislated period for Council review and amendments of the Mayor's Proposed Budget released Oct. 30 at the conclusion of deliberations at the special council meeting of Nov. 28; and

Administer the debenture in the amount of \$6,900,000 in 2024 as tax supported debt; and

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

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

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: Councillor Sharman  
Seconded by: Councillor Kearns

**Add Burlington Digital Services, Manager of Experience Strategy and Design, \$190,512 to 2024 budget (#30)**

IN FAVOUR: (4): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, and Councillor Sharman

OPPOSED: (3): Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, and Councillor Bentivegna

**CARRIED (4 to 3)**

Moved by: Councillor Sharman  
Seconded by: Councillor Galbraith

**Add Burlington Digital Services, Application Analyst Workday/EAMS, \$136,391 to 2024 budget (#33)**

IN FAVOUR: (4): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, and Councillor Sharman

OPPOSED: (3): Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, and Councillor Bentivegna

**CARRIED (4 to 3)**

Moved by: Councillor Sharman  
Seconded by: Councillor Kearns

**Add human capital investment in stabilizing operations, Analyst - Compensation, \$124,512 to 2024 budget (#43)**

IN FAVOUR: (4): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, and Councillor Sharman

OPPOSED: (3): Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, and Councillor Bentivegna

**CARRIED (4 to 3)**

Moved by: Councillor Sharman  
Seconded by: Councillor Kearns

**Add human capital investment in stabilizing operations, Manager Organizational Development, \$157,373 to 2024 budget (#47)**

IN FAVOUR: (4): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, and Councillor Sharman

OPPOSED: (3): Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, and Councillor Bentivegna

**CARRIED (4 to 3)**

Moved by: Councillor Sharman  
Seconded by: Councillor Galbraith

**Reduce \$100,000 from “Multi-year Community Investment Funding (Report CM-03-22)” from the mayor’s budget.**

IN FAVOUR: (5): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

OPPOSED: (2): Councillor Nisan, and Councillor Stolte

**CARRIED (5 to 2)**

Moved by: Councillor Sharman  
Seconded by: Councillor Galbraith

**Add Operator - Recreation Services 4 PT roles converted to FT with a cost of \$100,000 to the 2024 budget funded with a reallocation of the \$100,000 base budget increase for Maintaining Recreational Assets as referenced in Appendix A of the Mayor’s Budget Report MO-02-23, resulting in no tax increase.**

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

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

Add Vision Zero / Active Transportation programming position (\$124,129) to 2024 budget, subject to offsetting savings having been found through

earlier approved 2024 budget reduction amendments to maintain tax rate at 4.99%. (#53)

Moved by: Councillor Sharman  
Seconded by: Councillor Galbraith

**Reduce the annual provision to the Multi-year Community Investment Fund in the 2024 Budget by \$124,129, to be applied to Road Safety Coordinator position.**

IN FAVOUR: (4): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, and Councillor Sharman

OPPOSED: (3): Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, and Councillor Bentivegna

**CARRIED (4 to 3)**

Moved by: Councillor Nisan  
Seconded by: Councillor Stolte

**Reduce the annual provision to the Innovation and Transformation Fund in the 2024 Budget by \$124,129.**

IN FAVOUR: (2): Councillor Nisan, and Councillor Stolte

OPPOSED: (5): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

**LOST (2 to 5)**

**Remove the provision to Innovation and Transformation Fund (\$1M) from the 2024 Budget and reduce 2024-036 Permit and Application Streamlining by \$1M. (#8)**

IN FAVOUR: (1): Councillor Nisan

OPPOSED: (6): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

**LOST (1 to 6)**

5.2 Additional 2024 Budget Motion Memorandums (CL-25-23)

Moved by: Councillor Bentivegna  
Seconded by: Councillor Nisan

Receive and file office of the city clerk report CL-25-23 regarding additional 2024 budget motion memorandums.

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

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

5.3 Motion Memorandum 2025 and 2026 Budget Direction (ADM-23-23)

**Mayor Meed Ward withdrew this item from the agenda.**

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

Moved by: Councillor Kearns

Seconded by: Councillor Nisan

Receive and file information items, having been considered by Council.

**CARRIED**

6.1 Delegation notes from Nick Morrison regarding 2024 budget review (MO-03-23)

6.2 Delegation presentation from Eric Stern regarding 2024 budget review (MO-03-23)

6.3 Delegation notes from Lydia Thomas regarding 2024 budget review (MO-03-23)

6.4 Delegation presentation from Jim Thomson regarding 2024 budget review (MO-03-23)

**7. Motion to Confirm Proceedings of the Council Meeting:**

Moved by: Councillor Stolte

Seconded by: Councillor Bentivegna

Enact and pass By-law Number 74-2023 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held November 28, 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)**

**8. Motion to Adjourn:**

Moved by: Councillor Nisan  
Seconded by: Councillor Sharman

Waive the rules of procedure to allow staff remarks at the end of the meeting.

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: Councillor Sharman  
Seconded by: Councillor Galbraith

10:54 a.m. (recess), 11:03 a.m. (reconvene), 12:02 p.m. (recess), 1:01 p.m. (reconvene)

2:33 p.m. Adjourn this Council now to meet again at the call of the Mayor

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

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

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Kevin Klingenberg

Deputy Clerk

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Marianne Meed Ward

Mayor