



Special Council

Minutes

Date: December 2, 2025
Time: 10:45 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers, City Hall, second floor

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

Staff Present: Curt Benson, Chief Administrative Officer
Blake Hurley, Commissioner, Legal and Legislative Services/City Solicitor
Jacqueline Johnson, Commissioner, Community Services
Scott Hamilton, Commissioner Public Works
Craig Millar, Chief Financial Officer
Stephen Robichaud, Commissioner, Development and Growth Management
Sue Evfremidis, Chief Human Resources Officer
Lisa Palermo, Manager, Committee Services/Deputy Clerk
David Thompson, Specialist, Digital Communications
Richard Bellemare, Specialist, Digital Communications
Debbie Hordyk, Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Land Acknowledgement**
3. **National Anthem**
4. **Roll Call**

5. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Galbraith

Seconded by: Councillor Kearns

Approve the agenda for the Special Council meeting of December 2, 2025.

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

CARRIED (7 to 0)

6. Declarations of Interest

None.

7. Presentations

None.

8. Delegations

8.1 Eric Stern representing Focus Burlington spoke regarding 2026 Budget Review (FIN-36-25)

9. Items to be considered at the Special Meeting of Council

9.1 2026 Budget Review (FIN-36-25)

Moved by: Councillor Stolte

Seconded by: Councillor Sharman

Approve the Operating budget amendments as reviewed at the Budget Committee meeting of November 24, 2025; and

Endorse that any surplus or deficit resulting from a difference between the actual results and the estimated 0.75% City portion of the net assessment growth be transferred to / from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund; and

Approve the Capital budget amendments as reviewed at the Budget Committee meeting of November 24, 2025; and

Administer the debenture in the amount of \$6,350,000 in 2026 as tax supported debt; and

Administer the debenture in the amount of \$4,000,000 in 2026 as Multi-year Community Investment debt; and

Declare that, in accordance with sis. 5(1)5 of the Development Charges Act, 1997 and sis. 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: (6): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

OPPOSED: (1): Councillor Kearns

CARRIED (6 to 1)

Moved by: Councillor Stolte

Seconded by: Councillor Sharman

Remove paragraph one and replace with:

Approve the Operating budget amendments as reviewed at the Budget Committee meeting of November 24, 2025.

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 Stolte

Seconded by: Councillor Sharman

Remove paragraph three and replace with:

Approve the Capital budget amendments as reviewed at the Budget Committee meeting of November 24, 2025.

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

CARRIED (7 to 0)

10. Confidential Items and Closed Meeting

None.

11. Rise and Report

None.

12. Motion to Receive and File Information Items

Moved by: Councillor Stolte

Seconded by: Councillor Sharman

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

CARRIED

12.1 Staff memorandum regarding 2026 Budget Review (FIN-36-25)

12.2 Correspondence from Joe Gaetan regarding 2026 Budget Review (FIN-36-25)

12.3 Correspondence from Kezia Royer-Burkett regarding 2026 Budget Review (FIN-36-25)

13. Motion to Approve By-Laws

Moved by: Councillor Bentivegna

Seconded by: Councillor Galbraith

Enact and pass the following by-laws which are now introduced, entitled and numbered as indicated below:

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

CARRIED (7 to 0)

13.1 92-2025: A by-law to establish and impose certain 2026 rates and fees for services, activities or the use of property.

14. Notice of Motion

Councillor Stolte (seconded by Councillor Sharman), introduced a Notice of Motion regarding a proposed amendment to Procedure By-law 59-2024 (section 49.12) to allow for a formal limit of two opportunities of up to three minutes each for committee and council comments.

15. Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by: Councillor Kearns

Seconded by: Councillor Nisan

Enact and pass By-law Number 93-2025 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Special Council at its meeting held December 2, 2025 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)

16. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Councillor Bentivegna
Seconded by: Councillor Galbraith

11:34 a.m. (recess), 11:41 a.m. (reconvene), 12:14 p.m. (recess) 1:01 p.m. (reconvene)

Adjourn this Special Council now to meet again at the call of the Mayor;
1:16 p.m.

CARRIED

Lisa Palermo
Deputy Clerk

Marianne Meed Ward
Mayor