

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee Report

8th Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee - BUDGET
January 26, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor J. Morgan (Chair), Councillors H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, D. Ferreira

ABSENT: S. Hillier

ALSO PRESENT: L. Livingstone, A. Barbon, J. Davies, K. Dickins, M. Galczynski, A. Job, S. Mathers, K. Murray, K. Scherr, C. Smith, K. Van Lammeren, B. Westlake-Power

Remote attendance: B. Card, K. Clarke, S. Corman, S. Glover, R. Lamon, J. Millman, J. Milson, M. Schulthess

The meeting is called to order at 9:34 AM; it being noted that Councillor P. Cuddy was in remote attendance.

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that Councillor P. Van Meerbergen disclosed a pecuniary interest in Item 4.1 b.) having to do with Business Cass #P-2, Ontario Works and Children's Services, specific to the Children's Services portion, by indicating that his wife owns and operates her own daycare.

2. Consent

2.1 2023 Annual Budget Update Presentation

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: S. Trosow

That the update presentation BE RECEIVED.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

3. Scheduled Items

None.

4. Items for Direction

4.1 Review of Recommended Property Tax Operating Budget Amendments (2023 totals rounded to the closest \$1,000)

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 Annual Budget Update:

a) Case #P-1 - Various Services - Budget Right-Sizing - Operating Expenditure (\$2,900,000); Tax Levy (\$6,581,000); Capital Expenditure (\$475,000) BE APPROVED;

- b) Case #P-2 - Ontario Works and Children's Services - Reduction in Required 2023 Investments - Operating Expenditure (\$620,000); Tax Levy (\$1,030,000) BE APPROVED;
 - i) Case #P-2a - Reduction in Life Stabilization Investment in 2023 due to COVID-19 Impacts – Operating Expenditure (\$388,000); Tax Levy (\$388,000); and,
 - ii) Case #P-2b - Reduction in Child Care Investment in 2023 due to Transitional Funding Availability, Case #P-2c - Partial Deferral of Expansion Child Care Investment in 2023 due to COVID-19 Impacts - Operating Expenditure (\$232,000); Tax Levy (\$642,000)
- c) Case #P-3 - Housing Stability Services - Roadmap to 3,000 Affordable Units - Portable Benefits and Staff Resources - Operating Expenditure \$1,794,000; Tax Levy \$1,794,000 BE APPROVED;
- d) Case #P-4 - Community Improvement/BIA - Project Clean Slate - Operating Expenditure \$200,000; Tax Levy \$200,000 BE APPROVED;
- e) Case #P-5 - Information Technology - Cybersecurity Infrastructure Expansion and Updates - Operating Expenditure \$1,009,000; Tax Levy \$1,009,000; Capital Expenditure \$142,000 BE APPROVED;
- f) Case #P-6 - Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression - 1001 Inventions Exhibit - Operating Expenditure \$125,000; Tax Levy \$0 BE APPROVED; and,
- g) Case #P-7 - Land Ambulance - Additional Resources to Address Service Pressures - Operating Expenditure \$1,759,000; Tax Levy \$0 BE APPROVED.

Motion Passed

Voting Record:

Moved by: S. Lewis
 Seconded by: S. Franke

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 Annual Budget Update:

- c) Case #P-3 - Housing Stability Services - Roadmap to 3,000 Affordable Units - Portable Benefits and Staff Resources - Operating Expenditure \$1,794,000; Tax Levy \$1,794,000 BE APPROVED;
- d) Case #P-4 - Community Improvement/BIA - Project Clean Slate - Operating Expenditure \$200,000; Tax Levy \$200,000 BE APPROVED;
- e) Case #P-5 - Information Technology - Cybersecurity Infrastructure Expansion and Updates - Operating Expenditure \$1,009,000; Tax Levy \$1,009,000; Capital Expenditure \$142,000 BE APPROVED;
- f) Case #P-6 - Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression - 1001 Inventions Exhibit - Operating Expenditure \$125,000; Tax Levy \$0 BE APPROVED; and,
- g) Case #P-7 - Land Ambulance - Additional Resources to Address Service Pressures - Operating Expenditure \$1,759,000; Tax Levy \$0 BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

Moved by: S. Franke

Seconded by: S. Trosow

That Budget Amendment #P-1 BE AMENDED to re-allocate the \$225,000 for Downtown Tree Planting and retain for tree planting efforts across the city:

it being noted that the amendment would have the following affect:

Case #P-1 Excluding downtown tree planting - Various Services - Budget Right-Sizing - Operating Expenditure (\$2,675,000); Tax Levy (\$6,356,000); Capital Expenditure (\$250,000)

Yeas: (7): H. McAlister, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, A. Hopkins, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Nays: (7): J. Morgan, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Lehman, and P. Van Meerbergen

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Failed (7 to 7)

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: S. Lehman

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 Annual Budget Update:

a) Case #P-1 - Various Services - Budget Right-Sizing - Operating Expenditure (\$2,900,000); Tax Levy (\$6,581,000); Capital Expenditure (\$475,000) BE APPROVED;

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: P. Van Meerbergen

That the following related to Business Case Amendment #P-2, BE APPROVED:

Case #P-2a - Reduction in Life Stabilization Investment in 2023 due to COVID-19 Impacts – Operating Expenditure (\$388,000); Tax Levy (\$388,000)

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: J. Morgan

That the following related to Business Case Amendment #P-2, BE APPROVED:

Case #P-2b - Reduction in Child Care Investment in 2023 due to Transitional Funding Availability, Case #P-2c - Partial Deferral of Expansion Child Care Investment in 2023 due to COVID-19 Impacts - Operating Expenditure (\$232,000); Tax Levy (\$642,000)

Yeas: (13): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Recuse: (1): P. Van Meerbergen

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (13 to 0)

4.2 Review of Recommended Property Tax Capital Budget Amendments (2023 totals rounded to the closest \$1,000)

Moved by: H. McAlister

Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 Annual Budget Update:

a) Case #P-8 - Transportation - Capital Project Adjustments - Capital Expenditure (\$10,225,000); Tax Levy \$0 BE APPROVED; and,

b) Case #P-9 - London and Middlesex Community Housing (LMCH) - Capital Project Adjustments - Capital Expenditure \$21,000,000; Tax Levy \$0 BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.3 Review of For Consideration Property Tax Operating Budget Amendments (2023 totals rounded to the closest \$1,000)

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 Annual Budget Update:

a) Case #P-10 - Roadways - Reduction to Previously Approved "For Consideration" Business Cases for Streetlights and Winter Maintenance and Walkway Maintenance Reductions - Operating Expenditure

(\$196,000); Tax Levy (\$196,000); Capital Expenditure (\$200,000); BE APPROVED;

i) Case #P-10a – Reduce previously approved additional investment in local improvement for streetlights – Operating Expenditure (\$136,000); Tax Levy (\$136,000); Capital Expenditure (\$200,000);

ii) Case #P-10b – Reduce annual walkway maintenance – Operating Expenditure (\$60,000); Tax Levy (\$60,000)

b) Case #P-11 - Parks and Horticulture - Reduction in Horticulture Aesthetics - Operating Expenditure (\$200,000); Tax Levy (\$200,000) BE APPROVED;

c) Case #P-14 - Revised Neighbourhood Strategic Initiatives and Funding - Humane Society of London and Middlesex Animal Campus - Operating Expenditure \$3,000,000; Tax Levy \$0 BE APPROVED; it being noted that this will be funded from the Operating Budget Contingency Reserve;

d) Case #P-16 - Community Improvement/BIA - Funding for the Hamilton Road BIA - Operating Expenditure \$100,000; Tax Levy \$100,000 BE APPROVED, and that the property tax levy funding to Business Improvement Areas BE REVIEWED in conjunction with the consideration of future multi-year budget updates, and during this term of Council, in 2026;

e) Case #P-17 - Capital Financing - Reduction to Previously Approved "For Consideration" Business Case - Infrastructure Gap RF Contribution - Operating Expenditure (\$475,000); Tax Levy (\$475,000) BE APPROVED;

f) that consideration of Business Case #P-13 - Information Technology - Eliminate Printing of Council Agenda Materials - Operating Expenditure (\$8,000); Tax Levy (\$8,000) BE REFERRED to the next multi-year budget process, 2024 to 2027; and,

g) that consideration of Budget Amendment #P-15 - Neighbourhood Strategic Initiatives and Funding Increase to Neighbourhood Decision Making Program - Operating expenditure \$250,000; Tax Levy \$250,000, BE REFERRED to the next multi-year budget process 2024-2027.

Motion Passed

Voting Record:

Moved by: D. Ferreira

Seconded by: S. Franke

That the SPPC recess at this time.

Motion Passed

The SPPC recesses at 11:49 AM and resumes at 12:20 PM.

Moved by: S. Trosow

Seconded by: J. Morgan

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 Annual Budget Update:

e) Case #P-14 - Neighbourhood Strategic Initiatives and Funding - Humane Society of London and Middlesex Animal Campus - Operating Expenditure \$3,000,000; Tax Levy \$0 BE APPROVED;

Moved by: J. Morgan
Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the source of financing for Budget Amendment #P-14 Humane Society of London & Middlesex New Comprehensive Animal Campus BE REVISED from the Community Investment Reserve Fund to the Operating Budget Contingency Reserve.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

Moved by: S. Trosow
Seconded by: J. Morgan

That the motion, as amended, BE APPROVED.

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 Annual Budget Update:

e) Case #P-14 - Neighbourhood Strategic Initiatives and Funding - Humane Society of London and Middlesex Animal Campus - Operating Expenditure \$3,000,000; Tax Levy \$0 BE APPROVED; it being noted that the source of financing will be the Operating Budget Contingency Reserve Fund.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That the following BE APPROVED:

a. Case #P-10 - Roadways - Reduction to Previously Approved "For Consideration" Business Cases for Streetlights and Winter Maintenance and Walkway Maintenance Reductions - Operating Expenditure (\$936,000); Tax Levy (\$936,000); Capital Expenditure (\$200,000)

i. Case #P-10a – Reduce previously approved additional investment in local improvement for streetlights – Operating Expenditure (\$136,000); Tax Levy (\$136,000); Capital Expenditure (\$200,000)

ii. Case #P-10b – Reduce annual walkway maintenance – Operating Expenditure (\$60,000); Tax Levy (\$60,000)

iii. Case #P-10c – Reduce previously approved additional investment in winter maintenance – Operating Expenditure (\$740,000); Tax Levy (\$740,000)

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: A. Hopkins

Motion to approve Budget Amendment Case #P-10a – Reduce previously approved additional investment in local improvement for streetlights –

Operating Expenditure (\$136,000); Tax Levy (\$136,000); Capital Expenditure (\$200,000).

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

Motion to approve Budget Amendment Case #P-10b – Reduce annual walkway maintenance – Operating Expenditure (\$60,000); Tax Levy (\$60,000)

Yeas: (9): J. Morgan, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, S. Trosow, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, and D. Ferreira

Nays: (5): H. McAlister, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, and E. Pelozza

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (9 to 5)

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

Motion to approve Budget Amendment Case #P-10c – Reduce previously approved additional investment in winter maintenance – Operating Expenditure (\$740,000); Tax Levy (\$740,000)

Yeas: (5): S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, S. Lehman, and A. Hopkins

Nays: (9): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Failed (5 to 9)

Moved by: S. Franke

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 Annual Budget Update:

b) Case #P-11 - Parks and Horticulture - Reduction in Horticulture Aesthetics - Operating Expenditure (\$200,000); Tax Levy (\$200,000) BE APPROVED;

Yeas: (11): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, and E. Pelozza

Nays: (3): S. Stevenson, S. Trosow, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (11 to 3)

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: C. Rahman

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 Annual Budget Update:

c) Case #P-12 - Community Recreation and Leisure Programs - Reduction to Neighbourhood Playground Program - Operating Expenditure (\$250,000); Tax Levy (\$250,000) BE APPROVED;

Nays: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Failed (0 to 14)

Moved by: H. McAlister
Seconded by: S. Franke

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 Annual Budget Update:

d) Case #P-13 - Information Technology - Eliminate Printing of Council Agenda Materials - Operating Expenditure (\$8,000); Tax Levy (\$8,000) BE APPROVED;

Moved by: S. Trosow
Seconded by: P. Van Meerbergen

That consideration of Business Case #P-13 - Information Technology - Eliminate Printing of Council Agenda Materials - Operating Expenditure (\$8,000); Tax Levy (\$8,000) BE REFERRED to the next multi-year budget process, 2024.to 2027.

Yeas: (11): J. Morgan, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Nays: (3): H. McAlister, S. Lewis, and S. Lehman

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (11 to 3)

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That consideration of Budget Amendment P-15 BE REFERRED to the next multi-year budget process 2024-2027

Case #P-15 - Neighbourhood Strategic Initiatives and Funding - Increase to Neighbourhood Decision Making Program - Operating Expenditure \$250,000; Tax Levy \$250,000

Yeas: (13): H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelosa, and D. Ferreira

Nays: (1): J. Morgan

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (13 to 1)

Moved by: H. McAlister

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 Annual Budget Update:

g) Case #P-16 - Community Improvement/BIA - Funding for the Hamilton Road BIA - Operating Expenditure \$100,000; Tax Levy \$100,000
BE APPROVED

Moved by: J. Morgan

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the motion to approve Budget Amendment Case #P-16, BE AMENDED to include the following wording:

"and that the property tax levy funding to Business Improvement Areas BE REVIEWED in conjunction with the consideration of future multi-year budget updates, and during this term of Council in 2026"

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelosa, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

Moved by: H. McAlister

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That the motion related to the approval of Budget Amendment Case #P-16, as amended, BE APPROVED:

"That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 Annual Budget Update:

g) Case #P-16 - Community Improvement/BIA - Funding for the Hamilton Road BIA - Operating Expenditure \$100,000; Tax Levy \$100,000 BE APPROVED; and that the general tax levy funding to Business Improvement Areas BE REVIEWED in conjunction with the consideration of future multi-year budgets, and during this term of Council in 2026."

Yeas: (11): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, S. Franke, and D. Ferreira

Nays: (3): S. Stevenson, P. Van Meerbergen, and E. Pelosa

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (11 to 3)

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: H. McAlister

That a recess BE APPROVED at this time.

Motion Passed

The SPPC recesses at 3:06 PM and resumes at 3:18 PM.

Moved by: C. Rahman
Seconded by: S. Lehman

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 Annual Budget Update:

h) Case #P-17 - Capital Financing - Reduction to Previously Approved "For Consideration" Business Case - Infrastructure Gap RF Contribution - Operating Expenditure (\$950,000); Tax Levy (\$950,000) BE APPROVED.

Moved by: S. Franke
Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That Budget Amendment Case #P-17 BE AMENDED to be in the amount of (\$ 475,000).

Yeas: (13): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Nays: (1): A. Hopkins

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (13 to 1)

Moved by: C. Rahman
Seconded by: S. Lehman

That the amended Budget Amendment Case #P-17, in the amount of (\$475,00), BE APPROVED

h) Case #P-17 - Capital Financing - Reduction to Previously Approved "For Consideration" Business Case - Infrastructure Gap RF Contribution - Operating Expenditure (\$475,000); Tax Levy (\$475,000).

Yeas: (13): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Nays: (1): A. Hopkins

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (13 to 1)

4.4 Review of For Consideration Property Tax Capital Budget Amendment (2023 totals rounded to the closest \$1,000)

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: S. Lehman

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 Annual Budget Update:

a) Case #P-18 - Community Improvement/BIA - Streetscape Master Plan for Dundas Street - Argyle BIA - Capital Expenditure \$150,000; Tax Levy \$0 BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

Moved by: A. Hopkins
Seconded by: C. Rahman

That the SPPC recess at this time.

Motion Passed

The SPPC recesses at 3:52 PM and resumes at 4:05 PM.

4.5 Reserves and Reserve Funds Overview

Moved by: S. Lehman
Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the Reserves and Reserve Funds Overview BE RECEIVED for information; it being noted projections are subject to annual review and adjustment.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.6 Debt Overview

Moved by: S. Lehman
Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the Debt Overview BE RECEIVED for information.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.7 Reconciliation of the Draft Property Tax Budget to the Public Sector Accounting Board Budget

Moved by: S. Lehman
Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the reconciliation of the draft Property Tax Budget to the Public Sector Accounting Board financial statement budget BE RECEIVED for information.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.8 Operating Budget

Moved by: S. Lehman

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That in accordance with section 291(4)(c) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, the amended 2023 operating budget (Appendix A) BE READOPTED in the gross expenditure amount of \$1,117,281,244 and the tax levy amount of \$736,457,801 after recognizing \$12,773,658 of increased taxation from assessment growth.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.9 Capital Budget

Moved by: S. Lehman

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That in accordance with section 291(4)(c) of the *Municipal Act 2001*, as amended, the following actions be taken with respect to the capital budget (Appendix B):

a) the amended 2023 capital budget BE READOPTED in the amount of \$447,680,000; and,

b) the amended 2024 to 2029 capital forecast BE APPROVED in principle in the amount of \$1,458,611,000.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.10 By-laws Regarding Tax Levy, Operating and Capital Budgets

Moved by: S. Lehman

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to bring forward any necessary by-laws regarding the tax levy, the operating and capital budgets for introduction at Municipal Council.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.11 Review of Recommended Water Budget Amendments (2023 totals rounded to the closest \$1,000)

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: J. Morgan

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 Annual Water Budget Update:

a) Case #W-1 - Schedule Change for Springbank #2 Water Reservoir Replacement and Expansion - Operating Expenditure \$0; Operating Revenue \$0; Capital Expenditure (\$37,581,000) BE APPROVED; and,

b) Case #W-2 - Schedule Changes for Water Growth Projects - Operating Expenditure \$0; Operating Revenue \$0; Capital Expenditure (\$8,075,000) BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.12 Water Reserves/Reserve Funds Overview

Moved by: P. Cuddy

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That the Water Reserves/Reserve Funds Overview for the 2020 to 2023 Multi-Year Budget BE RECEIVED for information.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.13 Reconciliation of the Draft Water Budget to the Public Sector Accounting Board Budget

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen

Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That the reconciliation of the draft Water Budget to the Public Sector Accounting Board financial statement budget BE RECEIVED for information.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.14 Water Services

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: S. Franke

That in accordance with section 291(4)(c) of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended, the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 operating budget and the 2023 capital budget and associated forecasts for Water Services:

a) the amended 2023 operating budget for Water Services BE READOPTED in the gross expenditure amount of \$93,695,368 and gross revenue amount of \$93,695,368;

b) the amended 2023 capital budget for Water Services BE READOPTED in the amount of \$38,852,000; and,

c) the amended 2024 to 2029 capital forecast for Water Services BE APPROVED in principle in the amount of \$324,163,000;

it being noted that all rates and charges related to the provision of Water Services were increased by 2.5% effective January 1, 2020 as approved by Council on November 26, 2019, increased by 2.5% effective January 1, 2021, January 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023 as approved by Council on October 27, 2020.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.15 Review of Recommended Wastewater and Treatment Budget Amendments (2023 totals rounded to the closest \$1,000)

Moved by: S. Lehman

Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 Annual Wastewater and Treatment Budget Update:

a) Case #WWT-1 - Mud Creek East Branch Phase 2 Budget Increase - Operating Expenditure \$0; Operating Revenue \$0; Capital Expenditure \$1,657,000 BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.16 Wastewater and Treatment Reserves/Reserve Funds Overview

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That the Wastewater and Treatment Reserves/Reserve Funds Overview for the 2020 to 2023 Multi-Year Budget BE RECEIVED for information.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.17 Reconciliation of the Draft Wastewater and Treatment Budget to the Public Sector Accounting Board Budget

Moved by: H. McAlister

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the reconciliation of the draft Wastewater and Treatment Budget to the Public Sector Accounting Board financial statement budget BE RECEIVED for information.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.18 Wastewater and Treatment Services

Moved by: C. Rahman

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That in accordance with section 291(4)(c) of the *Municipal Act 2001*, as amended, the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 operating budget and the 2023 capital budget and associated forecasts for Wastewater and Treatment Services:

a) the amended 2023 operating budget for Wastewater and Treatment Services BE READOPTED in the gross expenditure amount of \$117,543,814 and gross revenue amount of \$117,543,814;

b) the amended 2023 capital budget for Wastewater and Treatment Services BE READOPTED in the amount of \$92,640,000; and,

c) the amended 2024 to 2029 capital forecast for Wastewater and Treatment Services BE APPROVED in principle in the amount of \$621,579,000;

it being noted that all rates and charges relating to the provision of Wastewater and Treatment Services were increased by 2.5% effective January 1, 2020; as approved by Council on November 26, 2019, increase by 2.5% effective January 1, 2021, 2.7% effective July 1, 2021, 2.5% effective January 1, 2022 and 2.5% effective January 1, 2023 as approved by Council on October 27, 2020.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

5.1 (ADDED) Municipal Council resolution from its meeting held on January 24, 2023 with respect to the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That the Added Communication from the Animal Welfare Community Advisory Committee Report, BE RECEIVED.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

6. Adjournment

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.