



## MINUTES

### BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday October 17, 2023**

The Town of Halton Hills Budget Committee met this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023 in the Council Chambers, Halton Hills Town Hall and Via Zoom, commencing at 1:02 p.m., with Mayor A. Lawlor in the Chair.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Mayor A. Lawlor, Councillor C. Somerville, Councillor J. Fogal (EP-Electronic Participation), Councillor M. Albano (EP), Councillor A. Hilson, Councillor J. Brass, Councillor J. Racinsky, Councillor C. Garneau, Councillor R. Norris, Councillor B. Inglis, Councillor D. Keene (EP) (present from 1:20 p.m. to 3 p.m.)

**STAFF PRESENT** (Open Session) (E – Electronically Present) C. Mills, Chief Administrative Officer, L. Lancaster, Commissioner of Corporate Services, P. Damaso Commissioner of Recreation & Parks, J. Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Development, B. Andrews, Commissioner of Transportation & Public Works, V. Petryniak, Town Clerk & Director of Legislative Services, D. Szybalski, Commissioner of Business, Environment & Culture, B. Morrison, Acting Commissioner & Fire Chief, M.J. Leighton, Director of Finance and Town Treasurer

#### **1. OPENING OF THE BUDGET MEETING**

Mayor A. Lawlor called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

#### **2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

#### **3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary/conflict of interest.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**a. 2024 Preliminary Budget Forecast**

Presentation to Budget Committee by Moya Leighton, Town Treasurer and Director of Finance with opening remarks by Laura Lancaster, Commissioner of Corporate Services.

(Refer to Item 5.a, Report No. CS-2023-027)

**5. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS**

**a. REPORT NO. CS-2023-027**

Recommendation No. BC-2023-0001

THAT Report No. CS-2023-027 dated October 2, 2023 regarding the 2024 Preliminary Budget Forecast be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the guiding principles and assumptions contained in this report be used by staff as the basis to prepare the 2024 preliminary operating and capital budgets and the 2025-2033 capital forecast for Council's consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT staff continue to refine the preliminary 2024 budget to reflect the needs identified in this report;

AND FURTHER THAT staff incorporate the special levy changes into the 2024 Budget as outlined in Appendix 3, of this report.

**CARRIED**

**DIRECTION TO STAFF:** THAT Staff bring forward options in the budget for a special health care levy.

**CARRIED**

**DIRECTION TO STAFF:** THAT Staff report back on what would be lost in the budget with a 1% reduction in the overall operating budget.

**CARRIED**

**6. CLOSED SESSION/CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS**

N/A

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The Budget Meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

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Ann Lawlor, MAYOR

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Valerie Petryniak, TOWN CLERK