



Highlights from the Council Chamber

Budget Committee Meeting – May 4, 2020

Below is a snapshot of what Budget Committee recommended at its meeting held on Monday, May 4, 2020. Please note: The wording below does not represent the exact wording of the motion and is meant as highlights.

Please note that Council Committee recommendations are subject to Council ratification and can be pulled for discussion and change in direction at the Council meeting held on May 11, 2020 immediately following the Council Committee meeting.

- The report regarding an update from the Economic Recovery Task Force was received as information.
- Further to the report from the Treasury Department the following was recommended:
 - The Multi-residential tax ratio was set at 1.378000 for the 2020 tax year.
 - The New Multi-residential tax ratio remains at 1.1 for the 2020 tax year.
 - The Industrial tax ratio was set at 1.842000 for the 2020 tax year.
 - The Large Industrial tax ratio was set at 1.842000 for the 2020 tax year.
 - The Commercial tax ratio was set at 1.849500 for the 20120 tax year.
 - The Pipeline tax ratio was set at 2.855968 for the 2020 tax year.
 - The Landfill tax class was set at 0.597728 for the 2020 tax year.
 - The graduated tax rates for 2020 on two bands of Commercial assessment was set as the first band from \$0 to \$10,000,000 of assessment, and the second band being all assessment above \$10,000,000.
 - For 2020 the low-band Commercial tax rate was set at 47% of the high-band Commercial tax rate.
 - Those commercial properties which were at Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxation in 2019 were removed from the capping program.
 - Commercial vacant land properties were excluded from the phase-out eligibility criteria where all properties must be within 50% of CVA level taxes.
 - Those commercial properties which have crossed from an increasing property in 2019 to a decreasing property in 2020, or a decreasing property in 2019 to an increasing property in 2020 be removed from the capping program.

- For properties subject to capping: a) the annual cap be up to 10% of last year's capped taxes; b) the upper limit on annual increases be the greater of the amount calculated under (a) and up to 10% of the previous year's annualized CVA tax; and c) the maximum threshold for increasing properties, decreasing properties or both be \$500.
- \$1 million of the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve was set aside for a period of two years to be used for Council approved social assistance and economic recovery opportunities that are directly related to the COVID-19 emergency. At the end of the two-year period, staff will provide a summary of activity to Council where Council may extend the time period.
- \$1,384,000 was transferred from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve to the Land Acquisition Reserve (25%) and the Major Capital Facilities Reserve (75%) to be applied against the internal interest charged to the respective reserves.
- The Orillia Recreation Centre Budget Contingency Allowance was increased by \$650,000, to be funded from 2019 Orillia Recreation Centre net operating budget not required of \$484,000 and \$166,000 from the Major Facilities Capital Maintenance Reserve.
- The remaining internal loan of \$628,220 for 2 Hunter Valley Road was paid using a portion of the 2019 surplus.
- The approved Water and Sewer Rate Structure (Items 1-7) set out in Schedule "A" of Chapter 459 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - User Fees - Environmental Services and Operations - Water and Wastewater for 2020 shall become effective for the billing period following the autumn billing. The Stormwater User Fees Rate Structure set out in Schedule "A" of Chapter 461 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - User Fees - Environmental Services and Operations - Stormwater for 2020 shall become effective for the billing period following the autumn billing.

The full agenda for the May 4, 2020 meeting, which includes the full detailed reports, is available on the City's website at orillia.ca.