



Regional Municipality of Waterloo
Administration and Finance Committee
Minutes

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

11:52 a.m.

Regional Council Chamber

150 Frederick Street, Kitchener

Present were: Chair S. Strickland, L. Armstrong, E. Clarke*, D. Craig, S. Foxton*, T. Galloway*, D. Jaworsky*, H. Jowett, K. Kiefer, G. Lorentz, J. Mitchell*, J. Nowak, K. Redman, K. Seiling and S. Shantz

Members absent: B. Vrbanovic

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest under the “Municipal Conflict of Interest Act”

None declared.

*T. Galloway left the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Presentation

Tova Davidson, Executive Director, Sustainable Waterloo Region, provided a presentation regarding their Annual Update and Year-end Report. A copy of the presentation and the Year-end Report are appended to the original minutes. T. Davidson explained that Sustainable Waterloo Region works to support local organizations to achieve environmental and economic benefits. Recent projects have included the Regional Carbon Initiative and the Travelwise program.

She stated that they are also supporting the development of the first net positive waste and energy building in Canada, which will be built in David Johnston Research and Technology Park. The building will serve as a model for demonstrating the financial and environmental benefits of this model.

In response to a question from the Committee, T. Davidson explained that in a net positive energy and waste building there is a focus on arranging the physical layout to encourage conserving behaviour and only bringing in items that can be recycled or composted.

The Committee thanked T. Davidson for the presentation and the work of Sustainable Waterloo Region.

Request to Remove Items from Consent Agenda

The Committee requested that the Regional Clerk provide the Committee with additional information on the impacts of the ranked ballot provisions of the Municipal Elections Modernization Act.

Motion to Approve Items or Receive for Information

Moved by K. Redman

Seconded by S. Foxton

That the following items be approved:

- That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the following options for the 2016 Property Tax Capping Program, as described in report COR-TRY-16-054 dated May 24, 2016:
 - a. Establish the annual limit on tax increases for properties in the commercial, industrial and multi-residential classes at the greater of: ten percent (10%) of the previous year's annualized capped taxes, or 10% of the previous year's current value assessment (CVA) taxes;
 - b. Establish thresholds for properties in the commercial, industrial and multi-residential classes such that if the taxes on the property calculated under the capping program are within \$500 of the current value assessment (CVA) taxes, the CVA taxes will apply;
 - c. Exclude properties in the commercial, industrial and multi-residential classes that were at their current value assessment taxes in 2015 from the 2016 capping and claw back program;
 - d. Exclude properties in the commercial, industrial and multi-residential classes that were subject to a claw back in 2015 from becoming a capped property in 2016;
 - e. Fund the limits on tax increases for 2016 for the commercial, industrial

and multi-residential classes by limiting 2016 tax decreases for properties in the same class.

And that the required by-laws to establish the options for the 2016 Property Tax Capping Program and to establish the 2016 claw back percentages for the commercial, industrial and multi-residential classes be included on Regional Council agendas in June 2016;

And further that the Area Municipalities be notified accordingly.

- That The Regional Municipality of Waterloo enter into a renewal agreement for each of (a) the “Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Partnership Programme”; and (b) the Community Partnerships Programme with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario by the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services for a further one year term effective April 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2017 in respect of each agreement as described in Report PDL-LEG-16-42 dated May 24, 2016.

And That the following item be received for information:

- **PDL-CAS-16-10**, Municipal Elections Modernization Act, Bill 181

Carried

Regular Agenda Resumes

Information/Correspondence

Council Enquiries and Requests for Information Tracking List was received for information.

Next Meeting – June 14, 2016

Adjourn

Moved by S. Shantz

Seconded by K. Redman

That the meeting adjourn at 12:01 p.m.

Carried

Committee Chair, S. Strickland

Committee Clerk, T. Brubacher