



Finance and Economic Development Committee

MINUTES 23

Monday, 27 August 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West

Present: Chair : Mayor J. Watson
R. Chiarelli, D. Deans, K. Egli, A. Hubley, P. Hume, M. McRae,
M. Taylor, D. Thompson, M. Wilkinson

Regrets: Councillors P. Clark (Vice-Chair)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 22 and Confidential Minutes 22 - Finance and Economic Development Committee meeting of 3 July 2012.

CONFIRMED

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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- Notes:
1. Please note that these Minutes are to be considered DRAFT until confirmed by Committee.
 2. Please note that any written or verbal submissions (including your name but excluding personal contact information) will form part of the public record and be made available to City Council and the public.
 3. Unless otherwise noted, items requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on 12 September 2012 in Finance and Economic Development Committee Report 23A.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

CITY CLERK AND SOLICITOR DEPARTMENT

1. APPOINTMENT TO THE BANK STREET BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
AREA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
ACS2012-CMR-CCB-0063 Somerset (14)

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve the appointment of Allen Balfe to the Bank Street Business Improvement Area Board of Management for the term expiring November 30, 2014.

CARRIED

2. APPOINTMENT TO THE GLEBE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
ACS2012-CMR-CCB-0064 Capital (17)

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve the appointment of Stephane Sauve to the Glebe Business Improvement Area Board of Management for the term expiring November 30, 2014.

CARRIED

3. APPOINTMENT TO THE DOWNTOWN RIDEAU BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
ACS2012-CMR-CCB-0065 Rideau-Vanier (12)

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve the appointment of Jeff Liston to the Downtown Rideau Business Improvement Area Board of Management for the term expiring November 30, 2014.

CARRIED

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4. STATUS UPDATE – FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE INQUIRIES AND MOTIONS - FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 17 AUGUST 2012
ACS2012-CMR-CCB-0066 CITY-WIDE/
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REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee receive this report for information.

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5. COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL SERVICES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1ST TO JUNE 30TH, 2012
ACS2012-CMR-LEG-0010 CITY-WIDE
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REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee and Council receive this report for information.

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CITY TREASURER AND FINANCE

6. INSTITUTIONS DESIGNATED AS ELIGIBLE FOR A 2012 ANNUAL LEVY PURSUANT TO SECTION 323 (1), (2), (3) AND (5) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT
ACS2012-CMR-FIN-0031 CITY-WIDE
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REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend to Council that the following by-laws, attached as Document 1, be enacted to provide for the annual levy on institutions in accordance with Section 323 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, and Ontario Regulation 384/98, as amended:

- 1) A by-law to levy \$75.00 for each full-time student enrolled in universities and colleges, in the year preceding the year of levy, pursuant to Section 323 (1);**
- 2) A by-law to levy \$75.00 for each resident place in correctional institutions, pursuant to Section 323 (2);**

- 3) A by-law to levy \$75.00 per rated bed in public hospitals or provincial mental health facilities, pursuant to Section 323 (3); and
- 4) A by-law to levy \$75.00 for each place in the provincial education institutions, pursuant to Section 323 (5).

CARRIED

7. AMENDMENTS TO THE FARM GRANT PROGRAM
ACS2012-CMR-FIN-0034 CITY-WIDE/À L'ÉCHELLE DE LA VILLE

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve changes to the Farm Grant Program:

1. To extend the final 2012 property tax due date for 2012 participants in the Farm Grant Program to April 25, 2013; and
2. To set an extended interim 2013 property tax due date for 2012 participants in the Farm Grant Program to April 25, 2013; and
3. To direct staff to provide a grant to these 2012 participants in the Farm Grant Program to cover penalty which would accrue from the original property tax due dates to the revised property tax due date as noted above.

CARRIED

DIRECTION TO STAFF:

That the City Manager look into the cost implications of the following:

1. Reduced rent to local farmers markets where they rent from the City of Ottawa, due to low yields and higher costs of irrigation; and
 2. The provision of water to those farms where wells have gone dry.
8. 2012 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET Q2 STATUS REPORT
ACS2012-CMR-FIN-0033 CITY-WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Recommend that Council approve:
 - a) the operating budget adjustment to transfer \$1.3 million from the Social Housing reserve to the Housing operating budget; and
 - b) the capital budget adjustment to allow for the establishment of the Strandherd Road project (Fallowfield to Jockvale section).

CARRIED

CITY OPERATIONS

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

9. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP – SHEFFORD ROAD PARK
ACS2012-COS-PRC-0010 Beacon-Hill Cyrville (11)

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend Council authorize the General Manager of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services to enter into negotiations with the preferred proponent, Ottawa Community Ice Partners (OCIP), for the supply of a new arena facility in Shefford Road Park and report back to Committee and Council for approval to finalize negotiations and execute a final agreement.

CARRIED

PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

10. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT FUND – PROJECTS
FUNDING REQUEST
ACS2012-PAI-INF-0009 CITY-WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve the list of projects (Document 1) submitted by the City Manager to meet the August 24, 2012 submission deadline as part of the application for funding under the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund program.

Committee considered the following motion:

MOTION FED 23/01

Moved by Councillor D. Thompson

WHEREAS it was not possible to get a signed Applicant Declaration and Landlord Authorization from the property owner as required with respect to the projects that were identified for the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund application for the Ottawa School of Art facility prior to the August 24, 2012 submission deadline;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ottawa School of Arts project be removed from the list of projects identified in Document 1 and be replaced with “Rideau Street Library, Rideau Street – 0377, Elevator Remediation to meet Accessibility Standards, \$229,000” as a replacement project.

CARRIED

Ms. Nancy Schepers, Deputy City Manager of Planning and Infrastructure, responded to questions from Committee Members about the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund and how projects were selected for the list as well as with respect to the owner of the property identified in the motion and the reasons why staff were unable to get a signed Applicant Declaration and Landlord Authorization from the property owner. Mr. Kent Kirkpatrick, City Manager, indicated he would look into the latter.

The report recommendations were then put to Committee and CARRIED, as amended by Motion 23/01.

REAL ESTATE PARTNERSHIPS AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

11. LEASE EXTENSION, AMENDMENT AND ACQUISITION – O-TRAIN MAINTENANCE FACILITY – 3101 ALBION ROAD, CITY OF OTTAWA, CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY
ACS2012-PAI-REP-0015 Gloucester – Southgate (10)
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REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend Council:

- 1. Approve a ten (10) year lease extension and amendment, with four (4) five (5) year options for the 3.78 hectares (9.34 acres) O-Train maintenance facility, 3101 Albion Road, City of Ottawa, shown as Parcel B on the attached Document 1, from Canadian Pacific Railway Company**

- for the consideration of \$1,405,328 plus applicable HST for the ten (10) year term;
2. Approve the fee simple acquisition of a vacant parcel of land consisting of approximately 0.94 hectare (2.32 acres) described as Part Lot 2, Concession 3, Rideau Front, geographic Township of Gloucester, City of Ottawa, shown as Parcel C on the attached Document 1, from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the consideration of \$406,000 plus applicable HST, subject to final survey and adjustments on closing;
 3. Approve the fee simple acquisition of a vacant parcel of land consisting of approximately 0.29 hectare (0.717 acre) described as Part Lot 2, Concession 3, Rideau Front, geographic Township of Gloucester, City of Ottawa, shown as Parcel D on the attached Document 1, from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the consideration of \$1.00 plus applicable HST, subject to final survey and adjustments on closing;
 4. Designate the maintenance facility, 3.78 hectares (9.34 acres) at 3101 Albion Road, Ottawa, as a Municipal Capital Facility as permitted by Section 110 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 and as defined in Ontario Regulation 603/06, as amended;
 5. Direct this designation to be implemented by way of a Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement between the City and the Landlord (refer to Document 3) and by the enactment of the associated By-law for the exemption of the taxes for municipal and school purposes (refer to Document 4), both in accordance with the requirements of the *Municipal Act* and this report; and
 6. Authorize the Deputy City Manager, City Operations, to finalize and execute the Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement for the premises located at 3101 Albion Road.

Committee considered the following motion:

MOTION FED 23/02

Moved by Councillor D. Deans

WHEREAS, based on the usual process and timelines, the above-referenced report would normally be considered by Council at its meeting of September 12, 2012;

AND WHEREAS Real Estate Partnership and Development Office staff have advised that the City's acceptance of these Agreements are subject to receiving Council approval prior to 4:00pm on the 31st of August 2012;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend Council waive the Rules of Procedure to consider this report at its meeting of August 29, 2012.

CARRIED

Ms. MacNair responded to questions from Councillor Wilkinson about the rationale for continuing to lease this property rather than purchasing it outright.

Following these exchanges, the report recommendations were put to Committee and CARRIED, as amended by Motion 23/02.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

12. SUPPORT FOR EASTERN ONTARIO DEVELOPMENT FUND
CITY-WIDE
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MOTION FED 23/03

Moved by Councillor M. Taylor

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee approve the addition of this item for consideration by the Committee at today's meeting, pursuant to Section 84(3) of the Procedure By-law.

CARRIED

MOTION FED 23/04

Moved by Councillor M. Taylor

WHEREAS Ottawa's ability to cultivate and attract knowledge-based workers, jobs and businesses is vital for its future economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS Bill 11 - *An Act respecting the continuation and establishment of development funds in order to promote regional economic development in eastern and southwestern Ontario* - is currently before the Legislative Assembly of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the purpose of Bill 11 is to make the Eastern Ontario Development Fund (EODF) permanent; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the EODF is to provide financial assistance and incentives to promote regional economic development in eastern Ontario and thereby enhance Ontario's overall economic competitiveness and opportunities for the Ontario labour force; and

WHEREAS companies within urban Ottawa have been unable to take part in the EODF under its current structure; and

WHEREAS the vibrancy of Ottawa's rural and urban economy are important to the overall economic growth of Eastern Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend City Council ask for All-Party support for Bill 11;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend City Council further request that the Legislature and the Provincial government ensure all of Ottawa (both urban and rural) is eligible to participate in the Eastern Ontario Development Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend City Council waive the Rules of Procedure to consider this item at its meeting of Wednesday, 29 August 2012.

Mayor Watson, Councillor McRae and Councillor Blais each spoke briefly, in support of the motion. In particular, Mayor Watson encouraged all Members of Council to contact local MPPs to urge them to be expeditious in passing Bill 11. Building on this, Councillor McRae suggested that the Mayor and/or the City Manager also write to MPPs representing neighbouring Eastern Ontario ridings, beyond the limits of the City of Ottawa.

The motion was then put to Committee and CARRIED.

INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED

- A. 2012 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS TO ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD BY THE CITY OF OTTAWA
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ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Original signed by
D. Blais

Committee Coordinator

Original signed by
Mayor J. Watson

Chair