



**Minutes of the  
General Government Committee Meeting  
Held in the River Plate Room, Ajax Town Hall  
At 1:00 p.m. on October 15, 2019**

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Present:	Chair - Councillor	L. Bower
	Regional Councillors	M. Crawford
		S. Lee
		J. Dies
	Councillors	R. Tyler Morin
		A. Khan
	Mayor	S. Collier

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Bower called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interests.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

**3.1 Regular Meeting**

Moved by: S. Lee

That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the General Government Committee held on September 9, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

**3.2 Closed Session**

Moved by: S. Collier

That the Minutes of the Closed Session of the General Government Committee held on September 9, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

#### **4. Consent Agenda**

Members separated items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, and 4.9 for discussion.

##### **4.1 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation Stream Grant Submission**

Committee Members asked questions regarding operating costs for proposed grant funded projects, funding sources for the Town's portion of approved projects, budgeting projections and contingency allocations, details of the proposed projects, and next steps if the Town is successful.

Kassandra Cruciano, Grants & Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, responded to questions from Committee Members and discussed the grant application process and next steps. Catherine Bridgeman, Director of Operations & Environmental Services, and Sandra Serrao, Acting Director of Finance/Treasurer, reviewed the estimated project costs, potential funding sources, and the capital budgeting process.

Moved by: A. Khan

That staff submit the following capital projects for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation Stream grant program by November 12, 2019:

- i) Ajax Community Centre Sports Campus in the amount of \$17,884,634, and
- ii) McLean Community Centre Change Room Redevelopment in the amount of \$2,000,000.

CARRIED

##### **4.2 2019 Council Member Remuneration**

Committee Members asked questions regarding pension contributions, elimination of the federal one third tax exemption, life insurance benefits, and whether Council's annual compensation review could be completed without direct approval by Council. Mary Lou Cosentino, Manager of HR Services, responded to questions from Committee Members and reviewed pension contributions and life insurance benefits for members. Nicole Cooper, Director of Legislative & Information Services/Town Clerk, discussed delegating authority to complete the annual Council compensation review.

Moved by: S. Collier

That the attached 2019 Council Remuneration By-Law be brought forward to the October 15, 2019 Council Meeting for approval.

CARRIED

#### 4.3 **Contract Award and Scope Change – Pedestrian Bridge Repairs**

Committee Members discussed the project and under-budget amount noted in the report.

Moved by: J. Dies

1. That Council approve the change in scope to capital account 996411 Pedestrian Bridge Repairs Design, allowing for the budget originally approved for the design of Bridge 1023 within Audley Ballpark be allocated to the additional design of embankment work for Bridge 104.
2. That Council approve the change in scope to capital account 1005211 Pedestrian Bridge Repairs Construction, resulting in repairs to Bridge 1003 being cancelled to allow sufficient funding for the construction of the embankment work for Bridge 104.
3. That Council award the contract for the Design and Construction of Pedestrian Bridge 104 Erosion Control Works and Embankment Rehabilitation, to TRCA in the amount of \$103,169.00 (inclusive of all taxes).

CARRIED

#### 4.4 **Contract Award - Lexington Park Gazebo Replacement**

Committee Members asked questions regarding contingency funding for the project. C. Bridgeman reviewed the Town's practices for calculating contingency funding for capital projects. S. Serrao reviewed the capital closing reports provided to Council each year, indicating how contingency funds are spent.

Moved by: S. Collier

1. That Council award the contract for Lexington Park Gazebo Replacement, to Gray's Landscaping & Snow Removal Inc. in the amount of \$110,796.35 (inclusive of all taxes).
2. That Council award the contract for geotechnical consulting services to GDH Limited in the amount of \$1,073.50 (inclusive of all taxes).

CARRIED

#### 4.5 **Contract Award – Church Street and Bridge Reconstruction – Rossland Road to Hydro Corridor**

Committee Members asked questions regarding causes of the over-budget amount, traffic management and road closures associated with the project, penalties for late completion by contractors, and review of all capital project cost estimates. C. Bridgeman reviewed factors resulting in projects exceeding budget, considerations for implementing late penalties, and annual review of all project budgets in the Long Range Capital Forecast. Ranil Fernando, Infrastructure and Asset Management Engineer, reviewed road closures on Church Street and the traffic management plan for the project.

Moved by: R. Tyler Morin

1. That Council provide pre-budget approval in the amount of \$5,555,000 for the Church Street Reconstruction contract as identified in the 2019 Capital Budget and Long Range Capital Forecast.
2. That Council award the contract for Church Street Reconstruction to Graham Bros. Construction Limited in the amount of \$11,427,428.51 (inclusive of all taxes).
3. That Council approve the following funding, to be allocated to Capital Account No. 1005311:

i.	Development Charges Reserve Fund	\$556,122.58
ii.	Development Reserve	<u>\$ 61,788.77</u>
iii.	Total	<u>\$617,911.35</u>
4. That Council award the contract for the Contract Administration and Material Testing to R.V. Anderson in the amount of \$547,959.60 (inclusive of all taxes) for the Church Street Reconstruction Project.
5. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement to Professional Consulting Services, between the Town of Ajax and R.V. Anderson Associates Limited for contract administration and inspection services for the Church Street reconstruction project.
6. That Council approve the temporary closure of Church Street from Rossland Road to north of Hurst Street from approximately November 2019 to November 2020 arranged through the Road Occupancy/ Road Closure By-Law.

CARRIED

#### 4.6 Windrow Clearing

Committee Members asked questions regarding total estimated cost of the program per household in Ajax, comparisons with other municipalities that provide the windrow clearing services, level of service and expectations, and the existing seniors snow removal program. S. Serrao reviewed the estimated cost per household to implement the program. Shane Baker, Chief Administrative Officer, discussed service level expectations, challenges with implementing a windrow clearing program, and staff review of the existing seniors snow removal program. Committee Members discussed the importance of communicating this information to residents interested in windrow clearing services.

Moved by: A. Khan

That Council receive this report entitled "Windrow Clearing" for information.

CARRIED

**4.7 Contract Award – E.A. & Preliminary Design ~ Rossland Road**

Committee Members asked questions regarding evaluation criteria for selecting the winning bid, reference checks, the Environmental Assessment process, and timing of work on Rossland Road. John Grieve, Supervisor of Transportation, reviewed evaluation criteria and reference checks for bidders, the EA process, and timing of future construction on Rossland Road.

Moved by: S. Lee

That Council award the contract for the Rossland Road (Westney Road to Lake Ridge Road) Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design, to HDR Corporation in the amount of \$617,785.07 (inclusive of all taxes).

CARRIED

**4.8 Proposed 2020 Fees and Charges for Recreation, Culture & Community Development**

Committee Members asked questions regarding the fee review process, competition with private fitness facilities, and changes to sponsored skate and swim programs. Tracey Vaughan, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Development, discussed the fee review process, objectives for setting fees, and revisions to fees for vendors at Town events. Robert Gruber, Manager, Community & Cultural Development, discussed the proposed fee changes for sponsored swim and skate programs.

Moved by: S. Collier

That the recommended Recreation, Culture & Community Development fees be approved, effective January 1, 2020, and that the appropriate By-law(s) be presented to Council.

CARRIED

**4.9 Art in Public Spaces Policy Update**

Committee Members asked questions regarding public art projects in the Long Range Capital Forecast (LRCF), funding sources for public art projects, potential to establish a public art reserve fund, consideration of temporary art installations, de-accessioning process for existing public art installations, and partnerships with private property owners to install public art. R. Gruber responded to questions from Committee Members and reviewed upcoming public art projects in the LRCF, potential funding sources contemplated in the revised policy, rental of temporary art installations, and the de-accessioning process.

Moved by: S. Lee

1. That the report entitled Art in Public Spaces Policy Update be received for information.
2. That the updated Art in Public Spaces Policy (ATT-1) be approved by Council.
3. That Council authorize staff to consult with the new Public Art Review Panel to create an updated Public Art Plan to be endorsed by Council upon its completion.

CARRIED

**5. Discussion**

None

**6. Presentations**

None

**Closed Session (2:56 p.m.)**

**7. Authority to Hold a Closed Session**

Moved by: S. Lee

That the Committee convene to a Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to discuss matters pertaining to a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

CARRIED

**7.1 Nominations to Durham Regional Police Services Community Safety Advisory Council**

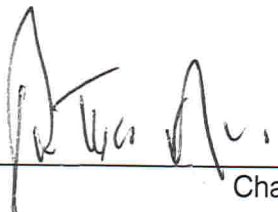
**Open Meeting (3:12 p.m.)**

**8. Adjournment (3:13 p.m.)**

Moved by: S. Lee

That the October 15, 2019 meeting of the General Government Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

  
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Chair

  
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D-Clerk