



A meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Waterloo was held on February 12, 2024 at 12:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 100 Regina Street South, Waterloo, Ontario and streamed live via YouTube.



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 12, 2024
12:32 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Dorothy McCabe, Councillor Hanmer, Councillor Royce Bodaly, Councillor Hans Roach, Councillor Diane Freeman, Councillor Jen Vasic, Councillor Mary Lou Roe, Councillor Julie Wright

Councilor Freeman in the Chair

1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Vasic declared a conflict with respect to item 11.b)2) due to a conflict of interest relating to her place of study.

2. OPENING REMARKS/PRESENTATIONS

a) Opening Remarks, Mayor McCabe

Mayor McCabe brought opening remarks. Mayor thanked staff, Council, the Budget Committee members, Councillor Freeman for their work on 2024-2026 budget. She also thanked the residents who participated in the budget engagement process. Mayor stressed that a municipal budget process is a transparent process. Mayor McCabe noted that she would not use strong Mayor's powers for the budget adoption purposes as she saw them as a measure eroding democracy and being disrespectful to residents, staff and Council. Mayor McCabe stressed that 2024-2026 budget had been especially challenging due to inflation and price escalation – pressures equally faced by business, families and individuals. Mayor also noted that municipalities were experiencing pressure of the downloading from the other levels of government and the outdated fiscal funding model. Mayor McCabe called on the federal and provincial governments to work with municipalities to create a new fiscal model. Mayor highlighted that 2024-2026 budget reflected the priorities set forth in 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. Mayor indicated that

Council must look at the big picture and balance community input, different perspectives and information when making final decisions. Mayor punctuated that future Waterloo requires investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from City buildings and operations, increasing availability and supply of affordable and attainable housing, continuing to address the infrastructure gap, and providing the services that make Waterloo one of the best communities for anyone and everyone to work, live, play and learn. Mayor concluded by thanking everyone involved in the budget process and residents who shared their thoughts with staff and Council.

b) Budget Day Overview, Councillor Diane Freeman, Finance Liaison

Councillor Freeman opened by emphasizing that Council was facing tough decisions, when municipalities were asked to do more for less, and noted that Council would not be making these decisions lightly. She stressed that municipalities had taken on things that had been the responsibility of other levels of governments, without a lot of revenue tools that municipalities had in the past. Councillor Freeman promised that the City would continue to lobby with Associations of Municipalities of Ontario and other partners a review of municipal finances by the province. She spoke about inflationary drivers that put pressure on the budget. Councillor Freeman recognized that 2024-2026 budget was not an easy one and thanked staff for introducing upfront savings of \$1,600,000 in efficiencies for Council consideration. She then briefly spoke about the agenda for the day.

c) Menu Reductions Options Presentation, Brad Witzel, Director, Financial Planning & Asset Management

Brad Witzel, Director, Financial Planning & Asset Management, spoke about goals of 2024-2026 budget and provided Council with an overview of the budget approval process. He then spoke about reduction menu options for Council consideration proposed to lower the tax value.

3. CLOSED MEETING

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Wright:

That Council hold a closed meeting for the purposes of considering the following subject matter:

- a) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Staff Association, CUPE, Waterloo Professional Fire Fighters Association and Management);
- b) labour relations or employee negotiations (Labour Relations) (Staff Association, CUPE, Waterloo Professional Fire Fighters Association and Management).

Carried Unanimously

Council meeting recessed:
Council meeting reconvened:

(Time: 1:07 p.m.)
(Time: 1:38 p.m.)

4. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Freeman opened the meeting with the following Territorial Acknowledgement:

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we are gathering from today is the land traditionally cared for by the Haudenosaunee, Anishnaabe and Neutral People. We also acknowledge the enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge and philosophies of the Indigenous People with whom we share their land today.

5. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Councillor Freeman provided Council with a moment of reflection.

At the beginning of this Council meeting, we pause to think about the needs of our community. May we show wisdom and compassion in all our decisions.

6. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Vasic declared a conflict with respect to item 11.b)2) due to a conflict of interest relating to her place of study.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) January 15, 2024 – Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Wright, Seconded by Councillor Vasic:

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on January 15, 2024 be approved as printed.

Carried Unanimously

8. DELEGATIONS

a) Craig Sloss, Resident of Waterloo

Craig Sloss, Resident of Waterloo, called on Council to support the proposed tax rates and illustrated the impact of making high impact decisions with the sidewalk clearing example.

b) Bob Mavin, Resident of Waterloo

Bob Mavin, resident of Waterloo, spoke to Council about the history of tax increases in Waterloo and proposed options for decreasing the proposed budget.

Councillor Vasic provided commentary in support of 2024-2026 budget.

At this time, Councillor Freeman presented a summary of the process for the budget approval to Council.

9. STAFF REPORTS

- a) Title: Regulations 284-09 Budget Expense Exclusions**
Report No.: CORP2024-006
Prepared By: Paul Hettinga

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Bodaly

1. That CORP2024-006 be approved.
2. That Council approve the exclusion of amortization in the 2024-2026 budget, as allowed under Ontario Regulation 284/09, and accept this report on the impact of that exclusion for information.

Carried Unanimously

10. OPERATING BUDGET**a) BUDGET REQUEST – IN CAMERA****1) ITEM B15 - In Camera**

Moved by Councillor Hanmer, Seconded by Councillor Wright:

- I. That Council approves an \$2,742,304 increase of ongoing funding for 2024 operating expenses related to labour relations or employee compensation after the Enterprise contributions.

Carried Unanimously

- II. That Council approves an \$2,698,696 increase of ongoing funding for 2025 operating expenses related to labour relations or employee compensation after the Enterprise contributions.

Carried

7 Voted in Favour
1 Voted in Opposition

(COUNCILLOR ROACH)

- III. That Council approves an \$2,655,930 increase of ongoing funding for 2026 operating expenses related to labour relations or employee compensation after the Enterprise contributions.

Carried
7 Voted in Favour
1 Voted in Opposition
(COUNCILLOR ROACH)

OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR PROJECTS WITH OPERATING IMPACTS

TAX BASE

BASE BUDGET REQUESTS

Base budget requests include adjustments to maintain current service levels, adjustments to existing fee volumes, regular fee increases and efficiencies.

b) Base Budget Requests – FUNDING

Funding increases associated with department/divisional fee increases (in line with CPIX), Assessment Growth and new revenue opportunities.

Moved by Councillor Bodaly Seconded by Councillor Hanmer:

1) ITEM B1 - Community Services 2024-2026 Fees and Charges (COM2023-019)

That Council approves a \$85,545 increase of ongoing funding and a \$182,514 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024, \$87,824 increase of ongoing funding and a \$188,367 increase of ongoing revenue in 2025, \$90,959 increase of ongoing funding and a \$195,231 increase of ongoing revenue in 2026 for fees and charges within the Recreation Services, Parks Services and Community Programming and Outreach Services divisions in the Community Services department.

2) ITEM B2 – Corporate Services 2024-2026 Fees and Charges (CORP2023-036)

That Council approves a \$57,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024, a \$7,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2025, and a \$7,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2026 for fees and charges within the Legislative Services, Legal Services, and Financial Services divisions in the Corporate Services department.

3) ITEM B3 - Assessment Growth - 2024-2026 Projection

That Council approves a \$1,100,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024, \$1,100,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2025 and \$1,100,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2026 for Assessment Growth within the Corporate Transactions department.

4) ITEM B4 - Enova Power - Increased Dividends

That Council approves a \$150,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2026 for increased Enova Shareholder dividend payments within the Corporate Transactions department.

5) ITEM B5 - In-House City Utilities Billing Increase

That Council approves a \$17,540 increase of ongoing revenue in 2025, and a \$16,713 increase of ongoing revenue in 2026 for In-House Billing revenue within the Finance division in the Corporate Services department.

6) ITEM B6 - Investment Income

That Council approves a \$250,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024, \$100,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2025, and a \$100,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2026 for investment income within the Corporate Transactions department.

7) ITEM B7 - Payment in Lieu Revenue (GRT Northfield Site)

That Council approves a \$390,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024 for Payment in Lieu (PILs) within the Corporate Transactions department.

Carried
7 Voted in Favour
1 Voted in Opposition
(COUNCILLOR ROACH)

c) Base Budget Requests – EFFICIENCY

Savings incorporated into the operating budget that are the results of new processes, sustainable adjustment opportunities and or procedures and projects that facilitate operational savings.

Moved by Councillor Vasic, Seconded by Mayor McCabe:

1) ITEM B8 - Discretionary Operating Accounts - Permanent Reductions

That Council approves a \$50,000 decrease of ongoing funding in 2024 for discretionary operating accounts, allocated as total reductions of: \$3,000 in the CAO Department, \$16,500 in the Community Services Department, \$16,500 in the Corporate Services Department and \$14,000 in the IPPW Department.

2) ITEM B9 - Increased Capital Overhead Recovery Revenue

That Council approves a \$150,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024, a \$150,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2025, and a \$150,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2026 for Capital Overhead Recovery Revenue within the Corporate Transactions department.

3) ITEM B10 - Increased Enterprise Overhead Contribution

That Council approves a \$83,930 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024 for enterprise overhead model updates within the Corporate Transactions department; a \$110,147 reduction of ongoing funding in 2024 for Building Standards overhead model updates; a \$247,463 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 for City Utilities overhead model updates; and a \$53,386 reduction of ongoing funding in 2024 for Parking overhead model updates.

Carried Unanimously

d) Base Budget Requests – COMMITTED

Items committed through Council resolution, policy or agreements.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Hanmer:

1) ITEM B11 - Climate Change/Sustainability Contributions

That Council approves a \$158,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 for Climate Change / Sustainability Contributions within the Strategic Initiatives division in the CAO department.

2) ITEM B12 - Fire Communications (Dispatch) Software Maintenance and Licenses

That Council approves a \$221,500 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$221,500 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for Fire Communications Dispatch and Software Licensing within the Fire Rescue Services division in the Community Services department

3) ITEM B13 - Kitchener-Waterloo & Stratford Perth Humane Society Contract Increase

That Council approves a \$11,295 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, \$11,520 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, \$11,750 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for the Kitchener-Waterloo & Stratford Perth Humane Society contract increase within the Municipal Enforcement division in the Community Services department.

4) ITEM B14 - Software Maintenance, Licenses and Subscriptions

That Council approves a \$265,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 for Software Maintenance, Licenses and Subscriptions within the Information Management & Technology Services division in the Corporate Services department. This funding will be partially offset by a \$59,000 contribution from Enterprises:

- \$24,000 – City Utilities
- \$11,000 – Building Standards
- \$7,000 – Rental Housing
- \$7,000 – Comprehensive Business Licensing
- \$6,000 – Cemetery
- \$4,000 – Parking

5) ITEM B16 - Contribution to CIRRF from Assessment (30%)

That Council approves a \$330,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, \$330,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$330,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for Contribution to CIRRF from Assessment growth within the Corporate Transactions department.

6) ITEM B17 - Contribution to CRF from Assessment (10%)

That Council approves a \$110,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, \$110,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$110,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for Contribution to CRF from Assessment growth within the Corporate Transactions department.

7) ITEM B18 - Inflationary Contribution to CARF

That Council approves a \$56,732 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, a \$66,418 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$73,613 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for Inflationary Contribution to CARF within the Corporate Transactions department.

8) ITEM B19 - Inflationary Contribution to CIRRF

That Council approves a \$705,908 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, a \$812,698 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$883,317 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for Inflationary Contribution to CIRRF within the Corporate Transactions department.

9) ITEM B20 – Inflationary Contribution to CRF

That Council approves a \$239,946 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, a \$255,392 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$274,884 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for Inflationary Increase to CRF within the Corporate Transactions department.

Carried Unanimously

e) Base Budget Requests – RECOMMENDED

Items reviewed and prioritized by the Corporate Management Team (CMT) and Operational Leadership Team (OLT) Budget Committee to move forward for Council's consideration.

Moved by Councillor Bodaly, Seconded by Mayor McCabe:

1) ITEM B23 - Project Coordinator

That Council approves a \$103,500 increase of ongoing funding and a \$3,500 increase of one-time funding in 2026 for a Project Coordinator position (FTE 1.0) within the Reconciliation, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity, and Inclusion division in the CAO department.

2) ITEM B26 - Audio Visual Technician

That Council approves a \$135,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 for an Audio Visual Technician (FTE 1.0) within the Facilities Design and Management Services division in the Community Services department.

3) ITEM B27 - Manager Parks Operations

That Council approves a \$175,700 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 for a Manager Park Operations (FTE 1.0) within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division in the Community Services department.

4) ITEM B29 - Privacy Analyst

That Council approves a \$120,500 increase of ongoing funding and a \$3,500 increase of one-time funding in 2024 for a Privacy Analyst (FTE 1.0) within the Legislative Services division in the Corporate Services

department. This FTE will be partially offset by a \$34,000 contribution from Enterprises:

- \$14,000 – Rental Housing
- \$8,000 – City Utilities
- \$6,000 – Comprehensive Business Licensing
- \$3,000 – Building Standards
- \$2,000 – Parking
- \$1,000 – Cemetery

5) ITEM B30 – Government Relations Assistant

That Council approves a \$101,500 increase of ongoing funding, and a \$3,500 increase of one-time funding in 2025 for a Government Relations Assistant position (FTE 1.0) within the Legislative Services division in the Corporate Services department. This FTE will be partially offset by a \$35,000 contribution from Enterprises:

- \$15,000 – City Utilities
- \$6,000 – Building Standards
- \$6,000 – Rental Housing
- \$5,000 – Parking
- \$2,000 – Comprehensive Business Licensing
- \$1,000 – Cemetery

6) ITEM B31 - Senior Policy Planner (Affordable Housing)

That Council approves a \$145,000 increase of ongoing funding and a \$3,500 increase of one-time funding in 2026 for a Senior Policy Planner (Affordable Housing) (FTE 1.0) within the Planning division in the IPPW department.

Carried Unanimously

OPERATING IMPACTS OF CAPITAL and GROWTH REQUESTS

Operating impact requests are the operating cost of capital projects. The impacts of capital are generated as a result of previously approved capital projects or capital projects included within the staff tabled capital budget that will have an impact to the operating budget. It also includes growth related operating costs.

f) Operating Impacts of Capital and Growth – COMMITTED

Items committed through Council resolution, policy or agreements.

Moved by Councillor Vasic, seconded by Councillor Bodaly:

1) ITEM G1 - Winter Control 5-year Average Budget Adjustment

That Council approves a \$100,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, \$85,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, \$20,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for Winter Control 5-year average budget adjustment including winter seasonal staff (FTE 1.8) within Transportation division in the IPPW department.

2) ITEM G2 - Waterloo Public Library Funding Agreement

That Council approves a \$366,785 increase of ongoing funding and a \$8,473 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024, \$375,832 increase of ongoing funding and a \$8,812 increase of ongoing revenue in 2025, \$351,763 increase of ongoing funding and a \$8,018 increase of ongoing revenue in 2026 within the Library division in the Corporate Transactions department.

Carried Unanimously

g) Operating Impacts of Capital and Growth – RECOMMENDED

Items reviewed and prioritized by the Corporate Management Team (CMT) / Operational Leadership Team (OLT) Budget Committee to move forward for Council's consideration.

Moved by Councillor Hanmer, Seconded by Councillor Bodaly:

1) ITEM G3 - Operating Impacts of Capital - Facility Design and Management Services

That Council approves a \$53,000 increase of ongoing funding and a \$10,000 increase of one-time funding in 2025, \$35,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for operating impacts of capital within the Facilities Design and Management Services division in the Community Services department.

CAPITAL REFERENCE 230 – City Recreation Storage Building (Non-Routine)

That Council approves the City Recreation Storage Building capital project funding of \$2,380,000 within the Facilities Design and Management Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 238 – Emergency Response Building Systems (Routine)

That Council approves the Emergency Response Building Systems capital project funding of \$342,000 within the Facilities Design and Management Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

Tied to previously approved CAPITAL:

CAPITAL REFERENCE 222 (2024-2026) – AMCC Sportsplex and WPL McCormick Branch Library Renovations (Non-Routine) approved as per CORP2023-049 – Early Approval of Capital Projects.

2) ITEM G4 - Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPs)

That Council approves a \$104,856 increase of ongoing funding and a \$116,151 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024, \$11,520 increase of ongoing revenue in 2025, \$11,750 increase of ongoing revenue in 2026 for Administrative Monetary Penalty System expense and revenue increases including two part-time Customer Service Representatives (FTE 1.2) within the Municipal Enforcement division in the Community Services department.

3) ITEM G5 - Operating Impacts of Capital - Park Services

That Council approves a \$169,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 (including FTE 0.6), a \$85,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$131,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 (including FTE 0.6) for the operating impacts of capital projects within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division in the Community Services department.

CAPITAL REFERENCE 281 – Bridgeport & Margaret Park (Non Routine)

That Council approves the Bridgeport & Margaret Park capital project funding of \$1,593,000 within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 289 – Kaufman Flats Improvements (Routine)

That Council approves the Kaufman Flats Improvements capital project funding of \$64,000 within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 291 – Outdoor Sports Field Strategy Implementation (Routine)

That Council approves the Outdoor Sports Field Strategy Implementation capital project funding of \$552,000 within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 292 – Park Amenity Upgrades (Routine)

That Council approves the Park Amenity Upgrades capital project funding of \$388,000 within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 294 – Park Shade Structures (Routine)

That Council approves the Park Shade Structures capital project funding of \$373,000 within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 295 – Park Strategy Implementation (Non Routine)

That Council approves the Park Strategy Implementation capital project funding of \$955,000 within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 299 – Small Dog Park - East (Routine)

That Council approves the Small Dog Park – East capital project funding of \$169,000 within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 303 – St. Moritz Community Park (Non Routine)

That Council approves the St. Moritz Community Park capital project funding of \$1,921,000 within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 305 – Waterloo Park - Master Plan Implementation (Non Routine)

That Council approves the Waterloo Park - Master Plan Implementation capital project funding of \$1,801,000 within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 309 – Urban Forest Management Implementation (Non Routine)

That Council approves the Urban Forest Management Implementation capital project funding of \$343,000 within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 321 – Park Signage Replacement Program - City wide (Routine)

That Council approves the Park Signage Replacement Program - City wide capital project funding of \$28,000 within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 324 – Playground Upgrades - Expansion-City Wide (Routine)

That Council approves the Playground Upgrades/Expansion-City Wide capital project funding of \$609,000 within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 571 – Uptown Public Realm Implementation (Non Routine)

That Council approves the Uptown Public Realm Implementation capital project funding of \$1,174,000 within the Engineering Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 580 – City Wide Various Neighborhood New Park Development (Routine)

That Council approves the City Wide - Various Neighborhood New Park Development capital project funding of \$225,000 within the Engineering Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 581 – Uptown Neighbourhoods Public Space Additions (Routine)

That Council approves the Uptown Neighbourhoods Public Space Additions capital project funding of \$481,000 within the Engineering Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 582 – West Side Amphitheatre Implementation (Non Routine)

That Council approves the West Side Amphitheatre Implementation capital project funding of \$528,000 within the Engineering Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 583 – Trails in New Development Areas (Routine)

That Council approves the Trails in New Development Areas capital project funding of \$1,126,000 within the Engineering Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

Tied to previously approved CAPITAL:

CAPITAL REFERENCE 620 (2023) – Completion of the Waterloo Public Square Water Feature

CAPITAL REFERENCE 280 (2024-2026) – Action Sports Parks - City Wide Parks (Non Routine) approved as per CORP2023-049 - Early Approval of Capital Projects

4) ITEM G6 – Operating Impacts of Capital - Finance

That Council approves a \$20,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for capital project operating impacts within the Finance division in the Corporate Services department.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 415 – Capital Project Sheet Digitization (Routine)

That Council approves the Capital Project Sheet Digitization capital project funding of \$211,000 within the Finance division 2024-2026 capital budget.

5) ITEM G7 - Operating Impacts of Capital - Transportation Services

That Council approves a \$28,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, a \$52,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2025 and a \$55,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for the operating impacts of capital projects within the Transportation division in the IPPW department.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 551 – Albert Street (Longwood Dr to Weber St N) Watermain Replacement and Road and Drainage Improvements (Routine)

That Council approves the Albert Street (Longwood Dr to Weber St N) Watermain Replacement and Road and Drainage Improvements capital project funding of \$1,752,000 within the City Utilities division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 590 – Beaver Creek Road and Conservation Drive Reconstruction (Non Routine)

That Council approves the Beaver Creek Road and Conservation Drive Reconstruction capital project funding of \$77,580,000 within the Engineering Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 593 – Ira Needles Boulevard - By-pass (Non Routine)

That Council approves the Ira Needles Boulevard - By-pass capital project funding of \$8,306,000 within the Engineering Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 653 – Decorative Streetlight LED Replacement Program (Routine)

That Council approves the Decorative Streetlight LED Replacement Program capital project funding of \$339,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 655 – Installation of Trail Counters (Routine)

That Council approves the Installation of Trail Counters capital project funding of \$51,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 656 – Municipal Trail - Former Waterloo Inn Lands (Routine)

That Council approves the Municipal Trail - Former Waterloo Inn Lands capital project funding of \$2,417,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 657 – Refuge Islands - City Wide - TMP (Routine)

That Council approves the Refuge Islands - City Wide –TMP capital project funding of \$166,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 658 – Trail Lighting Retrofit Program (Routine)

That Council approves the Trail Lighting Retrofit Program capital project funding of \$510,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 659 – Trails and Bikeways Master Plan Implementation - City Wide (Non Routine)

That Council approves the Trails and Bikeways Master Plan Implementation - City Wide capital project funding of \$6,242,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 661 – Wayfinding and Signed Bike Routes (Routine)

That Council approves the Wayfinding and Signed Bike Routes capital project funding of \$85,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 670 – Columbia Street - Westmount Road to King Street (Routine)

That Council approves the Columbia Street - Westmount Road to King Street capital project funding of \$4,656,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 675 – Intersection Collision Review and Implementation (Non Routine)

That Council approves the Intersection Collision Review and Implementation capital project funding of \$339,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 677 – Laurel Creek Trail around Conservation Area (Non Routine)

That Council approves the Laurel Creek Trail around Conservation Area capital project funding of \$1,282,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 683 – Pedestrian Crossing Facilities - Level 2 (Routine)

That Council approves the Pedestrian Crossing Facilities - Level 2 capital project funding of \$271,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 689 – Sidewalks and Trails associated with LRT (Routine)

That Council approves the Sidewalks and Trails associated with LRT capital project funding of \$427,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 690 – Sidewalks - New Construction - City Wide (Routine)

That Council approves the Sidewalks - New Construction - City Wide capital project funding of \$780,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 692 – Streetlighting Retrofit, Pole Replacement, & Hydro Conduits - City Wide (Routine)

That Council approves the Streetlighting Retrofit, Pole Replacement, & Hydro Conduits - City Wide capital project funding of \$1,072,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 694 – TMP Signs and Pavement Marking Implementation (Non Routine)

That Council approves the TMP Signs and Pavement Marking Implementation capital project funding of \$494,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 695 – Traffic Calming Implementation - City Wide (Routine)

That Council approves the Traffic Calming Implementation - City Wide capital project funding of \$839,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 696 – Union St - King St to Moore Ave (Non Routine)

That Council approves the Union St - King St to Moore Ave capital project funding of \$10,414,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

6) ITEM G8 - Fleet Equipment Operating Impacts of Capital

That Council approves a \$150,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, a \$150,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2025 and a \$100,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for fleet and equipment operating impacts, split between the Transportation division in the IPPW department, the Parks and Forestry Division in the Community Services department, and the Corporate Transaction department.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 421 – Fleet Equipment DC Growth (Routine)

That Council approves the Fleet Equipment Expansion capital project funding of \$1,270,000 within the Fleet and Procurement Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

Carried Unanimously

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES REQUESTS

Service level impacts are increases or decreases to existing service levels. Items that are increases in service level when compared to the prior year operating budget and prioritized by the Corporate Management Team (CMT) / Operational Leadership Team (OLT) Budget Committee to move forward for Council's consideration.

h) Service Level Change – INCREASE – COMMITTED

Councillor Bodaly left the meeting.

(Time: 2:33 p.m.)

Councillor Bodaly joined the meeting.

(Time: 2:35 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor Bodaly, Seconded by Councillor Hanmer:

1) ITEM S1 - WREDC-Increased Annual Contribution (CAO2023-025)

That Council approves a \$100,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, a \$50,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$50,000 increase of

ongoing funding in 2026 for the Waterloo Regional Economic Development Corporation Annual Contribution within the Economic Development division in the CAO department, as previously committed as per report CAO2023-025.

2) ITEM S2 – Fire Master Plan Expansion (COM2023-016)

That Council approves a \$1,065,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 (including FTE 6.0), \$1,437,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2025 (including FTE 8.0), \$1,519,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 (including FTE 8.0) for Fire Master Plan Expansion implementation within the Fire Rescue Services division in the Community Services department, as previously committed as per report COM2023-016.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 250 – Fire Rescue Expansion (Non Routine)

That Council approves the Fire Rescue Expansion capital project funding of \$11,888,000 within the Fire Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

3) ITEM S3 - Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement 2024/2025 (IPPW2023-040)

That Council approves a \$393,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 for Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Enhancement 2024/2025 (including FTE 2.1) within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division and the Municipal Enforcement division in the Community Services department, as previously committed per report IPPW2023-040.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 327 – Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancements Equipment (Non Routine)

That Council approves the Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancements Equipment capital project funding of \$700,000 within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

4) ITEM S4 - Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement 2025/2026 (IPPW2023-040)

That Council approves a \$514,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2025 for Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Enhancement 2025/2026 (including FTE 0.8) within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division in the Community Services department, as previously committed per report IPPW2023-040.

5) ITEM S5 - Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancement 2026/2027 (IPPW2023-040)

That Council approves a \$115,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Enhancement 2026/2027 within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division in the Community Services department, as previously committed as per report IPPW2023-040.

6) ITEM S6 - Digital Services Specialist (CORP2023-034)

That Council approves a \$120,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for a Digital Services Specialist (FTE 1.0) within the Communications division in the Corporate Services department. This FTE will be partially offset by a \$3,000 contribution from Enterprises, as previously committed via report CORP2023-034.

- \$1,000 – City Utilities
- \$1,000 – Cemetery
- \$1,000 – Parking

7) ITEM S7 - Digital Services Web Developer (CORP2023-034)

That Council approves a \$120,000 increase of ongoing funding and a \$3,500 increase in one-time funding in 2026 for a Web Developer (FTE 1.0) within the Information Management & Technology Services division in the Corporate Services department. This FTE will be partially offset by a \$15,000 contribution from Enterprises, as previously committed via report CORP2023-034.

- \$6,000 – City Utilities
- \$3,000 – Comprehensive Business Licensing
- \$2,000 – Building Standards
- \$2,000 – Rental Housing
- \$2,000 – Cemetery

8) ITEM S8 - Assistant City Solicitor - Planning and Development (IPPW2023-058)

That Council approves a \$214,000 increase of ongoing funding and a \$3,500 increase of one-time funding in 2024 for an Assistant City Solicitor - Planning and Development (FTE 1.0) within the Legal Services division in

the Corporate Services department, as previously committed via report IPPW2023-058.

9) ITEM S9 - Senior Development Planner (IPPW2023-031)

That Council approves a \$145,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 for a Senior Development Planner (FTE 1.0) within the Planning division in the IPPW department, as previously committed via report IPPW2023-031.

10) ITEM S10 - Senior Development Planner (IPPW2023-031)

That Council approves a \$145,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 for a Senior Development Planner (FTE 1.0) within the Planning division in the IPPW department, as previously committed via report IPPW2023-031

Carried Unanimously

i) Service Level Change – INCREASE

Moved by Council Vasic, Seconded by Councillor Roe:

1) ITEM S11 – Community Inclusion Initiatives

That Council approves a net \$161,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 (FTE 1.0); a net \$100,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2025 (FTE 2.24); a net \$62,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 (FTE 2.31) and a one-time \$20,000 offset for Community Inclusion Initiatives within the CP&O Services division in the Community Services department.

3) ITEM S13 – Paralegal

That Council approves a \$110,000 increase of ongoing funding and a \$3,500 increase of one-time funding in 2025 for a Paralegal (FTE 1.0) within the Legal Services division in the Corporate Services department.

4) ITEM S14 - Development Planner

That Council approves a \$120,000 increase of ongoing funding and a \$3,500 increase of one-time funding in 2024 for a Development Planner (FTE 1.0) within the Planning division in the IPPW department.

5) ITEM S15 – Development Planner

That Council approves a \$120,000 increase of ongoing funding and a \$3,500 increase in one-time funding in 2025 for a Development Planner (FTE 1.0) within the Planning division in the IPPW department

6) ITEM S16 - Development Planner

That Council approves a \$120,000 increase of ongoing funding and a \$3,500 increase in one-time funding in 2025 for a Development Planner (FTE 1.0) within the Planning division in the IPPW department

7) ITEM S17 - Site Plan Coordinator

That Council approves a \$120,000 increase of ongoing funding and a \$3,500 increase of one-time funding in 2026 for a Site Plan Coordinator (FTE 1.0) within the Planning division in the IPPW department.

Carried Unanimously

2) ITEM S12 - Splash Pad Water Consumption

That Council approves a \$100,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 for the water consumption at the City's splash/spray pads within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division in the Community Services department.

Carried

7 Voted in Favour

1 Voted in Opposition

(COUNCILLOR ROACH)

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT REQUESTS

Infrastructure Investment increases as recommended by the Long Term Financial Plan to address the City's infrastructure funding gap.

j) Infrastructure Investment – RECOMMENDED

Items that are increases in infrastructure investment recommended by the Long Term Financial Plan to address the City's infrastructure funding gap and phased in and prioritized by the Corporate Management Team (CMT) / Operational Leadership Team (OLT) Budget Committee to move forward for Council's consideration.

Moved by Councillor Vasic, Seconded by Councillor Bodaly:

1) ITEM I1 - Preventative Building Maintenance Funding

That Council approves a \$100,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$300,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for preventative building maintenance within the Facilities Design and Management Services division in the Community Services department.

2) ITEM I2 - Senior Project Engineer (Mechanical)

That Council approves a \$151,500 increase of ongoing funding and a \$3,500 increase of one-time funding in 2025 for a Senior Project Engineer (Mechanical) (FTE 1.0) within the Facilities Design and Management Services division in the Community Services department.

3) ITEM I3 – Outdoor Water Technician and Preventative Mechanical Maintenance of Splash Pads

That Council approves a \$127,500 increase of ongoing funding and a \$2,500 increase of one-time funding in 2024 for a Water Technician CUPE position (FTE 1.0) within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division in the Community Services department.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 319 – Outdoor Water Tech Vehicle (Routine)

That Council approves the Outdoor Water Tech Vehicle capital project funding of \$48,000 within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

4) ITEM I4 – GIS Specialist/Analyst

That Council approves a \$120,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2025 for an Asset Management GIS Analyst (FTE 1.0) within the Finance division in the Corporate Services department. This FTE will be partially offset by a \$62,000 contribution from Enterprises:

- \$61,000 – City Utilities
- \$1,000 – Parking

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 414 – Comprehensive Asset Management (Non Routine)

That Council approves the Comprehensive Asset Management capital project funding of \$712,000 within the Finance division 2024-2026 capital budget.

5) ITEM I5 – Contracts Manager

That Council approves a \$132,500 increase of ongoing funding and a \$3,500 increase of one-time funding in 2024 for a Contracts Manager (FTE 1.0) within the Fleet and Procurement division in the Corporate Services department. This FTE will be partially offset by a \$38,000 contribution from Enterprises:

- \$38,000 – City Utilities

6) ITEM I6 – Transportation Services Lead Hand

That Council approves a \$120,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 for a CUPE Lead Hand (FTE 1.0) within the Transportation division in the IPPW department.

7) ITEM I7 - Increased Infrastructure Funding as per Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP)

That Council approves a \$575,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, \$700,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, \$795,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for increased infrastructure funding allocated to the Capital Infrastructure Reinvestment Reserve Fund within the Corporate Transactions department.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 225 - Facility Transformational Projects (Non Routine)

That Council approves the Facility Transformational Projects capital project funding of \$10,250,000 within the Facilities Design and Management Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 440 - Corporate Services Infrastructure Replacement and Rehabilitation Needs (Routine)

That Council approves the Corporate Services Infrastructure Replacement and Rehabilitation Needs capital project funding of \$86,000 within the

Information Management & Technology Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 674 - Integrated Planning & Public Works Infrastructure Replacement and Rehabilitation Needs (Non Routine)

That Council approves the Integrated Planning & Public Works Infrastructure Replacement and Rehabilitation Needs capital project funding of \$2,239,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

Carried Unanimously

RESERVES FUNDED REQUESTS

Temporary or one-time requests funded from Reserves or Reserve Funds (these items have no new tax base impact).

k) Reserve Funded Requests

Funding increases or decreases from Reserves.

Moved by Councillor Hanmer, Seconded by Councillor Vasic:

1) ITEM B21 - Increased not-for-profit Cultural Sector Funding
(funding source: Economic Development Reserve)

That Council approves a \$25,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, a \$25,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$25,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for Increased not-for-profit Cultural Sector Funding within the Economic Development division in the CAO department, funded by the Economic Development Reserve.

2) ITEM B22 - Physician Recruitment
(funding source: Economic Development Reserve)

That Council approves a \$30,000 increase of one-time funding in 2024, a \$30,000 increase of one-time funding in 2025, and a \$30,000 increase of one-time funding in 2026 for Physician Recruitment within the Economic Development division in the CAO department, funded by the Economic Development Reserve.

3) ITEM B24 - Truth and Reconciliation Implementation
(funding source: Capital Reserve Fund)

That Council approves a \$25,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 for Reconciliation Action Partnership Support within the Reconciliation, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity, and Inclusion division in the CAO Department. This increase will be offset by a \$25,000 ongoing reduction to the operating budget transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund (CRF).

4) ITEM B25 - Encampment Clean-up Costs

(funding source: General Contingency Reserve)

That Council approves a \$75,000 increase of one-time funding in 2024, a \$75,000 increase of one-time funding in 2025, and a \$75,000 increase of one-time funding in 2026 for Encampment Clean-up Costs within the Strategic Initiatives division in the CAO department, funded by the General Contingency Reserve.

5) ITEM B28 - EMPDV Funding for Contract Support

(funding source: Employee Development and Capacity Building Reserve)

That Council approves a \$125,000 increase of one-time funding in 2024, \$125,000 increase of one-time funding in 2025 and \$125,000 increase of one-time funding in 2026 for Staffing Contract Resource support within the Human Resources division in the Corporate Services Department, funded by the Employee Development and Capacity Building Reserve (EMPDV).

6) ITEM B32 - Commissioner Special Projects

(funding source: Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve)

That Council approves a \$125,000 increase of one-time funding in 2024, 2025 and 2026 for Commissioner Special Projects, funded from the annual step gapping contribution to the Tax Rate Stabilization reserve, allocated as \$10,000 to the Office of the CAO, \$42,000 to the Commissioner of Community Services, \$40,000 to the Commissioner of Corporate Services and \$33,000 to the Commissioner of IPPW.

Carried Unanimously

Council meeting recessed: (Time: 3:05 p.m.)

Council meeting reconvened: (Time: 3:19 p.m.)

Mayor McCabe joined the meeting (Time: 3:21 p.m.)

I) 2024 - 2026 Budget Menu List / Other Changes

Moved by Mayor McCabe, Seconded by Councillor Roach:

ITEM M15 – Additional Assessment Growth (2023)

That Council approves a \$162,875 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024 for Additional Assessment Growth from 2023 within the Corporate Transactions department.

Carried Unanimously

ITEM M16a – Fire In Camera - Revised

That Council approves a \$428,000 decrease of ongoing funding in 2024, a \$488,000 decrease of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$80,000 decrease of ongoing funding in 2026 for operating expenses related to labour relations or employee compensation.

Carried

7 Voted in Favour

1 Voted in Opposition

(COUNCILLOR VASIC)

Councillor Vasic left the meeting.

(Time: 3:52 p.m.)

Councillor Vasic joined the meeting.

(Time: 3:55 p.m.)

ITEM M23 - Increased Infrastructure Funding as per LTFP - Reduction (2024)

That Council approves a \$220,000 decrease of ongoing funding in 2024 for reductions to Increased Infrastructure Funding allocated to the Capital Infrastructure Reinvestment Reserve Fund within the Corporate Transactions department.

Carried

5 Voted in Favour

3 Voted in Opposition

(COUNCILLOR BODALY)

(COUNCILLOR VASIC)

(COUNCILLOR WRIGHT)

ITEM M24 - Increased Infrastructure Funding as per LTFP - Reduction (2025)

That Council approves a \$270,000 decrease of ongoing funding in 2025 for reductions to Increased Infrastructure Funding allocated to the Capital Infrastructure Reinvestment Reserve Fund within the Corporate Transactions department.

Carried
5 Voted in Favour
3 Voted in Opposition
(COUNCILLOR BODALY)
(COUNCILLOR VASIC)
(COUNCILLOR WRIGHT)

ITEM M25 - Increased Infrastructure Funding as per LTFF - Reduction (2026)

That Council approves a \$310,000 decrease of ongoing funding in 2026 for reductions to Increased Infrastructure Funding allocated to the Capital Infrastructure Reinvestment Reserve Fund within the Corporate Transactions department.

AND

(tied to I7): CAPITAL REFERENCE 440 - Corporate Services Infrastructure Replacement and Rehabilitation Needs (Routine)

That Council approves the **revised** Corporate Services Infrastructure Replacement and Rehabilitation Needs capital project funding of \$0 within the Information Management & Technology Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

(tied to I7): CAPITAL REFERENCE 674 - Integrated Planning & Public Works Infrastructure Replacement and Rehabilitation Needs (Non Routine)

That Council approves the revised Integrated Planning & Public Works Infrastructure Replacement and Rehabilitation Needs capital project funding of \$1,310,000 within the Transportation Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

Carried
5 Voted in Favour
3 Voted in Opposition
(COUNCILLOR BODALY)
(COUNCILLOR VASIC)
(COUNCILLOR WRIGHT)

ITEM M26 - Staffing Additions Deferred Start Date (June 1st 2024 and 2025)

That Council approves a \$203,000 decrease of ongoing funding in 2024, a \$11,000 increase of ongoing in 2025 and a \$192,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2026, for deferred start dates of approved staffing additions in 2024 and 2025 within various divisions as appropriate.

Carried Unanimously

ITEM M27 - B6 Investment Income - Additional Increase

That Council approves a \$50,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024, \$50,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2025, and a \$50,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2026 for an additional increase to investment income within the Corporate Transactions department.

Carried Unanimously

ITEM M28 - B11 Climate Change/Sustainability Contributions – Phasing

That Council approves a \$30,000 decrease of one-time funding in 2024 for phasing of Climate Change / Sustainability Contributions within the Strategic Initiatives division in the CAO department.

Carried Unanimously

ITEM M29 - G2 Waterloo Public Library Funding – Phasing

That Council approves a \$150,000 decrease of one-time funding in 2024, for Library funding phasing within the Corporate Transactions department.

Motion Failed

3 Voted in Favour

5 Voted in Opposition

(COUNCILLOR BODALY)

(COUNCILLOR FREEMAN)

(COUNCILLOR VASIC)

(COUNCILLOR ROE)

(COUNCILLOR WRIGHT)

ITEM M30 - S3, S4, S5 Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancements – Phasing

That Council approves an \$93,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024, a \$214,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2025, and an \$157,000 decrease of ongoing revenue in 2026 for the phasing of Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Service Enhancements within the Parks, Forestry and

Cemetery Services division in the Community Services department, funded by the Winter Control Reserve.

Carried
6 Voted in Favour
2 Voted in Opposition
(COUNCILLOR BODALY)
(COUNCILLOR VASIC)

ITEM M31 - S11 Community Inclusion Initiatives - Phasing of Budget Increase

That Council approves a \$61,000 increase of one-time revenue in 2024 and a \$61,000 increase of one-time revenue in 2025 for the phasing of Community Inclusion Initiatives within the Community Programming and Outreach division in the Community Services department, funded by the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve.

Carried Unanimously

ITEM M32 - I1 Preventative Building Maintenance Funding – Reduction

That Council approves a \$100,000 decrease of ongoing funding in 2026, for reduced preventative building maintenance within the Facilities Design and Management Services division in the Community Services department.

Motion Failed
4 Voted in Favour
4 Voted in Opposition
(COUNCILLOR BODALY)
(COUNCILLOR VASIC)
(COUNCILLOR ROE)
(COUNCILLOR WRIGHT)

ITEM M1a – Economic Development Marketing Coordinator - with funding contribution from Economic Development Reserve

Moved by Councillor Vasic, Seconded by Councillor Wright:

That Council approves a \$105,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 for a Marketing Coordinator (FTE 1.0) within the Economic Development division in the CAO department, partially funded by \$50,000 annually from the Economic Development Reserve.

Carried Unanimously

ITEM M4 - Transportation Engineering Supervisor

Moved by Councillor Vasic, Seconded by Councillor Bodaly:

That Council approves a \$135,000 increase of ongoing funding and a \$3,500 increase of one-time funding in 2026 for the Transportation Engineering Supervisor position (FTE 1.0) within the Transportation division in the IPPW department.

Carried

5 Voted in Favour

3 Voted in Opposition

(COUNCILLOR HANMER)

(COUNCILLOR ROACH)

(COUNCILLOR FREEMAN)

Councillor Vasic left the meeting.

(Time: 4:51 p.m.)

ITEM M6 - Sustainability Officer

Moved by Mayor McCabe, Seconded by Councillor Wright:

That Council approved a \$133,500 increase of ongoing funding and a \$3,500 increase of one-time funding in 2025 for a Sustainability Officer (FTE 1.0) within the Strategic Initiatives division in the CAO department. This FTE will be partially offset by a \$42,000 contribution from Enterprises.

Motion Failed

2 Voted in Favour

5 Voted in Opposition

(COUNCILLOR HANMER)

(COUNCILLOR BODALY)

(COUNCILLOR ROACH)

(COUNCILLOR FREEMAN)

(COUNCILLOR ROE)

Councillor Vasic joined the meeting.

(Time: 4:52 p.m.)

**ITEM M10 - Winter Sidewalk Clearing in all School Zones AND
ITEM M10a - Winter Sidewalk Clearing in all School Zones - Capital
Equipment**

Moved by Councillor Wright, Seconded by Mayor McCabe

That Council approves a \$220,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 for adding Sidewalk Clearing in all School Zones within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division in the Community Services department.

AND

That Council approves a \$250,000 increase of one-time funding in 2024 for adding the capital equipment for Sidewalk Clearing in all School Zones within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division in the Community Services department.

Motion Failed

Council unanimously voted
against the motion

ITEM M11 - Sustainability and Climate Change Co-op

Moved Mayor McCabe, Seconded by Councillor Roe:

That Council approves a \$17,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 for a Sustainability and Climate Change Co-op position within the Strategic Initiatives division in the CAO department.

Carried

7 Voted in Favour

1 Voted in Opposition

(COUNCILLOR BODALY)

Councillor Bodaly left the meeting.

(Time: 5:04 p.m.)

Councillor Bodaly joined the meeting.

(Time: 5:07 p.m.)

ITEM M33 - B20 Inflationary Contribution to CRF - Reduction – and Capital Project Reduction

Moved by Councillor Hanmer, Seconded by Councillor Roe:

That Council approves a \$50,000 decrease of ongoing funding in 2024, a \$50,000 decrease of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$50,000 decrease of ongoing funding in 2026 for reduced Inflationary Increases to CRF within the Corporate Transactions department.

Carried
6 Voted in Favour
2 Voted in Opposition
(COUNCILLOR BODALY)
(COUNCILLOR VASIC)

ITEM M34/M34a - B21 Increased not-for-profit Cultural Sector Funding - with funding contribution from Council's Community Priority and Contingency Reserve

Moved by Councillor Vasic, Seconded by Councillor Wright:

That Council approves a \$30,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 for Increased not-for-profit Cultural Sector Funding within the Economic Development division in the CAO department.

AND

That Council approves a \$30,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024 for Increased not-for-profit Cultural Sector Funding within the Economic Development division in the CAO department, funded by Council's Community Priority and Contingency Reserve.

Carried Unanimously

ITEM M19 - Reduction of New Position - 1 FTE (2026)

Moved by Councillor Freeman, Seconded by Councillor Hanmer

That Council approves a \$120,000 decrease of ongoing funding in 2026 for the Reduction of a New Staff Position (FTE -1.0) within the 2026 budget, division and department to be determined by CMT.

Carried
5 Voted in Favour
3 Voted in Opposition
(COUNCILLOR BODALY)
(COUNCILLOR VASIC)
(COUNCILLOR WRIGHT)

ITEM M22 - Reduction of Additional New Position - 1 FTE (2026)

Moved by Councillor Freeman, Seconded by Councillor Hanmer

That Council approves a \$120,000 decrease of ongoing funding in 2026 for the Reduction of an Additional New Staff Position (FTE -1.0) within the 2026 budget, division and department to be determined by CMT.

Motion Failed

3 Voted in Favour

5 Voted in Opposition

(COUNCILLOR BODALY)

(COUNCILLOR ROACH)

(COUNCILLOR VASIC)

(COUNCILLOR ROE)

(COUNCILLOR WRIGHT)

ITEM M35 – Other Expense Reductions and/or Revenue Generation

Moved by Councillor Hanmer, Seconded by Mayor McCabe:

That Council directs staff, over the course of 3 years (2024, 2025 and 2026), to increase revenues or reduce expenses by a total of \$100,000, with the savings to be allocated to the 2026 budget.

Carried

5 Voted in Favor

3 Voted in Opposition

(COUNCILLOR BODALY)

(COUNCILLOR VASIC)

(COUNCILLOR WRIGHT)

Council meeting recessed:

(Time: 5:30 p.m.)

Council meeting reconvened:

(Time: 5:45 p.m.)

ENTERPRISES

CITY UTILITIES

BASE BUDGET REQUESTS

Base budget requests include adjustments to maintain current service levels, adjustments to existing fee volumes, regular fee increases and efficiencies.

m) Base Budget Requests – FUNDING

Funding increases associated with Department/Divisional fee increases (in line with CPIX), Assessment Growth and new revenue opportunities.

Moved by Councillor Wright, Seconded by Councillor Roe:

1) ITEM B36 - Stormwater Revenue Increase

That Council approves a \$903,148 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024, \$988,094 increase of ongoing revenue in 2025, and a \$1,078,614 increase of ongoing revenue in 2026 for stormwater revenue increases within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

2) ITEM B37 - System Alteration Fees - Wastewater and Stormwater

That Council approves a \$35,000 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024, \$700 increase of ongoing revenue in 2025, and a \$714 increase of ongoing revenue in 2026 for Stormwater and Wastewater system alteration fees within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

3) ITEM B38 - Water Retail Revenue Increase

That Council approves a \$1,712,324 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024, \$1,772,821 increase of ongoing revenue in 2025, and a \$1,991,447 increase of ongoing revenue in 2026 for water revenue increases within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

4) ITEM B39 - Wastewater Retail Revenue Increase

That Council approves a \$1,392,111 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024, \$1,374,042 increase of ongoing revenue in 2025, and a \$1,579,537 increase of ongoing revenue in 2026 for wastewater revenue increases within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

Carried Unanimously

n) Base Budget Requests – COMMITTED

Items committed through Council resolution, policy or agreements.

Carried by Mayor McCabe, Seconded by Councillor Vasic:

1) ITEM B40 - Stormwater Credit Payments

That Council approves a \$3,768 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, \$3,843 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$3,920 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for stormwater credit program payments within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

2) ITEM B41 – Stormwater Debenture Payments

That Council approves a \$31,950 reduction of ongoing funding in 2024, \$184,636 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$259,632 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for stormwater debenture payments within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

3) ITEM B42 - Water Debenture Payments

That Council approves a \$189,568 reduction of ongoing funding in 2024, \$312,075 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$577,339 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for water debenture payments within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

4) ITEM B43 - Water Wholesale Purchase Increase

That Council approves a \$608,003 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, \$674,719 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$765,385 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for wholesale water purchase increases within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

5) ITEM B44 - Wholesale Wastewater Treatment Increase

That Council approves a \$1,272,932 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, \$1,247,451 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$1,470,612 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for wholesale wastewater treatment increases within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

Carried Unanimously

o) Base Budget Requests – RECOMMENDED

Items reviewed and prioritized by the Corporate Management Team (CMT) / Operational Leadership Team (OLT) Budget Committee to move forward for Council's consideration.

Moved by Mayor McCabe, Seconded by Councillor Roe:

1) ITEM B50 - Inflationary Increases - City Utilities

That Council approves a \$106,999 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, \$120,508 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$120,363 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for inflationary increases within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

2) ITEM B51 - In-House City Utilities Billing Increase

That Council approves a \$17,540 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$16,713 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for In-House Water Billing increases within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

3) ITEM B52/B53 - Clean Water Initiatives - transfer from Water to Stormwater

That Council approves a \$30,000 reduction of ongoing funding and a \$30,000 reduction of ongoing revenue in 2024, \$30,000 reduction of ongoing funding and a \$30,000 reduction of ongoing revenue in 2025, \$30,000 reduction of ongoing funding and a \$30,000 reduction of ongoing revenue in 2026 for clean water initiatives transfer within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

Carried Unanimously

OPERATING IMPACTS OF CAPITAL and GROWTH REQUESTS

Operating impact requests are the operating cost of capital projects. The impacts of capital are generated as a result of previously approved capital projects or capital projects included within the staff tabled capital budget that will have an immediate impact to the operating budget. It also includes growth related operating costs.

p) Operating Impacts of Capital and Growth – RECOMMENDED

Items reviewed and prioritized by the Corporate Management Team (CMT) / Operational Leadership Team (OLT) Budget Committee to move forward for Council's consideration.

Moved by Councillor Bodaly, Seconded by Councillor Roe:

1) ITEM G10 – AMI/Meter Technician and Locator

That Council approves a \$85,289 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 for AMI/Meter Technician & Locator (FTE 1.0) within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

2) ITEM G11 - City Utilities - Backflow Technician

That Council approves a \$129,745 increase of ongoing funding and a \$3,500 increase in one-time funding in 2024 for a Backflow Technician (FTE 1.0) within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

3) ITEM G12 - City Utilities - Fleet Expansion

That Council approves a \$70,000 increase of ongoing funding and a \$240,000 increase of one-time funding in 2024, \$12,000 increase of ongoing funding and a \$50,000 increase of one-time funding in 2025 for City Utilities - Fleet Expansion within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

4) ITEM G13 - City Utilities - Meter Replacement Budget

That Council approves a \$50,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, \$50,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$50,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for City Utilities - Meter Replacement Budget within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

5) ITEM G14 - Supervisor of Water Distribution

That Council approves a \$146,955 increase of ongoing funding and a \$3,500 increase in one-time funding in 2025 for a Water Supervisor (FTE 1.0) within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

6) ITEM G15 – Wastewater Operator

That Council approves a \$90,543 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for a Wastewater Operator (FTE 1.0) within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

Carried Unanimously

SERVICE LEVEL CHANGES REQUESTS

Service level impacts are increases or decreases to existing service levels. Items that are increases in service level when compared to the prior year operating budget and prioritized by the Corporate Management Team (CMT) / Operational Leadership Team (OLT) Budget Committee to move forward for Council's consideration.

q) Service Level Change – INCREASE

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Hanmer:

1) ITEM S18 - City Utilities - Meter Reading Cost Adjustments

That Council approves a \$200,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, a \$58,860 reduction of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$57,000 reduction of ongoing funding in 2026 for City Utilities - Meter Reading Cost Adjustments within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

2) ITEM S19 - Wastewater Technician

That Council approves a \$116,809 increase of ongoing funding and a \$3,500 increase of one- time increase in 2025 for a Wastewater Technician (FTE 1.0) within the City Utilities division in the IPPW department.

Carried Unanimously

OTHER ENTERPRISES

BUILDING STANDARDS, CEMETERY SERVICES (within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division), **COMPREHENSIVE BUSINESS LICENSING** (within the Municipal Enforcement division), **PARKING** (within the Economic Development division) and **RENTAL HOUSING** (within the Municipal Enforcement division).

BASE BUDGET REQUESTS

Base budget requests include adjustments to maintain current service levels, adjustments to existing fee volumes, regular fee increases and efficiencies.

r) Base Budget Requests – FUNDING

Funding increases associated with Department/Divisional fee increases (in line with CPIX), Assessment Growth and new revenue opportunities.

Moved by Councillor Vasic, Seconded by Councillor Bodaly

1) ITEM B33 – Parking Enterprise Permit Revenue Increase

That Council approves a \$68,553 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024, a \$88,178 increase of ongoing revenue in 2025, and a \$94,609 increase of ongoing revenue in 2026 for Parking Permit Revenue within the Economic Development division in the CAO department.

2) ITEM B34 – Parking Enterprise Hourly Revenue Increase (CAO2023-021)

The Council approves a \$14,012 increase of ongoing revenue in 2025 for Parking Hourly Revenue within the Economic Development Division in the CAO department, as previously approved as per report CAO2023-021.

3) ITEM B35 - Rental Housing Program Revenue Increase

That Council approves a \$174,078 increase of ongoing revenue in 2024, a \$65,806 increase of ongoing revenue in 2025, and a \$78,128 increase of ongoing revenue in 2026 for Rental Housing revenue inflationary

increases within the Municipal Enforcement division in the Community Services department.

Carried Unanimously

s) Base Budget Requests – RECOMMENDED

Items reviewed and prioritized by the Corporate Management Team (CMT) / Operational Leadership Team (OLT) Budget Committee to move forward for Council's consideration.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Hanmer:

1) ITEM B45 – Parking Enterprise Inflationary Increase

That Council approves a \$17,036 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, a \$17,601 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$18,134 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for Parking Inflation within the Economic Development division in the CAO department.

2) ITEM B46 – Parking Enterprise Snow Removal Contract Increase

That Council approves a \$52,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 for the Snow Removal Contract Increase within the Economic Development division in the CAO department.

3) ITEM B47 – Comprehensive Business Licensing Program Expense and Revenue Adjustment

That Council approves a \$66,098 reduction of ongoing funding and a \$237,070 reduction of ongoing revenue in 2024, a \$7,506 increase of ongoing revenue in 2025, and a \$9,027 increase of ongoing revenue in 2026 within the Municipal Enforcement division in the Community Services department.

4) ITEM B48 – Cemetery Operator

That Council approves a \$93,193 increase of ongoing funding in 2024 for a CUPE D Cemetery Operator (FTE 1.0) within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division in the Community Services department.

5) ITEM B49 – Cemetery Inflationary Increases

That Council approves a \$65,000 increase of ongoing funding for Cemetery inflationary increases within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division in the Community Services department.

Carried Unanimously

OPERATING IMPACTS OF CAPITAL and GROWTH REQUEST

Operating impact requests are the operating cost of capital projects. The impacts of capital are generated as a result of previously approved capital projects or capital projects included within the staff tabled capital budget that will have an immediate impact to the operating budget. It also includes growth related operating costs.

t) Operating Impacts of Capital and Growth – RECOMMENDED

Items reviewed and prioritized by the Corporate Management Team (CMT) / Operational Leadership Team (OLT) Budget Committee to move forward for Council's approval.

1) ITEM G9 - Operating Impacts of Capital - Cemetery Services

Moved by Councillor Hanmer, Seconded by Councillor Bodaly:

That Council approves a \$6,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2024, \$6,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2025, and a \$2,000 increase of ongoing funding in 2026 for the Cemetery operating impacts of capital projects within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division in the Community Services department.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 282 – Cemetery Columbarium Structures (Routine)

That Council approves the Cemetery Columbarium Structures capital project funding of \$268,000 within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 283 – Cemetery Concrete Strip Foundations (Routine)

That Council approves the Cemetery Concrete Strip Foundations capital project funding of \$71,000 within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

AND

CAPITAL REFERENCE 318 – Crematorium Cooler Replacement & Relocation (Routine)

That Council approves the Crematorium Cooler Replacement and Relocation capital project funding of \$85,000 within the Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services division 2024-2026 capital budget.

Carried Unanimously

11. CAPITAL BUDGET (see the 2024-2026 Staff Tabled Capital Budget Book or C.B.B)

a) 2024-2026 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST – CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE (C.B.B. Pages 31 to 33)

1) ROUTINE PROJECTS

Moved by Councillor Vasic, Seconded by Councillor Bodaly:

That Council approve the CAO's Department Routine capital projects included in the 2024-2026 Capital Budget with a total value of \$7,601,000.

Carried Unanimously

2) NON-ROUTINE PROJECTS

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Mayor McCabe:

That Council approve the CAO's Department Non-Routine capital projects included in the 2024-2026 Capital Budget with a total value of \$12,805,000, with funding to be approved through a follow up report to Council.

b) 2024-2026 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST – COMMUNITY SERVICES (C.B.B. Pages 34 to 40)

1) ROUTINE PROJECTS

Moved by Councillor Hanmer, Seconded by Mayor McCabe

That Council approve the Community Services Department Routine capital projects included in the 2024-2026 Capital Budget with a total value of \$27,578,000.

2) NON-ROUTINE PROJECTS

Having previously declared a conflict of interest, Councillor Vasic left the meeting.

(Time: 5:53 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor Write, Seconded by Mayor McCabe:

That Council approves the Contribution to Post Secondary Facilities to Support Community Access capital project funding of \$2,552,000 with funding to be approved through a follow up report to Council.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Vasic joined the meeting.

(Time: 5:55 p.m.)

Moved by Mayor, Seconded by Councillor Roe:

That Council approve the Community Services Department Non-Routine capital projects included in the 2024-2026 Capital Budget with a total value of \$58,230,000, with funding to be approved through a follow up report to Council.

Carried Unanimously

c) 2024-2026 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST – CORPORATE SERVICES (C.B.B. Pages 41 to 46)

1) ROUTINE PROJECTS

Moved by Councillor Roe Seconded by Councillor Bodaly:

That Council approve the Corporate Services Department Routine capital projects included in the 2024-2026 Capital Budget with a total value of \$8,824,000.

Carried Unanimously

2) NON-ROUTINE PROJECTS

Moved by Councillor Vasic, Seconded by Councillor Roe:

That Council approve the Corporate Services Department Non-Routine capital projects included in the 2024-2026 Capital Budget with a total value of \$19,329,000, with funding to be approved through a follow up report to Council.

Carried Unanimously

d) 2024-2026 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST – INTEGRATED PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS (C.B.B. Pages 47 to 59)

1) ROUTINE PROJECTS

Moved by Mayor McCabe, Seconded by Councillor Hanmer:

That Council approve the Integrated Planning and Public Works Department Routine capital projects included in the 2024-2026 Capital Budget with a total value of \$80,025,000.

Carried Unanimously

2) NON-ROUTINE PROJECTS

Moved by Councillor Bodaly, Seconded by Councillor Wright:

That Council approve the Integrated Planning and Public Works Department Non-Routine capital projects included in the 2024-2026 Capital Budget with a total value of \$144,135,000, with funding to be approved through a follow up report to Council.

Carried Unanimously

e) 2024-2026 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST - WATERLOO PUBLIC LIBRARY (C.B.B. Page 60)

1) ROUTINE PROJECTS

Moved by Councillor Wright; Seconded by Mayor McCabe:

That Council approve the Library Routine capital projects included in the 2024-2026 Capital Budget with a total value of \$1,940,000.

Carried Unanimously

f) 2027-2033 CAPITAL FORECAST – RECOMMENDATION BY DEPARTMENT

1) CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Moved by Mayor McCabe, Seconded by Councillor Roe:

That Council approve in principle the 2027 to 2033 CAO's Department Capital Forecast totaling \$17,459,000.

Carried Unanimously

2) COMMUNITY SERVICES

Moved by Councillor Hanmer, Seconded by Councillor Roach:

That Council approve in principle the 2027 to 2033 Community Services Department Capital Forecast totaling \$ \$95,543,000.

Carried Unanimously

3) CORPORATE SERVICES

Moved by Councillor Vasic, Seconded by Mayor McCabe:

That Council approve in principle the 2027 to 2033 Corporate Services Department Capital Forecast totaling \$ \$46,550,000.

Carried Unanimously

4) INTEGRATED PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS

Moved by Mayor McCabe, Seconded by Councillor Bodaly:

That Council approve in principle the 2027 to 2033 Integrated Planning and Public Works Department Capital Forecast totaling \$387,037,000.

Carried Unanimously

5) WATERLOO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Moved by Councillor Wright; Seconded by Councillor Roe:

That Council approve in principle the 2027 to 2033 Library Capital Forecast totaling \$ \$4,265,000.

Carried Unanimously

6) 2024-2026 CAPITAL BUDGET, and 2027-2033 CAPITAL FORECAST

Moved By Councillor Vasic, Seconded by Councillor Roe:

That the 2024-2026 Capital Budget of \$363,019,000 be approved, and further that Council approve in principle the 2027 to 2033 Capital Forecast totaling \$ 550,854.000.

Carried Unanimously

12. DEBENTURE FINANCING

Moved by Councillor Bodaly, Seconded by Councillor Hanmer:

- 1) That Council approve a total of up to \$60,856,000 of Development Charges debenture financing as follows for 2024-2026, for a term not to exceed 10 years, for Engineering Services Division projects

Project	2024	2025	2026	TOTAL
590 – Beaver Creek Road & Conservation Drive Reconstruction - DebtDC	\$8,163,000	\$26,892,000	\$25,801,000	\$60,856,000

- 2) That Council approve a total of up to \$11,888,000 of Development Charges debenture financing as follows for 2024-2026, for a term not to exceed 10 years, for Fire Rescue Division projects

Project	2024	2025	2026	TOTAL
250 – Fire Rescue Expansion Fire DebtDC	\$11,888,000	\$0	\$0	\$11,888,000

- 3) That Council approve a total of up to \$1,723,000 of Water debenture financing as follows for 2024-2026, for a term not to exceed 10 years, for Transportation Services Division projects

Project	2024	2025	2026	TOTAL
696 –Union St. – King St. to Moore Ave. Debt Water	\$0	\$1,723,000	\$0	\$1,723,000

- 4) That Council approve a total of up to \$6,635,000 of Water debenture financing as follows for 2024-2026, for a term not to exceed 10 years, for Transportation Services Division projects

Project	2024	2025	2026	TOTAL
666 –City Wide City Road Share of Regional Major Reconstruction Projects Debt Water	\$0	\$2,385,000	\$4,250,000	\$6,635,000

- 5) That Council approve a total of up to \$892,000 of Water debenture financing as follows for 2024-2026, for a term not to exceed 10 years, for City Utilities - Water Division projects

Project	2024	2025	2026	TOTAL
555 –Structurally Deficient Watermain Rehab – City Wide Debt Water	\$0	\$892,000	\$0	\$892,000

- 6) That Council approve a total of up to \$717,000 of Stormwater debenture financing as follows for 2024-2026, for a term not to exceed 10 years, for City Utilities - Stormwater Division projects

Project	2024	2025	2026	TOTAL
532 –Denholm Pond Upgrades Debt Stormwater	\$717,000	\$0	\$0	\$717,000

- 7) That Council approve a total of up to \$2,721,000 of Stormwater debenture financing as follows for 2024-2026, for a term not to exceed 10 years, for City Utilities - Stormwater Division projects

Project	2024	2025	2026	TOTAL
533 –Forwell Creek Industrial Lands – Stormwater Management Debt Stormwater	\$232,000	\$189,000	\$2,300,000	\$2,721,000

- 8) That Council approve a total of up to \$980,000 of Stormwater debenture financing as follows for 2024-2026, for a term not to exceed 10 years, for City Utilities - Stormwater Division projects

Project	2024	2025	2026	TOTAL
548 –SWM Pond Sediment Removal and Retrofit Debt Stormwater	\$151,000	\$829,000	\$0	\$980,000

- 9) That Council approve a total of up to \$832,000 of Stormwater debenture financing as follows for 2024-2026, for a term not to exceed 10 years, for Transportation Services Division projects

Project	2024	2025	2026	TOTAL
666 –City Wide City Road Share of Regional Major Reconstruction Projects Debt Stormwater	\$0	\$832,000	\$0	\$832,000

- 10) That Council approve a total of up to \$10,000,000 of CIRRF debenture financing as follows for 2024-2026, for a term not to exceed 10 years, for Facility Design and Management Services Division projects

Project	2024	2025	2026	TOTAL
225 – Facility Transformational Projects Debt CIRRF	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000

Carried Unanimously

13. APPROVED 2024-2026 OPERATING BUDGET

Moved by Councillor Bodaly, Seconded by Councillor Vasic:

- 1) That the 2024 Operating Budget be approved with an average property tax increase of 6.14% over 2023 and a total property tax levy of \$99,609,666.

Carried
7 Voted in Favour
1 Voted in Opposition
(COUNCILLOR ROACH)

Moved by Councillor Hanmer, Seconded by Councillor Wright:

- 2) That the 2025 Operating Budget be approved with an average property tax increase of 6.34% over 2024 and a total property tax levy of \$107,028,307.

Carried
7 Voted in Favour
1 Voted in Opposition
(COUNCILLOR ROACH)

Moved by Councillor Hanmer, Seconded by Councillor Bodaly:

- 3) That the 2026 Operating Budget be approved with an average property tax increase of 6.41% over 2025 and a total property tax levy of \$114,990,811.

Carried
7 Voted in Favour
1 Voted in Opposition
(COUNCILLOR ROACH)

14. NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor Vasic, Seconded by Councillor Wright:

That Council direct Staff to bring a report to Council for consideration, by December 2024, that outlines various options or tools available to the City to support local arts and creative industries through annual inflationary increases and other sustainable funding programs

Carried Unanimously

15. ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Bodaly, Seconded by Councillor Hanmer:

That the By-laws listed below be read a first, second and third time and finally passed, numbered sequentially commencing with By-law Number 2024-008 and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign them accordingly.

- a) By-law 2024-008 By-law to amend By-law No. 2018-050, being a Zoning By-law Controlling Land Use Development Within the City of Waterloo for

309 & 311 Hawthorn Street (Zone Change Application Z-22-17, IPPW2024-006, Council January 29, 2024)

- b) By-law 2024-009 By-law to amend the City of Waterloo Official Plan for 309 and 311 Hawthorn Street (OPA 46, IPPW2024-006, Council January 29, 2024)
- c) By-law 2024-010 By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of Council, February 12, 2024

Carried Unanimously

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Mayor McCabe:

That the meeting adjourn.

(Time: 6:35 p.m.)

Carried Unanimously

READ AND APPROVED, April 15, 2024

Mayor

City Clerk