

**MINUTES**

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET MEETING**

**Thursday, November 28, 2024  
UXBRIDGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
51 TORONTO STREET S. UXBRIDGE, ONTARIO**

**COUNCIL PRESENT: MAYOR DAVE BARTON**

**BRUCE GARROD, REGIONAL COUNCILLOR  
PAM BEACH, COUNCILLOR  
GORDON SHREEVE, COUNCILLOR  
ZED PICKERING, COUNCILLOR  
WILLIE POPP, COUNCILLOR  
TODD SNOOKS, COUNCILLOR**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**KRISTI HONEY, CAO  
DEBBIE LEROUX, DEPUTY CAO/DIRECTOR OF  
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CLERK  
TOBI LEE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/TREASURER  
EMILY ELLIOTT, DEPUTY CLERK  
LAURA RUPPRECHT, LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR  
BEN KESTER, DIRECTOR, SPECIAL PROJECTS  
BILL RYNARD, ROADS OPERATIONS MANAGER  
COURTNEY CLARKE, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS,  
PARKS & TRAILS  
JAMIE MILLER, PARKS AND TRAILS MANAGER  
NADINE MESSINA, CONTRACT & PROJECT  
ADMINISTRATOR  
CARLY SOMERS, DEPUTY TREASURER  
KYLE BRENNAN, OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL PROJECT  
MANAGER**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair of Planning called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None disclosed.

**3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

There were none.

**4. PUBLIC WORKS, TOWNSHIP PROPERTY AND PARKS AND TRAILS**

Courtney Clarke, Director of Public Works, Parks and Trails provided Committee with an overview of the Public Works Department.

**Operating**

Bill Rynard, Roads Operations Manager, spoke to the redistribution of funds to keep the budget flat.

Kyle Brennan, Operations and Capital Projects Manager spoke to carryover items and the Capital Investment Plan for 2025 and 2026 as well as 2025 and 2026 projects.

There was discussion surrounding the Asset Preservation Reserve.

Courtney Clarke spoke to budget items for consideration for 2025, including the Speed Board Policy.

There was discussion surrounding the movement of speed signs and possible cost savings associated. Committee did not support moving speed signs every two weeks and suggested that Public Works staff consider an alternative plan.

There was also discussion surrounding Automatic Speed Enforcement. Kristi Honey, CAO suggested that staff prepare a report investigating funding sources.

**Moved by** Councillor Popp

THAT the Finance Committee direct that traffic calming measures including speed boards, automatic speed enforcement and community safety zones on local and Regional roads be referred to staff for consideration.

**Carried**

### **Township Property and Other Project - Operating**

No questions.

### **Parks and Trails**

Courtney Clarke provided an overview of the Parks and Trails Department.

### **Trails and Parks - Operating**

Ms. Clarke advised that revenue is up due to increased rental of Elgin Park along with a raise in rental fees.

Ms. Clarke spoke to the carryover of South Balsam Trail Small Boardwalk replacement.

Councillor Beach joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

### **Parks and Trails Capital for 2025 and 2026**

Tobi Lee, spoke to items for consideration for 2025 including the Speed Board Policy which was rejected earlier in the meeting. Ms. Lee also spoke to the LED light project at the Arena.

### **Trails**

There was discussion regarding the use of Town trails and the need for resurfacing of some trails.

### **Parks and Trails - Capital**

There was a review of projects including Campbell Drive Playground, Fields of Uxbridge soccer fields (North Durham Soccer Club funding 50 percent) and remaining funding for pickleball courts.

Jaime Miller, Parks and Trails Manager, spoke to the benefits of LED lighting at the various fields.

**2025 - Budget List Considerations**

Tobi Lee spoke to the Arena LED light project.

**Moved by** Councillor Pickering

THAT the Finance Committee direct that the Arena LED light project be approved in the amount of \$9,000.00;

AND THAT such funds come from the tax levy.

**Carried**

Committee recessed at 7:50 p.m. and reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

Mayor Barton announced that the 2025 budget includes operating expenditures of \$22.9 million and capital expenditures of \$12.2 million, with \$18.8 million funded through property taxes. Mayor Barton advised that this results in a local property tax increase of 2.41% for operational needs and 2.98% for capital infrastructure investment. Mayor Barton explained that Uxbridge residents will face an estimated total tax levy increase of 4.40%, with the Uxbridge portion accounting for 1.51%.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The Finance Committee Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.