



**A G E N D A**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**October 27, 2017**  
**10:30 am**  
**Council Chamber**  
**MEETING NO. 6**

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Chair: Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Vice-Chair: Councillor Amanda Collucci  
Members: Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong  
Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Councillor Don Hamilton  
Councillor Karen Rea  
Councillor Alex Chiu  
Mayor Frank Scarpitti (ex-officio)  
Deputy Mayor Heath (ex-officio)

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# 2018 Budget Budget Committee Meeting #6 October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017



# Agenda

1. Review minutes of Budget Committee Meetings #3 and 4
2. Status of 2018 Operating Budget
3. Review impacts of Bill 148 – Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act
4. Next Steps

# 1. Review minutes of Budget Committee Meetings #3 and 4

Refer to Appendix A and B

# Operating Budget

(\$ Millions)

(Excl. Planning & Design, Engineering, Building Standards and Waterworks)

	<b>2018</b>	
	<b>Incremental</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>
	<b>Changes</b>	<b>Increase</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
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<b>Net Shortfall (City Controlled)</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>2.56%</b> A
<b>Provincial Government Legislation</b>		
<b>Bill 148</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>1.71%</b>
<b>Bill 140</b>	<b><u>0.50</u></b>	<b><u>0.34%</u></b>
<b>Total Provincial Government Legislation</b>	<b><u>3.00</u></b>	<b><u>2.05%</u></b> B
<b>Net Shortfall</b>	<b>6.75</b>	<b>4.61%</b> C=A+B

## Bill 148 – Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act

- At the 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Committee meeting (October 10), staff were requested to explore options to address the financial impact including:
  - increasing user fees to cover the financial impact
  - splitting the impact between increasing user fees and increasing taxes
- Staff reviewed and analyzed user fees to fund the Bill 148 costs and established a series of user fee and funding review criteria and guiding principles
- The follow slides will detail the Staff analysis and recommendations by department

## Operating Budget

(Excl. Planning & Design, Engineering, Building Standards and Waterworks)

(\$000's)	Presented on Oct. 10		October 27			
	Tax Rate Increase %	\$	Proposed Changes	Revised \$	Revised Tax Rate Increase %	
City Controlled Operating Budget	2.56%	3,745	(174)	3,571	2.44%	A
Bill 148 - Fair workplaces, Better Jobs Act	1.71%	2,500	(1,817) *	683	0.46%	B
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4.27%</b>	<b>6,245</b>	<b>(1,991)</b>	<b>4,254</b>	<b>2.90%</b>	<b>C=A+B</b>
Bill 140 - The Strong Communities Through Affordable Housing Act	0.34%	500	-	500	0.34%	D
<b>Total shortfall</b>	<b>4.61%</b>	<b>6,745</b>	<b>(1,991)</b>	<b>4,754</b>	<b>3.24%</b>	<b>E=C+D</b>

\* \$1.82M to be funded through user fees as detailed in the presentation

## Bill 148 – Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act

- The total Bill 148 impact in the 2018 Operating Budget is \$2.50M
- Staff propose that \$0.68M be funded through a tax rate increase of 0.46%
- The remaining annualized shortfall of \$1.82M (\$2.50M - \$0.66M) be funded through user fees



## Review Criteria & Guiding Principles

- All departments undertook a review of user fees to determine City's position using other municipalities as comparators
- Focused on rates that had a significant difference between our direct comparators
- Assessed the impact of increase in rates on users/volume
- Limited the increase on children (learn to programs) and seniors
- Implement new user fees January 1, 2018, where applicable, with the incremental shortfall of \$0.57M due to later implementation dates to be funded from the Ramp Up Reserve
- 2018/19 will require monitoring to assess impact

## Presentation order

- Community & Fire Services
  - Recreation Services
  - Operations
  - Waste
  - Library
  - Fire
- Development Services
  - Culture
- Corporate Services
  - Legislative Services
  - Financial Services
  - Sustainability & Asset Management

## Recreation Services

- The 2018 base rate includes the 2017 approved rate + 2.83% (CPI 1.90% + utilities 0.02% + aquatic wages 0.91%)
- The approach in looking at fees was to not impact programs such as DROP IN that allow for the greatest benefit to the community, based on cost and accessibility.
- The recommended changes to fees are generally in facility booking, where based on comparison to other municipalities in our Region we have capacity to increase
- Our "Learn To" programs - aquatics, sports, camps and general interest user fees are at the top of the range in the Region or at least within the top of the percentile and were only increased by 1.3%

## Recreation Services

	A	B	C	D=C-A
	2018 Base Rate	Additional Fee	2018 New Rate	Rate Increase
	\$	Increase %	\$	\$
<b>Recreation Activities - Hourly unless otherwise noted</b>				
Ice Permit - Adult	\$259.59	14.81%	\$296.98	\$37.39
Ice Permit - Minor	\$203.57	10.00%	\$223.37	\$19.80
Ice Permit - Non Resident	\$336.11	23.36%	\$412.46	\$76.35
Dry Pad Permit	\$94.55	14.00%	\$107.42	\$12.87
Pool Permit	\$56.94	14.00%	\$64.69	\$7.75
Learn to Skate - Pre-school/Children/Pre-teen, Learn to Play Hockey	\$10.74	10.50%	\$11.84	\$1.10
Indoor Soccer - Adult	\$183.59	15.15%	\$210.64	\$27.05
Indoor Soccer - Minor	\$142.92	11.21%	\$158.50	\$15.58
Fitness (monthly) - Adult	\$51.16	12.85%	\$57.55	\$6.39
Fitness (monthly) - Senior	\$36.13	11.80%	\$40.28	\$4.15
Fitness (monthly) - Spousal	\$45.61	16.75%	\$53.04	\$7.43
Aquatics - Swim Lessons Children (10 week)	\$110.15	1.30%	\$111.54	\$1.39
Camp (1 week)	\$196.37	1.30%	\$198.85	\$2.48
Non Resident Fee	\$10.00	50.00%	\$15.00	\$5.00
Camps - Before/After Care	\$2.50	60.00%	\$4.00	\$1.50

Ice rates are aligned with Richmond Hill's 2017 approved rates

**Notes:**

- 2018 Base Rate includes: 2017 approved rate + CPI, utilities, aquatics wage total increase of 2.83%
- 13% HST included in all except: non resident fee and camps – before/after Care (hourly)

## Operations

	A	B	C	D=C-A
<b>Operations Activities</b>	<b>2018 Base Rate</b> \$	<b>Additional Fee</b> Increase %	<b>2018 New Rate</b> \$	<b>Rate Increase</b> \$
Sportsfields - Soccer/Baseball (Hourly) (Adult)	\$8.04	94.50%	\$15.43	\$7.39
Sportsfields - Soccer/Baseball (Hourly) (Minor)	\$5.62	38.40%	\$7.72	\$2.10
Sportsfields - Cricket (Hourly) (Adult)	\$4.41	249.89%	\$15.43	\$11.02
Sportsfields - Cricket (Hourly) (Minor)	\$4.41	75.06%	\$7.72	\$3.31
Road closure - Special events (major)	\$101.92	200.00%	\$301.92	\$200.00
Full Road Closure - non local roads	N/A	N/A	\$84.75	\$84.75
Road Occupancy - Construction	\$254.80	260.00%	\$904.80	\$650.00

Notes:

- 2018 Base Rate for sportsfields includes: 2017 approved rate + CPI, utilities, aquatics wage total increase of 2.83%
- 2018 Base Rate for others includes: 2017 approved rate + CPI, utilities total increase of 1.92%
- Rate was increased to match the highest rate amongst our municipal comparators (i.e. Richmond Hill and Mississauga)
- 13% HST included

## Waste

	A	B	C	D=C-A
	2018 Base Rate	Additional Fee Increase	2018 New Rate	Rate Increase
	\$	%	\$	\$
<b>Waste - New fee</b>				
Administration Fee for Exchange of Damaged Bins	N/A	N/A	\$5.65	\$5.65

Notes:

- 13% HST included

## Library

	A	B	C	D=C-A
<b>Library</b>	<b>2018 Base Rate</b>	<b>Additional Fee</b>	<b>2018 New Rate</b>	<b>Rate Increase</b>
	\$	%	\$	\$
Get Ready to Write	\$56.24	3.00%	\$57.89	\$1.66
Games and Animation	\$148.39	3.00%	\$152.75	\$4.37
Meeting room rental (hourly) - Non-Profit	\$34.40	5.34%	\$36.20	\$1.80
Meeting room rental (hourly) - For Profit	\$68.80	5.34%	\$72.40	\$3.60

Notes:

- Meeting room rates were increased to align with community centres
- 13% HST included

Fire

	A	B	C	D=C-A
	<b>2018 Base Rate</b>	<b>Additional Fee</b>	<b>2018 New Rate</b>	<b>Rate Increase</b>
<b>Fire</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Liquor License Inspection	\$163.85	58.62%	\$259.90	\$96.05

Notes:

- Comparators are six fire departments
- 13% HST included

## Culture

	A	B	C	D=C-A
	2018 Base Rate	Additional Fee	2018 New Rate	Rate Increase
	\$	Increase	\$	\$
Museum Activities		%		
Church Sanctuary (2 hours)	\$ 720.96	5.00%	\$ 756.33	\$ 35.37
Church Hall Daytime (4 hours)	\$ 641.49	5.00%	\$ 672.96	\$ 31.47
Bandstand & Pavilion (max 4 hours)	\$ 1,041.13	5.00%	\$ 1,092.21	\$ 51.08
Bandstand or Pavilion Only (2.5 hours)	\$ 720.96	5.00%	\$ 756.33	\$ 35.37
Transportation Room (4 hours)	\$ 639.19	5.00%	\$ 670.55	\$ 31.36
Wedding Photos Exterior (2 hours)	\$ 239.55	5.00%	\$ 251.30	\$ 11.75
Full Day 5 Day Camp	\$ 289.08	10.00%	\$ 317.44	\$ 28.36
Programmed Children's Birthday Party base	\$ 185.49	10.00%	\$ 203.69	\$ 18.20

#### Notes:

- 2018 Base Rate includes: CPI and Utilities total increase of 1.92%
- No applicable comparators
- 13% HST included

## Culture

	A	B	C	D=C-A
	2018 Base Rate	Additional Fee	2018 New Rate	Rate Increase
	\$	Increase	\$	\$
		%		
<b>Theatre &amp; Varley Activities</b>				
Camp - 2 week program	\$512.66	10.00%	\$562.96	\$50.30
Kinder Theatre Camp - 1 week	\$256.84	10.00%	\$282.04	\$25.20
Rental Fee technical staff	\$40.31	5.00%	\$42.29	\$1.98
Rental Fee front of the house staff	\$81.77	5.00%	\$85.78	\$4.01
Adult Program (8 sessions)	\$208.46	10.00%	\$228.91	\$20.45
Children/Teen/Pre-teen Program (20 hours)	\$174.28	10.00%	\$191.38	\$17.10
Summer Full Day Camp (35 hours)	\$259.90	10.00%	\$285.40	\$25.50

### Notes:

- 2018 Base Rate includes: CPI and Utilities total increase of 1.92%
- 13% HST included on all except: Children/Teen/Pre-teen Program and summer full day camp

## Legislative Services

	A	B	C	D=C-A
<b>Legislative Services</b>	<b>2018 Base Rate</b>	<b>Additional Fee Increase</b>	<b>2018 New Rate</b>	<b>Rate Increase</b>
	\$	%	\$	\$
Park in a prohibited area	\$40.00	38%	\$55.00	\$15.00
Park commercial vehicle in residential area	\$40.00	75%	\$70.00	\$30.00
Park within nine metres from an intersection	\$40.00	25%	\$50.00	\$10.00
Park on private property without consent	\$40.00	13%	\$45.00	\$5.00
Park in a no stopping area	\$40.00	25%	\$50.00	\$10.00

### Notes:

- HST not applicable
- Rates were increased to match the highest rate amongst our municipal comparators (i.e. Toronto, Mississauga, Aurora)

## Financial Services

	A	B	C	D=C-A
<b>Financial Services</b>	<b>2018 Base Rate</b>	<b>Additional Fee Increase</b>	<b>2018 New Rate</b>	<b>Rate Increase</b>
	\$	%	\$	\$
Mortgage Administrative Fee	\$8.50	65%	\$14.00	\$5.50

### Notes:

- HST not applicable
- Rate was increased to match the highest rate amongst our municipal comparators (i.e. Vaughan)

## Sustainability & Asset Management

	A	B	C	D=C-A
	2018 Base Rate	Additional Fee Increase	2018 New Rate	Rate Increase
	\$	%	\$	\$
<b>Service Connection engineering drawings</b>				
1st drawing	\$56.50	100%	\$113.00	\$56.50
Each additional drawing	\$28.25	100%	\$56.50	\$28.25
Expedited processing - 1st drawing	N/A	N/A	\$169.50	\$169.50
Expedited processing - each additional drawing	N/A	N/A	\$84.75	\$84.75
Each hard/printed drawing (map size)	N/A	N/A	\$56.50	\$56.50

### Notes:

- Currently homeowners are not charged for drawings
- Rates were increased to be comparable to the highest rate amongst our municipal comparators
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## Impact to Average Residential Property

Property Type	2017 Average Current Value	2.44% Tax Rate Incr. (City Controlled)	0.80% Tax Rate Incr. (Provincial Legislation)	Total – 3.24% (2.44% + 0.80%)
Residential Homes* 	\$714,500	\$32.23	\$10.57	\$42.80
Residential Condominiums 	\$364,500	\$16.59	\$5.44	\$22.03
<b>Average (Homes &amp; Condominiums)</b>	<b>\$647,500</b>	<b>\$29.21</b>	<b>\$9.58</b>	<b>\$38.79</b>

Every 1% tax rate increase (local portion only) is equivalent to an increase of \$11.97 in property taxes for an average residential property

\* Residential Homes include single family detached, linked homes, freehold townhouses, and semi-detached.

## Impact to Average Residential Property

	Proposed increase	Increase \$
Tax rate increase – Markham	3.24%	39
Tax rate increase – Region (2018 forecast in 2017 budget document)	2.65%	61
Water & wastewater fee (subject to Council decision)	7.50%	65
Stormwater fee (remains at the 2015 level)		<u>47</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>212</b>

## Summer Students vs. Other Part-time/Contract Staff

- There are 2,843 employees affected by Bill 148 with a total cost of \$2.50M
- Summer students
  - Number of summer students: 630 or 22% of the 2,843 employees
  - Bill 148 impact: \$0.46M or 18% of the Bill 148 impact
- Other Part-time/Contract Staff
  - Number of staff: 2,213 or 78% of the 2,843 employees
  - Bill 148 impact: \$2.04M or 82% of the Bill 148 impact

## Profile of Other Part-time/Contract Staff

- Other part-time/contract staff: 2,213 employees (as seen on the previous slide)
  - Staff under 23 years of age: 971 or 46% of the ongoing population
  - Staff 23 years old and up: 1,242 or 54%
  - Examples of positions include: seasonal Operations staff, programs staff, seasonal facility staff, part-time By-law officers

## Programs vs. Parks Maintenance

- 2,843 employees
- Parks Maintenance
  - Number of parks maintenance staff: 247 or 9%
  - Bill 148 impact: \$0.42M or 17%
- Programs and other
  - Number of programs and other staff: 2,596 or 91%
  - Bill 148 impact: \$2.08M or 83%

## Staff Affected by Minimum Wage and Grid Compression

- 2,185 of the 2,843 are affected by minimum wage and grid compression
  - Number of staff affected by minimum wage increase: 1,578 or 72% of the 2,185
  - Number of staff affected by grid compression: 607 or 28% of the 2,185

## 4. Next Steps

➤ Budget Committee Meeting #7

Tuesday, October 31, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- Operating Budget
- Planning & Design, Engineering, Building and Waterworks Operating Budgets



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THIRD MEETING OF THE  
2018 BUDGET COMMITTEE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MARKHAM CIVIC CENTRE  
October 13, 2017

MINUTES

**Attendance:**

<p><b>Members Present:</b> Councillor Logan Kanapathi, Chair Councillor Amanda Collucci, Vice-Chair Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong Regional Councillor Jim Jones Councillor Alex Chiu Councillor Karen Rea Councillor Don Hamilton</p> <p><b>Regrets:</b> None</p>	<p><b>Staff Present:</b> Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community &amp; Fire Services Brian Lee, Acting Commissioner of Development Services Stephen Chait, Director of Culture &amp; Economic Development Morgan Jones, Director of Operations Nasir Kenea, Chief Information Officer Graham Seaman, Director of Sustainability &amp; Asset Management Joel Lustig, Treasurer Andrea Tang, Senior Manager of Financial Planning Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator</p>
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The Budget Committee convened at 9:08 am with Councillor Logan Kanapathi presiding as Chair.

**1. Review of the Capital Budget**

Joel Lustig, Treasurer advised that the Capital Budget will be reviewed on an exception basis only; items will only be discussed if Committee has questions on the .

## Development Services Commission

Joel Lustig reported that the Planning & Design Capital Budget Items will be reviewed at the October 17, 2017 Budget Committee meeting.

### Culture Capital Budget Items

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18000 Culture Public Art Coordinator - \$45,000	<p>The Committee asked if this capital budget request is to fill the public art coordinator position and for information on roles and responsibilities of the position.</p> <p>Stephen Chait, Director of Economic Development &amp; Culture advised that a new Public Art Coordinator has been hired. The role will oversee the City's public art projects and the creation of a Public Art Master Plan. as the Public Art Coordinator and the Director of the Gallery will attend the Public Art Advisory Committee meetings and the Development Services Committee when public art matters are being discussed. This is a contract position and the contract will be renewable on an annual basis.</p>

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea  
 Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

That the Budget Committee approve the Culture Capital Budget Item No. 18000.

Carried

### Museum Capital Budget Items

A Committee Member asked if funds raised by the Friends of the Markham Museum Board are used towards museum maintenance.

Stephen Chait advised that the Friends of the Markham Museum Board is both an advisory and fundraising board. The funds it raises are used to support the Museum's programming initiatives rather than infrastructure.

Staff stated that all possessions on the premise of Museum grounds are City's assets. Many of these assets have been donated to the Museum. The Museum will work with the donor on the programming/presentation of the asset. It is the City's responsibility to replace the assets and maintain them in a state of good repair.

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18001 Baptist Church - \$34,000	
18002 Strickler Barn Phase - \$109,400	
18003 Museum Maintenance - \$76,000	

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That the Budget Committee approve the Museum Capital Budget Items.

Carried

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18004 Stage Equipment Replacement - \$77,800	
18005 Building Envelope Design - \$29,900	
18006 Charitable Foundation Startup – Consulting - \$50,900	<p>A Committee Members asked why it is so expensive to set up a foundation.</p> <p>Staff advised that this request is to set up a charitable foundation for the Flato Markham Theatre and to fund a contract board employee to assist with fundraising and applying for grants. The benefit of having a foundation is that the Board is eligible to apply for grants that the City is not eligible to apply for. Setting up a foundation is also recommended in the proposed Theatre Strategic Plan.</p> <p>This budget item request was withdrawn by Staff as Staff will fund the cost of setting up the foundation through the Operating Budget. The request for the contract position will first need to be reviewed by the Executive Leadership Team prior to being presented to the Budget Committee. It was also noted that the Executive Leadership Team would only consider loaning funds to the foundation for a board employee, as a board employee would be the responsibility of the foundation. For an example, the Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham funds their board employee.</p>
18007 Facility Electrical Assessment & Replacement - \$18,800	
18008 Facility Maintenance - \$17,500	
18009 Intelligent Lighting Replacement - \$63,000	A Committee Member asked if the lifecycle of the lighting could be extended.

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
	Staff advised that the Theatre's lighting system needs to be replaced as it is past its lifecycle and it would have an impact on the theatre's services if the lighting system is not working properly.
18010 Lighting Console & Fixture Replacement - \$136,200	
18011 New Theatre Complex Study - \$152,600	
18012 Water Heater Replacement - \$23,400	

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the Budget Committee approve the Theatre Capital Budget Items approved (excluding 18806, as this item was pulled from the budget).

Carried

### Art Centres

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18016 Gallery- HVAC Cooling Tower, Chiller + Exhaust Fan - \$190,200	<p>A Committee Member asked why this is required since the Gallery was recently renovated.</p> <p>Staff reported that the Gallery's HVAC system is being replaced, as it was not updated as part of the Gallery expansion and it has not been updated since the building was first built.</p>
18017 Gallery -McKay House Maintenance - \$39,700	
18018 Gallery -Varley and McKay House Signage - \$18,018	<p>A Committee Member asked why the signs were being replaced and if key stakeholder, like the Heritage Markham Committee will be consulted on the signage.</p> <p>Staff advised that the capital budget request is for new signs for the Varley Art Gallery and for the McKay House, which will provide a refreshed image for the Varley. Part of the approval process of the new signage will include consulting the</p>

	Heritage Markham Committee and other key stakeholders.
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Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the Budget Committee approve the Art Centre Capital Budget items.

Carried

### **Engineering Capital Budget Items**

<b>Capital Budget Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
18040 Active Transportation Master Plan - \$232,900	
18042 Cycling Awareness Program - \$86,500	<p>A Committee Member asked if the “pilot program on alternative safer intersection design” could include signage asking cyclists to dismount from their bicycles at intersections.</p> <p>Staff advised that under this new type of intersection design, cyclists are required to stop at traffic lights, but are not required to dismount from their bicycles when crossing the intersection. There will be specific cross-rides for cyclists with separate cyclist signals.</p> <p>The Region is currently looking at putting signs at certain intersections requesting cyclist to dismount prior to crossing.</p>
18043 Downstream Improvement Work Program - \$856,200	<p>A Committee Member asked if the stream erosion behind Bakerdale Road could be added to the program</p> <p>Staff advised that this stream erosion is being restored under an Environmental Services project.</p>
18044 Intersection Improvements - \$695,800	
18045 John Street MUP Design - \$152,400	
18046 Markham Road/ Mount Joy Secondary - \$232,900	

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18047 – Planning for Higher Order Transit Stations – Phase 1 of 2 - \$116,800	<p>A Committee Member suggested this project should be under the planning capital budget items and questioned if enough funds were being allocated to the project.</p> <p>Staff advised that this item is a joint study being conducted by the Planning and Engineering Departments. The project will be undertaken in phases. This year’s budget allotment is for Phase 1 to better understand the scope of the project. After the scope of the project is understood the City can hire a consultant to conduct the study in future phases.</p> <p>It was recommended that input on the scope of the project be obtained from a Sub-Committee, which was created on the subject matter based on the resolution from the May 23, 2017 Development Services Committee. It was noted that Vaughan and Richmond Hill should possibly be included in the project and that the GO train usage trends should also be investigated as part of the study.</p> <p>With respect to a question regarding ridership at the Mount Joy GO train station, Staff advised that based on GO surveys, the majority of GO Train users come from nearby areas.</p>
18048 – Regional Mid-Block Crossing EA & Design - \$1,012,500	
18049 Rouge Valley Trail Multi-Use Pathway - \$1,181,900 (phase 4 of 5)	
18050 – Sidewalk Construction (City Wide) - \$1,497,000	Clarification on some of the sidewalk locations was provided.
18051 Smart Commute Markham – Richmond Hill - \$76,300	
18052 Standardizing Capital Works/Capital Specs Projects - \$116,800	
18053 Street Light Design Criteria & Standards Update - \$59,100	

<b>Capital Budget Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
18054 Street Lighting Program (Design) - \$289,600	Clarification was provided on the location of some of the streetlights being installed.
18055 Traffic Assets Replacement – Annual - \$175,200	
18056 Traffic Operational Improvements – \$40,700	A Committee Member asked if the school zone flex post pilot project will be expanded to other areas in Markham. STaff advised that based on the success of the pilot project, the City is planning to expand these flex posts to other schools zones.
18057 Traffic Signal Controller Upgrades - \$548,400	A Committee Member asked for clarification on this item.  Staff advised that the traffic signal controller upgrades will allow for traffic signals to be synchronized. Currently, the traffic signals operate on their own internal clocks.
18058 Transportation Studies related to Secondary Plan – \$548,400	A Committee Member asked why the City is looking at approving development in Cornell prior to the transportation study being undertaken for Cornell Centre.  Staff advised that transportation studies for Cornell have been undertaken in the past and that these studies were used to review and approve the current applications. A new study is required for new development,
18059 Victoria Square Boulevard – Detailed Design - \$743,000	
18060, 2018 Engineering Salary Recovery - \$924,000	
18061 Yorktech Drive Extension (design)	

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the Budget Committee approved the Engineering Capital Budget Items.

Carried

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The Budget Committee took a 10 minute break at 10:48 am.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Collucci  
 Seconded Councillor Alex Chiu

That the Budget Committee take a 10 minutes break.

Carried

The Budget Committee reconvene at 10:58 am

## Corporate Services

### ITS Capital Budget Items

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18070 Theatre – Ticketing System Replacement - \$57,000	
18071 Library – Web Based Discovery & e-Resource Management Solution - \$57,800	<p>A Committee Member asked if the life cycle of Library’s book self-checkout machines could be extended.</p> <p>Staff advised that a condition assessment was conducted and it was determined that the book self-checkout machines require replacement. The life cycle has already been extended past the vendor’s recommendation. The self-checkout machines are critical to the libraries operations and would interrupt library services if they were down.</p> <p>A Committee Member asked if the lifecycle of City vehicles were being extended past there optimal use.</p> <p>Staff advised that last year the life of City vehicles were extended as part of an E3 initiative. Staff are in the process of creating Fleet Strategy that will help staff make informed decisions.</p>
18072 Fire – Dispatch Upgrade - \$305,300	<p>A Committee Member asked why it was so expensive to replace the dispatch system.</p> <p>Staff reported that options have been explored for the replacement of the system, but that this was the most viable option explored to date considering also that system changes and data migration will incur additional cost</p>

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
	<p>The Committee asked if it was possible to partner with the City of Vaughan and Richmond Hill to share the cost of the dispatch system.</p> <p>Staff reported that staff have explored the opportunity to partner with these municipalities or use the Region’s system but based on the information available so far, it has been determined to be much more expensive. It was also explained that staff continue to explore similar opportunities when possible to benefit from economies of scale.</p> <p>It was noted that it is important that the system is replaced to protect the municipality against possible risks as the system is no longer supported by the vendor, which makes it more vulnerable to a cyberattack. Similar approach is recommended as part of the City’s cyber security assessment.</p>
<p>18073 Operations – Road Occupancy Permit Mapping - \$25, 400</p>	
<p>18077 – Enterprise Asset Management Solution – Additional Funds - \$508,800</p>	<p>Committee asked for clarification on this capital budget item and if the new system will have mobile capabilities.</p> <p>Staff advised that this budget request is to replace the Hansen System currently being used by the Waterworks Department, as the system has come to end of life and has been replaced by another system by the vendor many years ago..</p> <p>Staff will be replacing it with a system that other departments will also benefit from. The new system will be used to better manage the lifecycle of City assets. Some of the ways the new system will help extend the life of City assets is by: providing more accurate costs with respect to delivering a service; tracking the location of City assets, flagging issues as they arise; and providing trends, like where the work is being done and how long it is taking to complete etc..</p> <p>The new system will have the option of adding on mobile and other capabilities in the future.</p>
<p>18078 Infrastructure Support Specialist - \$120,700</p>	

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
<p>18079 Life Cycle Asset Replacement - \$492,000</p>	<p>Committee asked why the voice mail system needs to be replaced, as the phones were updated not too long ago.</p> <p>Staff advised that the budget request is to replace the voice mail software and does not include the replacement of the phones. The current software is six years old and is no longer supported by the vendor. Having software that is no longer supported by the vendor puts the organization at risk of providing reliable service..</p> <p>Committee questioned how the City can prevent purchasing a software that will soon become obsolete.</p> <p>Staff reported this is a challenge all organizations are currently facing.</p> <p>A Committee Member stated that technology is being replaced with technology that has the capability of self-monitoring.</p> <p>Staff stated that once the basic infrastructure is in place, other add-ons can be considered.</p>
<p>18081 Finance – Budget Software (additional funding) – \$61,100</p>	

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the Budget Committee approve the ITS Capital Budget Items.

Carried

## 2. Adjournment

The Budget Committee adjourned at 12:05 pm.



**FOURTH MEETING OF THE  
2018 BUDGET COMMITTEE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MARKHAM CIVIC CENTRE  
October 17, 2017**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

<p><b>Members Present:</b> Councillor Logan Kanapathi, Chair Councillor Amanda Collucci, Vice-Chair (9:37 am) Mayor Frank Scarpitti (10:19 am) Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong Regional Councillor Jim Jones (10:00 am) Councillor Alex Chiu Councillor Karen Rea</p> <p><b>Regrets:</b> Councillor Don Hamilton</p>	<p><b>Staff Present:</b> Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community &amp; Fire Services Brian Lee, Acting Commissioner of Development Services Joel Lustig, Treasurer Morgan Jones, Director of Operations Biju Karumanchery, Director of Planning &amp; Urban Design Graham Seaman, Director of Sustainability &amp; Asset Management Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation Linda Irvine, Manager of Parks &amp; Open Space Design Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning Adam Grant, Deputy Fire Chief Andrea Tang, Senior Manager of Financial Planning Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator</p>
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The Budget Committee convened at 9:15 am with Councillor Logan Kanapathi presiding as Chair.

**1. Review of the Capital Budget**

The Budget Committee continued its review of the 2018 proposed Capital Budget.

**Development Services Commission (Continued)****Planning**

<b>Capital Budget Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
18020 Secondary Studies: Communication Plan - \$41,800	<p>A Committee Member asked why this capital budget item was included when the legislation permitting second suites province wide has not been approved yet.</p> <p>Staff advised that this item is being included in anticipation of the legislation being approved. The budget request is for funds to create a communication plan to educate the public on the changes to legislation on second suites, if approved by the Province.</p> <p>A Committee Member suggested asking the Real Estate Board to help communicate the change.</p> <p>Staff advised that staff will work with the City's Corporate Communications Department to develop a communication plan to communicate the change to legislation if passed.</p>
18021 Consultant Studies - \$100,000	
18022 Designated Heritage Property Grant Program Year 2 of 3 - \$30,000	
18023 Growth Monitoring Program & Data Collection - \$17,300	<p>A Committee Member asked for more information on this capital budget item.</p> <p>Staff advised that this capital budget request is for Markham's share of the survey cost to monitor growth. The survey will be conducted by York Region.</p>
18024 Heritage Façade Improvements/Sign Replacement - \$25,000	

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18025 Langstaff Master Plan - \$152,600	<p>A Committee Member asked for clarification on this item as the Langstaff Master Plan had been previously approved by Council.</p> <p>Staff advised that this capital budget request is hire a consultant to make changes to the master plan previously approved by Council, as the major developer of the area has requested significant changes to their development plans. An example of one of the changes being proposed is the over pass over the rail is now being proposed to go under the rail.</p>
18026 Markham Centre Secondary Plan Study - \$500,000	
18027 Official Plan Conformity – 2017 Provincial Plans - \$236,300	<p>A Committee Member asked for clarification on this item.</p> <p>Staff advised that the official plan is being updated to conform with changes to the 2017 Provincial Plans and provide input into York Region’s 2041 Municipal Comprehensive Review.</p>
18028 Unionville Core Area Streetscape Master Plan - \$76,300	<p>A Committee Member asked for more details on the project cost of \$76k.</p> <p>Staff advised that the request came from the Historical Unionville Community Vision Committee. The request is to create a master plan that looks at how to implement the high level master plan approved by Council for Main Street Unionville to improve the streetscape in the core Unionville area. The plan is important so that improvements can be phased in and planned in a strategic manner.</p> <p>It was noted that the Operations Department should be involved in the development of the study.</p>

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
 Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

That the Planning Capital Budget Items be approved as presented.

Carried

**Design**

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18031 Cornell Park Pavilion & Washrooms Construction - \$925,300	
18032 Box Grove Community Park Bridge – Construction - \$1,058,200	
18033 Markham Centre Riverwalk Urban Park – Design & Construction - \$1,205,500	<p>A Committee Member asked if the water feature is a splash pad.</p> <p>Staff advised that the water feature is an interactive water activity for children. The feature will have more of an urban quality than a typical splash pad.</p>
18034 – Wismer Park Pavilion & Washrooms – Design & Construction - \$1,139,600	<p>A Committee Member asked when the construction of the park pavilion and washrooms will be completed. They also asked if the community will be consulted on the design.</p> <p>Staff advised that construction of the park pavilion and washrooms will start in the fall of 2018, and will be in-service in 2020.</p> <p>The community will be consulted on the design of the project.</p>
18035 – Parking Lot Adjacent Yarl Cedarwood Park – Design & Construction \$150,700	<p>A Committee Member asked if anything was being removed from the park in order to accommodate the additional parking spots.</p> <p>Staff advised that a new parking lot is being built on the land adjacent to the park for the additional parking spots. Therefore, there is no impact to the existing park.</p>

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
	<p>A Committee Member asked if permeable paving will be used for the parking lot.</p> <p>Staff advised that staff will be looking at using permeable paving for the parking lot.</p> <p>A Committee Member asked if other Markham parks have sufficient parking.</p> <p>It was advised that staff will conduct an assessment on parking needs at each park so that gaps can be identified.</p> <p>Staff advised that the amount of parking provided at a park depends on the size of the park, location and function. Residents are expected to walk to smaller neighbourhood parks. While other parks are built close to a school so residents can park at the school. Lastly, larger community parks are designed with a parking lot.</p>

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea  
 Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

That the Budget Committee approve the Design Capital Budget Items.

Carried

### Corporate Services Commission (Continued)

#### Finance

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18080 Internal Project Management - \$960,000	Staff reported that this item is to cover the salaries of staff being funded by development charges who work on growth related projects.

Moved Councillor Amanda Collucci  
 Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the Budget Committee approve the Finance Capital Budget Item.

**Sustainability Office**

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18082 Alectra Embedded Energy Projects - \$102,800	
18083 Angus Glen C.C. Combined Heat and Power (CHP) System – \$2,164,100	<p>Committee asked for clarification on this capital budget item.</p> <p>Staff reported that this capital budget item is for a combined heat and power system for the Angus Glen Community Centre. The system is being installed to reduce the facilities energy cost. The funds are being borrowed internally to purchase the system. The savings derived from the system will be used to pay back the cost of the system over the first seven years. After the seven years, the City will start deriving savings from its investment.</p> <p>A Committee Member asked if the City should wait until the furnace is scheduled to be replaced prior to installing the new system.</p> <p>Graham Seaman reported that the energy savings derived from installing the new system justify making the investment now. The success of the new system will be monitored in the first year. If the system works as planned, staff will look at installing this type of a system at the Thornhill Community Centre.</p> <p>The furnace may also be used to supplement the new system. Staff will report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>A Committee Member asked if the system uses geothermal energy.</p> <p>Staff advised that the system uses natural gas and provides, heating, cooling, and a generator. Staff also considered geothermal systems, but the payback was longer.</p>

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
	<b>The Budget Committee deferred this item and requested staff to bring back more information at the next meeting.</b>
18084 Corporate Building Automation System - \$117,000	

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That the Budget Committee approved the Sustainability Office Capital Budget Item Nos. 18082 and 18084

Carried

### **Asset Management**

A Committee Member asked if the City gets reimbursed on HST for all goods and services the City purchases. Staff advised that the City pays 13% HST on all goods and services, and receives a rebate resulting in a net cost of 1.76%.

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18085, 8100 Warden Facility Improvements - \$71,400	
18086 Accessibility Retrofit Program - \$102,000	
18087 Building Condition Audit – FTE - \$141,100	
18088 Building Envelope/Structural Review - \$76,500	
18089 Civic Centre Improvements - \$214,600	<p>A Committee Member requested clarification on where the tiles are being replaced at Civic Centre.</p> <p>Staff reported that the tiles at the entrance to the Great Hall are being replaced, noting that only the tiles between the entrance doors are being replaced. The tiles have not been replaced since the building was first built.</p>

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18090 Corporate Accommodations - \$170,000	
18091 Corporate Security Operations & Systems Upgrade - \$613,600	
18092 Designated Substances Management - \$123,400	<p>A Committee Member asked for clarification on this item.</p> <p>Staff advised that this project involves preparing and updating plans at facilities where designated substances have been identified. The plan how designated substances are being managed. Staff advised that this project is funded from the Life Cycle Replacement and Capital Reserve.</p>
18093 Fire Facility Improvements - \$306,200	<p>A Committee Member asked if the amount of work being done each year changes.</p> <p>Staff advised that this is an annual program; however the scope of work and cost vary year to year based on condition assessment.</p>
18094 Library Facility Improvements - \$203,000	
18095 Municipal Building Backflow Prevention Testing - \$20,400	
18096 Operations Facilities Improvements - \$230,100	
18097 Facility Improvements - \$348,600	
18098 Parking Lot Light Replacement - \$91,800	
18099 Recycling Depot Improvements - \$76,500	
18100 Roofing Maintenance and Repair - \$61,200	

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18101 Roofing Replacement Project - \$1,128,100	
18102 Satellite Community Centre Improvements - \$127,900	
18103 Tennis Club House Improvements - \$10,200	
18104 Cosby Arena Canopy Installation - \$20,400	

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

That the Budget Committee approve the Asset Management Capital Budget Items.

Carried

## Community & Fire Services Commission

### Fire & Emergency Services

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18110 Air Monitor Devices - \$44,900	
18111 Bunker Gear Life Cycle Replacement - \$154,900	<p>A Committee Member asked what staff do with the fire equipment that has reached its useful life.</p> <p>Staff advised that the City donates the bunker gear that are being replaced.</p> <p>A Committee Member requested staff to look into whether the Northern indigenous communities could benefit from this equipment.</p>
18112 Firefighting Tools & Equipment Replacement – \$96,700	
18115 Replacement of Equipment due to Staff Retirements - \$84,000	

18116 Rescue Equipment - \$97,800	
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Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

That the Fire & Emergency Services Capital Budget Items be approved as presented.

Carried

### **Recreation Services**

<b>Capital Budget Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
18120 Angus Glen C.C. Building Automation System - \$399,900	
18121 Angus Glen C.C. Drinking Fountain - \$10,500	
18122 Angus Glen C.C. Duct Installation - \$59,000	
18123 Angus Glen C.C. Pool Change Room Lockers - \$174,900	A Committee Member inquired whether new facilities will have phenolic lockers.  Staff advised that phenolic lockers are being used at the Pan Am Centre, Cornell Community Centre & Library and Aaniin Community Centre & Library.
18124 Angus Glen C.C. Pool Deck Drain Pipes - \$53,500	
18125 Angus Glen C.C. Ride on Floor Scrubber - \$20,100	
18126 Armadale C.C. Boiler Pump Replacement - \$8,200	
18127 Armadale C.C. Kitchen Replacement Equipment - \$17,200	
18128 Armadale C.C. Lobby Furniture and Lighting Retrofit - \$17,500	
18129 Armadale C.C. Public Paging & Audio Equipment - \$10,200	

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18130 Camp Chimo Site Improvements - \$26,900	
18131 Centennial C.C. Arena Board Frame & Plastic Requirement - \$163,600	
18132 Clathworthy Arena Compressors - \$120,000	
18133 Clathworthy Arena Doors - \$47,000	
18134 Clathworthy Arena Painting - \$18,000	
18135 Clathworthy Arena Spectator Benches - \$5,500	
18136 Crosby C.C. Exterior Masonry Repairs - \$55,800	
18137 Crosby C.C. Painting Exterior Metal Siding - \$30,000	
18138 Crosby C.C. Gas Monitors - \$12,000	
18139 Crosby C.C. Hot Water Storage Tank - \$8,000	
18140 Crosby C.C. West Overhead Doors - \$20,000	
18141 Markham Village Arena Heater Replacement - \$27,300	
18142 Markham Village Arena Score Clock - \$13,500	<p>A Committee Member asked if the sign outside the Markham Village Community Centre can be updated.</p> <p>The Committee Member was advised that Staff will look into this request through other capital project. Project 18142 is for the replacement of the digital score clock and controller only.</p>
18143 Markham Village Emergency Lighting - \$6,600	

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18145 Milliken Mills C.C. Pool Chemical Controller Replacement - \$12,300	
18146 Milliken Mills C.C. Pool Dehumidifier - \$94,500	
18147 Milliken Mills C.C. Arena Dehumidifiers - \$74,600	
18148 Milliken Mills C.C. Library Lighting Replacement - \$36,600	
18149 Milliken Mills C.C. Soccer Clubhouse Lighting Replacement - \$16,000	
18150 Milliken Mills C.C. Visual Equipment Replacement - \$12,200	
18151 Milliken Mills C.C. Universal Change Room Design Ph1 of 2- \$101,800	
18152 Morgan Pool Revitalization Project Design-Phase 1 of 2 - \$254,100	
18154 Mount Joy Condenser -\$81,400	
18155 Mount Joy Heated Glycol Pump - \$8,100	
18157 Mount Joy Plate & Frame Heat Exchanger - \$11,200	
18158 Old Unionville Library Refurbishment - \$82,000	
18161 Pan Am Centre Gymnasium Floor Refinishing - \$25,300	
18164 Pingle House Exterior Refurbishment - \$10,400	
18165 Recreation AED Program – \$11,100	
18166 - Recreation Aquatic Equipment - \$85,000	

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18167- Recreation Fitness Equipment - \$144,000	
18168 – Recreation Pool Grouting - \$50,000	
18169 – Recreation Program Equipment \$97,000	<p>A Committee Member inquired why equipment is being replaced at the Pan Am Centre when the facility is only a few years old.</p> <p>Staff advised that these are consumable equipment that are used heavily for recreational programs, which require more frequent replacement (e.g. badminton racquets and volleyballs).</p> <p>It was noted that five years is the average lifespan of all recreation equipment. Some equipment may last longer or less than five years.</p>
18170 – Recreation Table and Chairs Replacement \$53,700	
18171 –Audio Equipment - \$8,600	
18172 Rouge River C.C. Facility Painting - \$34,900	
18173 - Rouge River C.C. Golf Course Kitchen Equipment - \$13,500	
18174 - Rouge River C.C. Wood Floor Refurbishment - \$18,600	
18175 Thornhill C.C. Gymnasium Hardwood Floor Refinishing - \$13,200	
18176 Thornhill C.C. Lighting Retrofit to LED - \$76,300	
18177 Thornhill C.C. Painting - \$7,100	
18178 Thornhill C.C. Washroom Renovation - \$116,300	

<b>Capital Budget Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
18179 Thornhill C.C. Arena Change Room Refurbishments - \$100,100	
18180 Thornhill C.C. Compressor Replacement – \$244,200	
18181 Thornhill C.C. Door Replacement - \$56,900	
18182 Thornhill C.C. Duct Installation - \$24,900	
18183 Thornhill C.C. Equipment Replacement - \$32,400	
18184 Thornhill C.C. Fitness Change Room Floor Replacement - \$22,400	
18185 Thornhill Fitness Centre Dectron Replacement - \$25,200	
18186 Thornlea Gymnasium HVAC - \$244,000	
18187 Thornlea Gymnasium Refurbishment - \$43,500	
18188 Thornlea Pool Doors - \$24,500	
18189 Unionville Train Station Light Fixtures & Panel - \$13,000	
18190 Unionville Train Station Refurbishments - \$11,000	
18191 Water Street Senior Centre – Painting - \$33,200	

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the Recreation Capital Budget Items be approved as presented.

Carried

**Markham Public Library**

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18195 Customer Service Improvements (E-Resources) – Phase 4 of 5 - \$52,800	
18196 Library Collection - \$2,659,400	
18197 Library Furniture, Equipment & Shelving - \$138,200	

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the Budget Committee approve the Markham Public Library Capital Budget Items.

Carried

**Operation – Roads**

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18200 Asphalt Resurfacing - \$5,933,400	<p>A Committee Member asked if Main Street Markham can be added to the list of roads to be repaired and if concrete could be used instead of asphalt.</p> <p>Staff advised that the roads and sidewalks on Main street Markham were recently repaired and are in adequate condition and are not included in the 2018 Capital budget.</p> <p>Staff also noted that using concrete to repair a road is an upgrade and would require additional funding, as the life cycle only replaces items like with like.</p> <p>A Committee Member requested that staff look into the capital cost of improving the streetscape on the west side of Main Street Markham between the railway and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, noting the sidewalk is not uniform in this area.</p> <p>Staff agreed to look at the cost of improving the streetscape in this area of Main Street Markham, including the costs of using</p>

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
	<p>concrete instead of asphalt. Staff noted that this request is not identified to be replaced in 2018 in the Life Cycle Reserve Study as the sidewalk is safe and meets all standards.</p> <p>A Committee Member also requested Staff to provide the list of roads to be repaired in 2018. Staff agreed to provide the list.</p>
<p>18201 Boulevard Repair - \$55,100</p>	<p>A Committee Member asked for clarification on this item.</p> <p>Staff advised this item is to re-level the brick on the paver located at Church and Wootten Way.</p> <p>The Committee Member asked who is responsible for removing the weeds from the paver.</p> <p>Staff advised that the residents are responsible for removing the weeds from the paver</p> <p>The Committee Member asked that residents be notified that they are responsible for removing the weeds from the paver, as she did not think residents were aware that it is their responsibility.</p> <p>Staff agreed to add a note on the notice being sent to residents notifying them of the work being done, advising them that maintenance of the paver is their responsibility</p>
<p>18202 Bridge Structure Preventative Maintenance – Roads - \$24,300</p>	
<p>18203 – City Owned Fence Replacement Program - \$105,500</p>	
<p>18204 Don Mills Storm Channel - \$19,000</p>	
<p>18205 Emergency Repairs - \$110,100</p>	

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18207 City Owned Entrance Feature Repairs - \$33,100	
18208 Guiderail – Install/Repair/Upgrade - \$190,400	
18209 Localized Repairs – Curb & Sidewalk - \$758,100	<p>A Committee Member requested the list of sidewalks to be repaired next year be provided.</p> <p>Staff advised that the list is not prepared until after the winter months, as the condition of the sidewalks can change during these months.</p>
18211 Parking Lots – Localized Repair - \$112,300	
18212 Parking Lots – Rehabilitation - \$383,500	
18213 Railway Crossing Improvements - \$198,00	
18214 Retaining Walls Program - \$10,200	
18215 Storm Sewer Inspection - \$105,800	
18216 Storm Water Retention Pond Maintenance Program - \$26,500	
18217 Winter Maintenance Vehicles - \$350,000	

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

That the Budget Committee approve the Operations-Roads Capital Budget items.

Carried

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The Committee took a break at 11:17 a.m.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
 Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That the Budget Committee take a 10 minute break.

Carried

Committee reconvened at 11:27 a.m.

**Operations-Parks**

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
<p>18820 Artificial Turf – Bill Crothers Secondary School - \$814,100</p>	<p>Staff reported that the York Region District School Board is requesting that the two artificial turfs at Bill Crothers Secondary School be replaced. The School Board and the City share the turfs and the replacement cost is to be shared equally.</p> <p>The City suggested to the School Board replacing one of the artificial turfs with a natural turf, and re-locating the second artificial turf to an alternate location, as the turfs are located on flood zone. The School Board does not support changing the location as Bill Crothers Secondary School is an athletic school and the amenities should reflect higher performance play.</p> <p>Staff added that the turfs are being replaced a year earlier than scheduled, as they are starting to erode from the flooding of the turfs over the years. Also, the City had to share the cost of repairing the turfs twice due to flooding over their lifespan.</p> <p>Staff asked for Committee’s direction on this matter, as the School Board is waiting for the City’s approval to replace the turfs so that it can proceed with the work.</p> <p>The Budget Committee recommended that the capital budget item remain in the budget. It also recommended staff to consult with</p>

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
	<p>Toronto Region &amp; Conservation Authority on stormwater issues. The Committee discussed the possibility of raising the tanks under the fields.</p> <p>The Budget Committee also suggested that the School Board to fund a larger portion of future operating costs resulting from floods.</p> <p>The Budget Committee asked if it was beneficial to have the turfs located side by side for tournaments and if two artificial turfs are required to meet the City’s demand for soccer fields.</p> <p>Staff advised that it is beneficial to have the turfs located side by side for tournaments and that both artificial turfs are needed to meet the City’s demand for soccer fields, but that the City is flexible regarding the location of the turf.</p> <p>The Budget Committee also requested that Council be notified when the work on the turfs will be scheduled.</p> <p>Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones Seconded Councillor Amanda Collucci</p> <p>That staff be directed to discuss alternatives to have better protection for the artificial turfs located at Bill Crothers High School with the Toronto Region Conservation Authority; and</p> <p>That staff renegotiate the agreement with the York Region District School Board to fund a greater share of future operating costs resulting from floods.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18221 Bleachers (Metal) Replacement at Feather Stone Park - \$10,800	
18222 Bridge Structure Preventative Maintenance - \$24,300	
18223 City Parks Furniture/Amenities - \$164,900	<p>A Committee Member asked why the benches on Main Street Markham are removed during the winter months and if staff are buying the most durable benches.</p> <p>Staff advised that the benches on Main Street Markham are removed in the winter months so that sidewalks can be plowed.</p> <p>Staff ensure that outdoor amenities are durable and have a long life cycle. Benches can be touched up to extend the life cycle where feasible.</p> <p>A Committee Member asked if the City could purchase benches that have a lifetime warranty.</p> <p>Staff advised that they are not aware of any vendor that provides a lifetime warranty on benches.</p>
18224 Court Resurfacing/Reconstruction \$333,800	
18255 Fence (Backstop and Outfield) Replacement - \$37,800	
18226 Fence (Tennis Courts) - \$31,200	
18227 Food lights, Poles & Cross Arms Replacement - \$65,800	
18228 Gazebo Refurbishment - \$43,300	
18229 Goal Post Replacement - \$12,900	

Capital Budget Item	Discussion
18230 Markham Trees for Tomorrow - \$122,100	<p>A Committee Member asked what type of new initiatives the City is undertaking to increase the City's tree canopy.</p> <p>Staff reported that the City has been focusing on educating the public on what types of trees to plant and where to plant them to encourage residents to plant trees.</p>
18231 Parks Signage Implementation – Phases 3 of 3 - \$158,200	
18232 Pathways Resurfacing - \$134,400	
18233 Planter Replacement -\$236,800	
18234 Play Structure Replacement - \$1,254,300	<p>A Committee Member asked if the City is replacing play structure equipment with the same type of play equipment.</p> <p>Staff advised that the City will typically replace play structure equipment with similar items, unless safety requirements or the areas demographics have changed. In these cases, a more suitable play structure may be installed.</p>
18235 Play Structure Rubberized Surface Replacement - \$52,900	
18237 Relamping & Fixtures Refurbishment - \$37,800	
18238 Replacement of Recycling Containers - \$80,400	
18239 Replacement of Boulevard/ Park Trees - \$203,100	Staff advised that an update on the EAB program will be brought forward to General Committee.
18240 Sports Field Maintenance & Reconstruction -\$132,200	

<b>Capital Budget Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
18241 Stairways and Retaining Wall Repairs - \$220,300	
18242 Morgan Park Bell Diamond - \$313,600	
18243 Rejuvenation of Community Centres Landscapes – Yr 1 of 3 - \$60,000	

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That the Budget Committee approved the Operations – Parks Capital Budget Items.

Carried

## 2. **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jones

That Budget Committee adourn at 12:00 p.m.

Carried