

Minutes - Final
Finance and Corporate Services
Committee

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

For consideration by General Committee on October 15, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by Councillor Prowse at 7:05 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

PRESENT:

Councillor, M. Prowse, Finance and Corporate Services Chairperson
Mayor J. Lehman, Finance and Corporate Services Committee (ex-officio)
Councillor, B. Ainsworth, Finance and Corporate Services Committee member
Councillor, J. Brassard, Finance and Corporate Services Committee member
Councillor, A. Nuttall, Finance and Corporate Services Committee member
Councillor, B. Jackson.

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, C. Ladd
City Clerk, D. McAlpine
Director of Corporate Asset Management, B. Parkin
Director of Finance, C. Millar
Executive Assistant to the General Manager of Corporate Services, J. Taylor
General Manager of Community Operations, R. Forward
General Manager of Corporate Services, E. Archer
General Manager of Infrastructure, Development and Culture, W. McArthur
Recording Secretary, W. Sutherland.

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and reports as follows:

ONTARIO LOTTERY AND GAMING CORPORATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS

J. Pastore, Manager of Government and Municipal Relations, of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG), thanked the Committee for the opportunity to provide a presentation on the OLG Modernization Plan. He introduced J. MacFarlane, Regional Gaming Director; T. Bitonti, Senior Manager of Media Relations and P. Pellizzari, Director of Policy and Social Responsibility.

J. MacFarlane provided background information concerning the OLG's purpose and organizational structure and identified the current gaming sites in Ontario. He advised that the OLG is currently implementing a plan to modernize its lottery and gaming operations to become more customer focused, expand regulated private sector delivery of lottery and gaming and renew OLG's role in the oversight of lottery and gaming. He noted that the City of Barrie is included in the OLG's Zone C5 which includes the Town of Innisfil and the Township of Oro-Medonte and explained the proposed allowed range of slot machines and table games for the Zone.

J. Pastore provided an example of the potential revenue the host community within the C5 Zone might receive as a gaming site host. He outlined the OLG's requirements for host municipalities prior to the OLG establishing a new gaming site within a municipality. J. MacFarlane outlined the timeline in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

P. Pellizzari provided information on the OLG's position on Responsible Gaming in Ontario. He outlined the OLG's strategy to prevent and mitigate impact of problem gambling. P. Pellizzari concluded by commenting that the Responsible Gaming Plan is an important factor supporting the OLG'S Modernization Plan.

Members of Finance and Corporate Services Committee asked a number of questions regarding the presentation and received responses from the OLG representatives.

2013 BUSINESS PLAN STATUS

E. Archer, General Manager of Corporate Services, provided an overview of the 2013 Business Plan Status. He described the work completed to date on Council's 2013 budget directions and described the interest in engaging Council in discussions during the business plan process. E. Archer identified key issues impacting the 2013 Business Plan and reviewed trends related to the Corporation's sustainability, flexibility and vulnerability. He outlined new legislative and regulatory changes that are driving cost increases and described revenue levels. He noted that three meetings will be held with the Finance and Corporate Services Committee in October and November to discuss draft versions of the Capital Budget, Rate-Supported Budgets and User Fees and the Tax-Supported Operating Budget. E. Archer concluded by outlining the next steps required for completion of the Business Plan, prior to its presentation to City Council for consideration in January 2013.

Members of Finance and Corporate Services Committee asked a number of questions regarding the 2013 Business Plan and received responses from City staff.

REPORT OF THE TOWN AND GOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED AUGUST 21, 2012.

The Report of the Town and Gown Advisory Committee dated August 21, 2012 was received.

REPORT OF THE TOWN AND GOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED AUGUST 28, 2012.

The Report of the Town and Gown Advisory Committee dated August 28, 2012 was received.

REPORT OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED AUGUST 23, 2012.

The Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee dated August 23, 2012 was received.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

CHAIR