



**Town of Oakville**  
**2024 Budget Committee**  
**MINUTES**

**Date:** November 2, 2023  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chamber

Mayor and Council: Councillor O'Meara, Chair  
Mayor Burton  
Councillor Adams  
Councillor Elgar  
Councillor Haslett-Theall  
Councillor Chisholm  
Councillor Duddeck  
Councillor Gittings  
Councillor Grant  
Councillor Knoll  
Councillor Lishchyna  
Councillor McNeice  
Councillor Nanda  
Councillor Xie

Regrets: Councillor Longo

Staff: J. Clohecyc, Chief Administrative Officer  
N. Sully, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Treasurer  
C. Bell, Commissioner of Community Services  
P. Fu, Commissioner of Community Infrastructure  
J. Barry, Acting Commissioner of Community Development  
D. Carr, Town Solicitor  
J. Clarke, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Communications  
J. van der Heiden, Deputy Treasurer and Director of Finance  
D. Stancovici, Manager of Financial Planning and Policy  
A. Holland, Manager of Council and Committee Services  
J. Marcovecchio, Council and Committee Coordinator

Others: Senior Leadership Team Members

**The 2024 Budget Committee met in regular session, this 2nd day of November, 2023, in the Council Chamber of the Oakville Town Hall, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, commencing at 6:30 p.m.**

**These minutes will go forward to the Council meeting of November 20, 2023, for approval. Please view those minutes to note any changes Council may have made.**

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**1. Regrets**

As noted above.

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

Councillor Knoll declared an interest with respect to clauses 1b and c in Appendix A to Item 5.1 - 2024 Budget Committee Recommendations to the Mayor, as he is the CEO of a company that is a member of the Kerr Village BIA and funding enhancement would potentially benefit his business.

**3. Consent Items(s)**

There were no consent items.

**4. Confidential Consent Item(s)**

There were no confidential consent items.

**5. Discussion Item(s)**

**5.1 2024 Budget Committee Recommendations to the Mayor**

Moved by Councillor Adams

That the Mayor consider that the 2024 overall property tax increase not exceed 4.5% for the Mayor's 2024 operating budget.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Duddeck

That the following items be referred to the Mayor for consideration:

- a. an increase of \$110,000 (.02% increase to the overall tax levy) to the municipal grants provided by the town, with an additional \$10,000 made available to each Business Improvement Area (BIA) for their events (for a total of \$20,000 to each BIA) and \$20,000 made available to each ward without a BIA to support existing or new town run events in these wards, and that staff be requested to report back on a policy and/or procedure to administer this program and how this relates to our Special Events Strategy;
- b. an increase of \$30,000 (.005% increase to the overall tax levy) to the municipal grants provided by the town, for the three (3) Business Improvement Areas for an annual total of \$20,000 to each BIA (\$60,000 total);
- c. an increase of \$40,000 (.007% increase to the overall tax levy) to the municipal grants provided by the town, with \$10,000 made available to each ward without a Business Improvement Area to support local events and community engagement, and that staff be requested to report back on a policy and/or procedure to administer this program and how this relates to our Special Events Strategy;
- d. an increase of \$42,000 (.007% increase to the overall tax levy) to provide \$3,000 more per Councillor for the Community Outreach and Professional Development budget; and
- e. the addition of a town-wide windrow service.

CARRIED

*(Councillor Knoll having declared an interest did not vote.)*

Moved by Councillor Knoll

That the Mayor's 2024 capital budget incorporate the inclusion of a new capital project entitled "Oakville Public Library Community Newspaper Digitization" to address the need to preserve OPL-owned, at-risk, physical

newspapers through digitization with the intent of making them available to the public via an updated and user friendly local content portal at cost of \$313,500, with \$213,500 of funding provided by OPL's own Development Reserve and the remaining \$100,000 from town sources.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor McNeice

That the Mayor's 2024 capital budget incorporate the inclusion of a new capital project entitled "Bronte Market Square Placemaking" to conduct a placemaking exercise. Inclusion of this project would be for a cost of \$35,000.

CARRIED

**6. Confidential Discussion Item(s)**

There were no confidential discussion items.

**7. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.