



Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Budget Public Input Minutes

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

6:02 p.m.

Regional Council Chamber

150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario

Present were: Vice Chair H. Jowett, L. Armstrong, E. Clarke, J. Erb, T. Galloway, D. Jaworsky, K. Kiefer, G. Lorentz, J. Nowak, K. Redman, S. Shantz, and B. Vrbanovic

Members absent: S. Foxtton, M. Harris, K. McGarry and S. Strickland

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest under the “Municipal Conflict of Interest Act”

None declared.

Vice Chair H. Jowett provided opening comments noting that this is the first of two public input meetings for the 2020 Regional budget and that final budget approval will take place on January 22, 2020.

Delegations

Mike Boos, Tri-Cities Transport Action Group (TriTAG) appeared to speak regarding the Grand River Transit (GRT) 5-year Business Plan implementation. He would like the GRT Business Plan as approved by Regional Council be fully carried out in the 2020 budget to ensure a sustainable, equitable and useful transit system in the Region.

The following delegation registered after the deadline and had 5 minutes to speak.

Tim Mollison appeared to express his concern regarding reduced service hours proposed as changes to the implementation of the GRT Business Plan and the Paramedic Services Master Plan. He spoke of the need to make decisions to accommodate expected growth in the Region, and encouraged the Committee to spend

the right amount of money to provide the right amount of services, and to consider what investments will pay dividends in the future.

Call for Delegations

H. Jowett called for other delegations wishing to address the Committee; no one came forward.

Adjourn

Moved by L. Armstrong

Seconded by D. Jaworsky

That the meeting adjourn at 6:12 p.m.

Carried

Committee Vice Chair, H. Jowett

Committee Clerk, T. Plummer