The Council meets in Regular Session in the Municipal Offices this day at 4:03 p.m.


At the beginning of the meeting all Members are present except Mayor DeCicco and Councillors Winninger, Alder and Miller and Controller Monteith in the Chair.

DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

51. Deputy Mayor Gosnell discloses a pecuniary interest in Capital Project TS1344 (Fanshawe Hyde Park-Wonderland Development Related Road Widening) by indicating that he has a client involved with this project. Deputy Mayor Gosnell also discloses a pecuniary interest in Capital Project GG1716 (Major Institutional Capital Grants – Hospital) as his spouse is employed with London Health Sciences.

52. Controller Hume discloses a pecuniary interest in the City's advertising budget by indicating that he is a shareholder in a London media company.

53. Councillor White discloses a pecuniary interest in the portion of the Community Services Department Budget pertaining to the Unity project by indicating that her daughter works for this organization.

54. Councillor Bryant discloses a pecuniary interest in Capital Project GG1717 (Major Institutional Capital Grant-UWO) by indicating that her husband works for the University.

55. Councillor Baechler discloses a pecuniary interest in Capital Project ID2162 (Skyway Industrial Park Local Road Works) by indicating that she and her husband own industrial land in close proximity to this industrial park.

Councillor Winninger enters the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

The Chief Administrative Officer provides Council with a presentation on the results of the 2004 Municipal Study by BMA Management Consulting Inc.

Councillor Miller enters the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Councillor Alder enters the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Councillor Van Meerbergen moves, seconded by Councillor Chahbar that pursuant to Section 17.4 of the Council Procedure By-law leave be given for discussion and debate and the making of a substantive motion with respect to extending the Budget process to March 1, 2005 for the purpose of identifying further reductions.

The motion is put and CARRIED on a recorded vote, the Members voting as follows:

YEAS: Councillors Usher, Baechler, Eagle, Chahbar, Winninger, Alder, Caranci, Miller, White, Armstrong and Van Meerbergen. (11)

NAYS: Deputy Mayor Gosnell and Controllers Monteith, Polhill and Hume and Councillors MacDonald, Bryant and Tranquilli. (7)
Councillor Van Meerbergen moves, seconded by Councillor Chahbar that the period for consideration of the 2005 budget be extended to March 1, 2005 for the purpose of identifying further reductions.

Councillor Van Meerbergen moves, seconded by Councillor Chahbar that the motion to extend the period for consideration of the 2005 Budget be tabled. CARRIED

Mayor DeCicco enters the meeting at 4:42 p.m. and assumes the Chair. Controller Monteith takes his seat at the Council board.

COMMUNICATIONS

56. The Chair directs that the actions suggested by the City Clerk with respect to Communication No.’s 1 to 6, inclusive, as identified on the Orders of the Day and on the Added Communications as well as the added, added communication from the General Manager of Corporate Services be taken.

ADDED REPORTS

57. No Added Reports.

REPORTS

4TH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

58. Deputy Mayor Gosnell presents the 4th Report of the Committee of the Whole.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves that clauses 1 and 2 be adopted.

Councillor Miller moves, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gosnell that the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to report back at a future meeting of the Board of Control with respect to the establishment of a “Vacancy Management Committee” whose mandate would be to review the filling of all vacant positions within The Corporation of the City of London and, where applicable, its Boards and Commissions. CARRIED

Councillor Miller moves, seconded by Councillor Chahbar that further to the motion to establish a “Vacancy Management Committee”, NO VACANT POSITIONS BE FILLED within The Corporation of the City of London and, where applicable, its Boards and Commissions, until such time as the report identified above, has been dealt with by the Municipal Council.” CARRIED

Councillor Chahbar moves, seconded by Councillor Alder that clause 1 be amended by adding a part (a) to provide for a reduction to the Chief Administrative Officer’s Department Operating Budget by $29,000 through hiring delays. CARRIED

Councillor Chahbar moves, seconded by Councillor Van Meerbergen, that clause 1 be amended by adding a part (b) to provide for a reduction to the Fire Services Division of the Chief Administrative Officer’s Department Operating Budget by $100,000.

Pursuant to Section 11.6 of the Council Procedure By-law, the motion moved by Councillor Chahbar and seconded by Councillor Van Meerbergen is, at the joint request of the mover and seconder and with the consent of Council, withdrawn.

Councillor Alder moves, seconded by Councillor Miller that clause 1 be amended by adding a part (b) to provide for a reduction of $179,000 to the Fire Services Division of the Chief Administrative Officer’s Department Operating Budget.

Councillor Eagle moves, seconded by Councillor Miller that the motion to amend clause 1 by adding a part (b), be amended to provide for a reduction of $198,000 in the Fire Services Division of the Chief Administrative Officer’s Department Operating Budget through a reduction in salaries due to
unanticipated retirements and lower anticipated workers' compensation claims in 2005. CARRIED

Councillor Van Meerbergen moves, seconded by Councillor Miller that clause 1 be further amended by reducing the Corporate Communications Division Operating Budget by $200,000. LOST

Councillor Alder moves, seconded by Councillor Miller that clause 1 be further amended by reducing the Corporate Communications Division Operating Budget by $50,000.

Pursuant to Section 11.6 of the Council Procedure By-law, the motion moved by Councillor Alder and seconded by Councillor Miller is, at the joint request of the mover and seconder and with the consent of the Council, withdrawn.

Councillor Miller moves, seconded by Councillor Alder that clause 1 be further amended by reducing the Corporate Communications Division Operating Budget by eliminating the position of Communications Specialist. LOST

The motion to adopt clause 1, as amended, and clause 2 is put and CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves that clauses 3 and 4 be adopted.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Councillor Miller that clause 3(k) be amended to provide for a further reduction of $45,000 to the Community Services Department Operating Budget.

Controller Monteith moves, seconded by Councillor Van Meerbergen that the motion to amend clause 3 to provide for a further reduction of $45,000 be further amended by reducing the Community Services Department Operating Budget by an additional reduction of $115,000 to the funding for the Fanshawe Pioneer Village Operating Grant. LOST

Pursuant to Section 17.2 of the Council Procedure By-law, Councillor Eagle calls for a separate vote on the three parts of the motion to amend Clause 3 (k) to provide for a further budget further reduction of $45,000.

The motion to adopt the portion of the amendment regarding a $25,000 reduction in the funding for the Fanshawe Pioneer Village Operating Grant is put and CARRIED.

The motion to adopt the portion of the amendment regarding a $3,000 reduction in the Community Services Innovation Fund is put and CARRIED.

The motion to adopt the portion of the amendment regarding a $17,000 reduction in the Aquatics Section budget for cancellation of summer Sunday recreation swims at the Canada Games Aquatic Centre and South London pools is put and CARRIED.

Pursuant to Section 17.2 of the Council Procedure By-law, Councillor Eagle calls for a separate vote on the five remaining parts of clause 3(k).

The motion to adopt the portion of clause 3 (k) regarding a $50,000 reduction in the funding for the Fanshawe Pioneer Village Operating Grant is put and CARRIED.

The motion to adopt the portion of clause 3 (k) regarding a $46,000 reduction in the funding for Community Agencies Core Funding is put and CARRIED.

The motion to adopt the portion of clause 3 (k) regarding a $35,000 reduction in The Heat and Warmth Program (THAW) is put and CARRIED.

The motion to adopt the portion of clause 3 (k) regarding a $17,000 reduction in the Community Arts Investment Program, Category 1 and 2 is put and CARRIED.

The motion to adopt the portion of clause 3 (k) regarding an $85,000 reduction in the Long Term Care Service Level Adjustment is put and CARRIED.
The motion to adopt the portion of clause 3 (k) regarding a $17,000 reduction in the Community Services Innovation Fund is put and CARRIED.

The motion to adopt clause 3, as amended, is put and CARRIED.

The motion to adopt clause 4 is put and CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves that clauses 5 and 6 be adopted.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Councillor White, that clause 5 (g) be amended to provide for a further reduction of $275,000 to the Environmental and Engineering Services Department Operating Budget; it being noted that with regard to the $50,000 reduction of services for parks, sports fields and recreation parking lots, particular care should be given to the maintenance of cenotaphs within City parks.

Councillor Eagle moves, seconded by Councillor Bryant that Council recess. CARRIED

The Council recesses at 6:47 p.m. and reconvenes at 7:35 p.m. with Mayor DeCicco in the Chair and with all Members present except Councillor Alder.

Pursuant to Section 17.2 of the Council Procedure By-law, a separate vote is called for on each of the three new parking initiatives in the amendment to Clause 5 (g) to provide for a further reduction of $275,000 to the Environmental and Engineering Services Department Operating Budget.

The motion to adopt the portion of the amendment regarding a $100,000 increase in Waste Diversion Ontario Funding, $50,000 reduction of services for parks, sports fields and recreation parking lots, it being noted that particular care should be given to the maintenance of cenotaphs in City parks, $25,000 for an increase in the charge for lane rental (road occupancy) and $25,000 for an increase in the savings from Alternative Service Delivery is put and CARRIED.

The motion to adopt the portion of the amendment regarding an increase of revenue of $40,000 for evening parking is put and LOST on a recorded vote, the Members voting as follows:

YEAS: Deputy Mayor Gosnell, Controllers Monteith and Polhill and Councillors Usher, MacDonald, Chahbar, Winninger, Bryant and Armstrong. (9)

NAYS: Mayor DeCicco, Controller Hume and Councillors Baechler, Eagle, Caranci, Miller, White, Van Meerbergen and Tranquilli. (9)

The motion to adopt the portion of the amendment regarding an increase in revenue of $20,000 from the installation of new parking meters in Wortley Village is put and LOST on a recorded vote, the Members voting as follows:

YEAS: Controllers Monteith and Polhill and Councillors Chahbar, Bryant, Armstrong and Tranquilli. (6)

NAYS: Mayor DeCicco, Deputy Mayor Gosnell, Controller Hume and Councillors Usher, MacDonald, Baechler, Eagle, Winninger, Caranci, Miller, White and Van Meerbergen. (12)

The motion to adopt the portion of the amendment regarding an increase in revenue of $15,000 for the introduction a $2.00 flat rate charge for parking at Storybook Gardens is put and CARRIED on a recorded vote, the Members voting as follows:

YEAS: Mayor DeCicco, Deputy Mayor Gosnell, Controllers Monteith, Polhill and Hume and Councillors Chahbar, Winninger, Caranci, Miller, White, Armstrong, Van Meerbergen and Tranquilli. (13)

NAYS: Councillors Usher, MacDonald, Baechler, Eagle and Bryant. (5)

Councillor Miller moves, seconded by Councillor Caranci, that clause 5 be further amended to provide that all revenue from the introduction of a $2.00 flat charge for parking at Storybook Gardens be allocated to the Engineering and
Environmental Services Department Budget resulting in additional revenue of $15,000 for a total revenue increase of $30,000. The motion to adopt the amendment is put and CARRIED on a recorded vote, with the Members voting as follows:

YEAS: Mayor DeCicco, Deputy Mayor Gosnell and Controllers Monteith, Polhill and Hume and Councillors Chahbar, Winninger, Caranci, Miller, White, Armstrong, Van Meerbergen and Tranquilli. (13)

NAYS: Councillors MacDonald, Baechler, Eagle and Bryant. (4)

Controller Hume moves, seconded by Councillor Miller, that the motion be further amended to add "it being noted that the Civic Administration will review the flat rate charge for parking at Storybook Gardens after one year". CARRIED

Pursuant to Section 17.2 of the Council Procedure By-law a separate vote is called for on clause 5 (f).

The motion to adopt clauses 5 (a) to (e) is put and CARRIED.

The motion to adopt clause 5 (f) is put and CARRIED.

The motion to adopt clause 5 (g), as amended, is put and CARRIED.

Councillor Alder moves, seconded by Controller Polhill that clause 6 be amended to provide for a $500,000 reduction to Capital Project TS 1488 (Oxford Street Widening) by deleting the replacement of the noise barrier wall along a portion of Oxford Street.

The motion to adopt the amendment to clause 6 is put and CARRIED on a recorded vote, the Members voting as follows:

YEAS: Mayor DeCicco, Deputy Mayor Gosnell, Controllers Monteith, Polhill and Hume and Councillors MacDonald, Baechler, Eagle, Winninger, Caranci, Miller, White, Armstrong, Van Meerbergen and Tranquilli. (15)

NAYS: Councillors Chahbar and Bryant. (2)

The motion to adopt clause 6, as amended, is put and CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves that clauses 7 and 8 be adopted.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Controller Monteith that clause 7 be amended by adding a part (a) to provide for a reduction of $78,000 in the Operating Budget for the Finance and Corporate Services Department through improved efficiencies from automation, improved efficiencies from staff restructuring and advancement of revenue opportunities. CARRIED

The motion to adopt clause 7, as amended, and clause 8 is put and CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves that clause 9 be adopted.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Controller Monteith that clause 9 be amended by adding a part (a) to provide for a reduction of $8,000 in the Operating Budget for Local Government.

Councillor Baechler moves, seconded by Councillor Miller that the motion by Deputy Mayor Gosnell be amended to provide that the $8,000 reduction in the Local Government Operating Budget be obtained from discretionary accounts within the Elected Officials Budget.

The motion to adopt the amendment to provide that the $8,000 reduction in the Local Government Operating Budget be obtained from discretionary accounts within the Elected Officials Budget is put and LOST on a recorded vote, the Members voting as follows:
YEAS: Councillors Baechler, Eagle, Winninger, Bryant, White and Armstrong. (6)

NAYS: Mayor DeCicco, Deputy Mayor Gosnell and Controllers Monteith, Polhill and Hume and Councillors Usher, MacDonald, Chahbar, Caranci, Miller, Van Meerbergen and Tranquilli. (12)

The motion to adopt the amendment to provide for a reduction of $8,000 in the Operating Budget for Local Government is put and CARRIED.

The motion to adopt clause 9, as amended, is put and CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves that clauses 10 and 11 be adopted.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Councillor Caranci that clause 10 be amended by adding a part (e) to provide for a further reduction of $50,000 to the Operating Budget of the Planning and Development Department through the elimination of the Heritage Property Tax Incentive Pilot Program. CARRIED

The motion to adopt clause 10, as amended, and clause 11 is put and CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves that clauses 12 to 16 be adopted.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Councillor Chahbar that clause 12 be amended by adding a part (e) to clause 12 to provide for a further generic reduction of $1,000 to the 2005 Operating Budget Appropriation for the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority and by adding a part (e) to Clause 15 to provide for a further generic reduction of $7,000 to the 2005 Operating Budget Appropriation for the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority.

Councillor Armstrong moves, seconded by Councillor Winninger, that the motion to amend clause 12 be further amended to provide for the addition of $10,000 to the 2005 Operating Budget Appropriation for the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority. LOST

The motion to amend clauses 12 and 15 is put and CARRIED.

The motion to adopt clause 12, as amended, clauses 13 and 14, clause 15, as amended, and clause 16 is put and CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves that clauses 17 to 20 be adopted.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Councillor Chahbar, that clause 19 be amended by adding a part (a) to provide for a reduction of $3,000 to the Operating Budget for the London Convention Centre through a reduction resulting from a re-calculation of 2005 OMERS premiums. CARRIED

The motion to adopt clauses 17, 18, 19, as amended, and clause 20 is put and CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves that clauses 21 and 22 be adopted. CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves that clauses 23 and 24 be adopted.

Councillor Alder enters the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Controller Monteith moves, seconded by Councillor Tranquilli that Clause 23 (a) be amended to provide for a further reduction of $278,000 to the Operating Budget for London Police Services for a total reduction of $462,000.

Councillor Chahbar moves, seconded by Councillor Tranquilli, that the amendment to Clause 23 (a) be further amended to provide for a further reduction of $100,000 to the Operating Budget for London Police Services, for a total reduction of $284,000. The motion to adopt this amendment is put and CARRIED on a recorded vote, with the Members voting as follows:

YEAS: Deputy Mayor Gosnell, Controllers Monteith, Polhill and Hume and Councillors Usher, MacDonald, Baechler, Eagle, Chahbar, Winninger,
Bryant, Alder, Caranci, Miller, White, Armstrong, Van Meerbergen and Tranquilli. (18)

NAYS: Mayor DeCicco. (1)

The motion to adopt clause 23, as amended, and clause 24 is put and CARRIED.

Councillor Miller moves, seconded by Councillor Armstrong that London Police Services be requested to meet with the Civic Administration to discuss how London Police Services can place greater focus on “police work” versus “by-law enforcement”. CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves that clauses 25 and 26 be adopted.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Councillor MacDonald, that clause 25 be amended by adding a part (b) to provide for a further generic reduction of $61,000 to the Operating Budget Appropriation for the London Public Library.

Councillor Tranquilli moves, seconded by Councillor Miller that the amendment to clause 25 be further amended to provide for a further generic reduction of $34,000 to the Operating Budget Appropriation for the London Public Library.

The motion to adopt the amendment to clause 25 to provide for a further generic reduction of $34,000 is put and CARRIED on a recorded vote, the Members voting as follows:

YEAS: Mayor DeCicco, Deputy Mayor Gosnell, Controllers Monteith and Polhill and Councillors Usher, MacDonald, Baechler, Eagle, Chahbar, Alder, Caranci, Armstrong, Van Meerbergen and Tranquilli. (14)

NAYS: Controller Hume, Councillors Winninger, Bryant, Miller and White. (5)

The motion to adopt clause 25, as amended, and clause 26 is put and CARRIED.

Councillor Tranquilli moves, seconded by Councillor Chahbar that the London Public Library be requested to submit a report on the Library's 2004 budget surplus to the Board of Control for consideration; and that the Board of Control be requested to develop a consistent approach to dealing with future Budget surpluses. CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Controller Polhill that Council recess. CARRIED

The Council recesses at 9:15 p.m. and reconvenes at 9:20 p.m. with Mayor DeCicco at the chair and all Members present.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves that clauses 27 and 28 be adopted.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Councillor Miller that clause 27 be amended by adding a clause (d) to provide for a reduction of $72,000 to the Operating Budget Appropriation for the London Transit Commission (LTC) through a drawdown from the LTC’s reserves. CARRIED

The motion to adopt clause 27, as amended, and clause 28 is put and CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves that clause 29 be adopted.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Councillor Miller, that the first paragraph in clause 29 be deleted. CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Councillor Miller, that clause 29 be amended by adding a part (b) to provide for a further reduction of $27,000 to the Operating Budget Appropriation for the Middlesex-London Health Unit.

Councillor Tranquilli moves, seconded by Controller Polhill that the motion to amend clause 29 be amended to provide for a further reduction of $263,000 to the Operating Budget Appropriation for the Middlesex-London Health Unit. The motion to adopt this amendment is put and LOST on a recorded vote, the Members voting as follows:
YEAS: Controller Polhill, Councillors Caranci, Miller, Van Meerbergen and Tranquilli. (5)

NAYS: Mayor DeCicco, Deputy Mayor Gosnell, Controllers Monteith and Hume and Councillors Usher, MacDonald, Baechler, Eagle, Chahbar, Winninger, Bryant, Alder, White and Armstrong. (14)

Pursuant to Section 11.6 of the Council Procedure By-law, the motion moved by Deputy Mayor Gosnell and seconded by Councillor Miller, is at the joint request of the mover and seconder and with the consent of the Council, withdrawn.

Councillor Chahbar moves, seconded by Councillor Caranci, that clause 29 (a) be amended to provide for a total reduction of $150,000 to the Operating Budget Appropriation for the Middlesex-London Health Unit.

Pursuant to Section 11.6 of the Council Procedure By-law, the motion moved by Councillor Chahbar and seconded by Councillor Caranci, is at the joint request of the mover and seconder and with the consent of the Council, withdrawn.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Councillor Eagle, that clause 29 be amended by deleting part (a) to provide for an Operating Budget Appropriation for the Middlesex-London Health Unit of $6,195,059; it being noted that the City has received a commitment from the Middlesex-London Health Unit that they will provide the City with a surplus of $150,000 at the end of 2005; it being further noted $150,000 will be allocated from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund to the 2005 Operating Budget with this amount to be turned over to the City by the Health Unit. CARRIED

The motion to adopt clause 29, as amended, is put and CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves that clauses 30 to 41, inclusive, be adopted.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Controller Monteith that clause 30 be amended by adding a part (a) to provide for a generic reduction of $6,000 in the Operating Budget Appropriation for Museum London and that clause 32 be amended by adding a part (b) to provide for a further reduction of $7,000 in the Operating Budget for Tourism London through a reduction in promotion and advertising activities. CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Councillor Alder, that clause 33 be amended by adding a part (i) to provide for a reduction of $650,000 in the Operating Budget for Corporate Revenue and Expenses through a drawdown of $650,000 from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund.

Councillor Tranquilli moves, seconded by Councillor Caranci that the motion to amend clause 33 be further amended to provide for a reduction of $1,000,000 in the Operating Budget for Corporate Revenue and Expenses through a drawdown of $1,000,000 from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund. LOST

The motion to amend clause 33 to provide for a drawdown of $650,000 from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund is put and CARRIED.

Councillor Usher moves, seconded by Councillor Miller that pursuant to Section 2.4 of the Council Procedure By-law, Section 11.10 of the said by-law be suspended for the purpose of permitting the meeting to proceed beyond 11:00 p.m. CARRIED

Councillor Caranci moves, seconded by Councillor Tranquilli that clause 33 be amended by adding a clause (k) to provide for a further reduction of $500,000 in the Corporate Revenue and Expenses Operating Budget through a $500,000 reduction in the contribution to the Woodlot Acquisition Reserve Fund.

Controller Monteith moves, seconded by Councillor Armstrong that the motion to amend clause 33 by adding a clause (k) be further amended to provide for a further reduction of $250,000 in the Corporate Revenue and Expenses Operating Budget through a $250,000 reduction in the contribution to the Woodlot
Acquisition Reserve Fund. The motion to adopt this amendment was put and CARRIED on a recorded vote, the Members voting as follows:

YEAS: Deputy Mayor Gosnell, Controllers Monteith and Polhill, Councillors Chahbar, Alder, Caranci, Miller, Armstrong, Van Meerbergen and Tranquilli. (10)

NAYS: Mayor DeCicco, Controller Hume, Councillors Usher, MacDonald, Baechler, Eagle, Winninger, Bryant and White. (9)

Controller Hume moves, seconded by Councillor Caranci that the $250,000 in the 2005 Capital Budget for the Woodlot Acquisition Project be split for allocation of $150,000 for Tree Planting Project PD 1230 as part of the City's 150th anniversary and $100,000 for Woodlot Acquisition Project PD 2715 and that the necessary adjustments be made in the 2005 Capital Budget for the Planning and Development Department. CARRIED

The motion to adopt clause 30, as amended, clause 31, clause 32, as amended, clause 33, as amended, and clauses 34 to 41, inclusive, is put and CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves that clauses 42 to 54, inclusive, be adopted.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Councillor Miller that clause 42 be amended by adding "and that the Stiller Centre provide the Board of Control with a further report in 2005". CARRIED

Councillor Van Meerbergen moves, seconded by Councillor Tranquilli that the remaining balance of $260,000 in the Forks of the Thames Property Acquisition Reserve Fund be transferred to reduce the Operating Budget. LOST

Councillor Van Meerbergen moves, seconded by Councillor Tranquilli that the remaining balance of $260,000 in the Forks of the Thames Property Acquisition Reserve Fund be allocated for debt reduction. CARRIED

Pursuant to section 17.2 of the Council Procedure By-law, Councillor Usher calls for a separate vote on clause 43.

The motion to adopt clause 43 is put and LOST.

The motion to adopt clause 42, as amended, and clauses 44 to 54, inclusive, is put and CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Councillor Chahbar that the Civic Administration be requested to report back at a future meeting of the Board of Control with respect to the establishment of a Committee comprised of interested Council Members whose mandate would be review the portfolio of services provided by The Corporation of the City of London.

Councillor Tranquilli moves, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gosnell that the motion be amended by adding the words "and asset maximization; it being noted that the City Clerk will canvass the Council Members to determine who has an interest in participating on the aforementioned Committee." CARRIED

The motion, as amended, is put and CARRIED.

Controller Hume moves, seconded by Councillor Eagle that the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services be requested to report to the Board of Control on ways of reducing property taxes in Ontario including some form of progressive taxes such as sales tax or income tax. CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves that clause 55 be adopted.

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Controller Hume that the first paragraph of clause 55 be amended to read as follows: "That the 2005 Tax Levy be adopted in the amount of $366,368,943; it being pointed that this tax levy represents a 6.63% increase over the 2004 tax levy after recognizing $6,745,193 of increased taxation resulting from anticipated assessment growth."
Councillor Van Meerbergen moves, seconded by Councillor Chahbar, that the motion to amend clause 55 be referred to a Budget meeting on March 1, 2005 to seek further reductions, with interim meetings, as necessary. LOST

The motion to adopt the amendment to clause 55 is put and CARRIED.

The motion to adopt clause 55, as amended, is put and CARRIED on a recorded vote, the Members voting as follows:

YEAS: Mayor DeCicco, Deputy Mayor Gosnell, Controllers Monteith, Polhill and Hume and Councillors Usher, MacDonald, Baechler, Eagle, Winninger, Bryant, Aider, Caranci, Miller, White and Armstrong. (16)

NAYS: Councillors Chahbar, Van Meerbergen and Tranquilli. (3)

The Chair directs that clauses 56 to 82, inclusive, of Section II be noted.

**BY-LAWS**

59. Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Councillor Usher that the following Bills be introduced:

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CARRIED

**First Reading:**

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Councillor Miller that Bill No.'s 79 to 81, inclusive, be read a first time. CARRIED

**Second Reading:**

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Councillor Miller that Bill No.'s 79 to 81, inclusive, be read a second time. CARRIED

**Third Reading:**

Deputy Mayor Gosnell moves, seconded by Councillor Miller that Bill No.'s 79 to 81, inclusive, be read a third time and be finally passed and enacted as by-laws of The Corporation of the City of London, namely:

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ADJOURNMENT

60. Councillor Usher moves, seconded by Councillor MacDonald that the Meeting adjourn. CARRIED

The Meeting adjourns at 11:50 p.m.

Anne Marie DeCicco, Mayor

Kevin Bain, City Clerk