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Q3 Operating, Capital, Water & Wastewater, Storm water and Investment Summary Information Report

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In accordance with the Procedure By-law, any member of Council may make a request to the Town Clerk that this Report be placed on an upcoming Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion.

Executive Summary

See below.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise on the results of the tax-supported operating, ratesupported operating (water, wastewater and storm water), and capital budgets, as well as the investment summary at the end of September 30, 2019.

Background

To provide information regarding third quarter results of 2019.

Discussion

Tax Supported Operating Budget

At the end of the third quarter of 2019, revenues were higher than budget by \$618,000, while expenditures were lower than the budget by \$5.6 million. Generally, almost all areas contributed to these variances.

Wage gapping at the end of the third quarter was \$480,000 higher than the annual budget and will favorably impact the year-end forecast.

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Prior to any year-end reserve transfers, the projected tax-supported operating surplus is \$1.3 million.

Corporate Services is forecasting to be on budget at year-end.

In Corporate Services, lower licensing fines and parking infraction revenues are responsible for the majority of the unfavorable revenue variance. On the expense side, there is considerable gapping (in excess of \$560,000) of positions which is the major factor contributing to the favorable variance.

The Development & Infrastructure Services Commission is estimating a net favorable variance of \$880,000.

In Development & Infrastructure Services, there are favorable variances in many areas. Annual program spending, as well as general consulting, contract and material costs for the maintenance of roads, parks and facilities account for approximately \$1 million of the lower expenditures to date. Utility costs and solid waste contract costs are below budget and have been adjusted in the 2020 budget for this trend. Winter control and asset management costs are also below budget and gapping is a smaller factor, with three positions vacant.

Building revenues are currently \$900,000 below budget. Any shortfall will be offset by reserve fund transfers at year-end.

Staff will be recommending the establishment of a year-end transfer to an asset management reserve and any net savings in annual program spending be transferred to that reserve. The Energy and Winter Control Reserves are already at target levels.

A year-end favorable variance of \$400,000 is forecasted in General Government.

In General Government, the favorable revenue variance is due to higher interest revenue on our bank balances, investment income from short-term GIC's purchased with our operating funds, and higher tax penalties and interest. Tax rebates and adjustments are in line with the budget at this point in the year. Some large write offs were done in October which will result in an unfavorable year-end variance of at least \$125,000.

Community Services is forecasting to be on budget at year-end.

In Community Services, higher revenues are driven primarily by Children's Programs, Lessons 14 & Under, Fitness Centre, and Corporate Sponsorships. Expenses are also somewhat higher than budget, driven by casual wages and purchase of goods associated with achieving the higher revenues. Higher program revenue combined with careful monitoring of expenditures has resulted in Community Services' improved results from budget and last year.

A year-end favorable variance of \$50,000 is projected in Property Taxes due to higher PIL revenue.

Property taxes are currently under budget by \$640,000. This shortfall will be eliminated when the Town retained portion of the PIL's from the School Boards (\$500,000) is transferred to the Town and the 2 supplementary tax runs (\$250,000) are processed. The budget for supplementary taxes was aggressive however this year the target was achieved.

Central York Fire Services

Council approved a Memorandum of Agreement which covers January 1, 2018 to December 1, 2023. The changes in the Memorandum of Agreement will be incorporated into the new collective agreement, which is currently being compiled. Salaries and benefits have been accrued at the budgeted level. Even so, wage related expenses are below budget, due to lower overtime, Workplace Safety Insurance Board reimbursements and vacant positions. The hiring of 4 additional firefighters budgeted for April 1st has been postponed to 2020.

The majority of the other expense variances are due to timing. The Wellness Program is on hold and a new provider will not be hired until 2020. More information is contained in CYFS Budget Report – Third Quarter 2019-25, which was presented to JCC on November 5th.

A year-end forecast in excess of \$1million is anticipated, pending the results of a new collective agreement. Any year-end surplus in excess of the reserve fund requirement (currently \$700,000 based on 2020 budget) will be transferred to the asset replacement funds per JCC.

Newmarket Public Library

The third quarter results were presented to the Library Board on October 16, 2019. There are no significant year-to-date variances.

No year-end forecast was available. Any unfavorable variance would be offset by a transfer from the Library Reserve. A favorable variance would be compared against target reserve levels and any excess would be returned to the Town.

Capital

Approximately \$9.9 million (19.7% of the original capital budget) was spent by the end of the third quarter on a variety of projects, including payments for 2 replacement fire trucks, IT equipment, various infrastructure projects, and vehicle replacements. The low percentage is due to a number of factors, including some project delays, slower than expected developer construction progress on parks, and the timing of payments yet to be processed. More details on Development & Infrastructure projects will be included in the Commissioner's 3rd guarter memo.

The 2019 capital projection, including amounts budgeted in prior years, totals \$26 million. If the capital projection is not met, staff will report on how this may affect the capacity to complete 2020 projects.

Water, Wastewater and Storm Water Budgets

At the end of the third quarter, revenues are lower than budget by \$550,000 and expenditures are higher by \$475,000. Discussions are taking place with York Region to attempt to receive compensation for higher flushing costs in prior years. We are also reviewing higher than expected York Region water charges.

A deficit is anticipated due to lower revenues resulting from the delay in the new water meter project and higher expenses for the cost of water used. A transfer from reserves would be required.

Storm water revenues were \$500,000 higher than budget, due to timing, and will balance out at year-end. Expenditures were \$130,000 lower than budget, resulting in a \$630,000 total favorable variance.

Storm water is forecasted to be at or near budget at year-end.

Trends

The Province has announced it will not force amalgamation of municipalities nor impose cuts on municipal councils. The Province wants to look at whether it would be a good idea to align the municipal fiscal year (calendar year) with the province (March 30th yearend). As well, they are looking to amend the Elections Act and Municipal Elections Act to combine the municipal and provincial voter lists. The Town was approved for a provincial grant of \$172,500 through the Audit and Accountability Fund to conduct a municipal service delivery and administrative process review.

We continue to monitor the potential impact of Bill 108, More Homes More Choices Act, 2019. A new Development Charges by-law came into effect on July 21st which incorporates some of the changes included in Bill 108.

Investments

Active investments:

The investment summary for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 (attached) provides details of all investments held as at this date. On September 30th 2 Principal Protected Notes (PPN's) totalling \$4 million were purchased which are subject to a variance between initial cost and market value. These investments entitle the Town to repayment of the Principal Amounts at maturity, in addition to the potential to receive variable interest at maturity. One 4-year note is based on the performance of the top 6 banks; the other 5-year note is based on the performance of 10 blue chip stocks.

The average weighted yield was 2.85% compared to a weighted average benchmark of 2.45% for the period. We earned incremental income of \$205,452, which was higher than the \$56,250 approved by Council in the 2019 budget to be transferred to the Tax Supported Operating Fund. Therefore, \$149,202 was allocated to the Reserve Funds.

At the end of the third quarter, the investment portfolio included:

\$65,529,417 (87.5%) GICs and PPNs with major banks \$9,351,994 (12.5%) in non-traditional investments \$17,953 <(0.01%) loan to an external party

Of the \$61.6 million in GICs, \$21.5 million are secondary market GICs. These are GICs bought back from clients who want to get out of their non-cashable GICs before maturity and purchased by the Town through one of our investment brokers, often with better yields than regular GICs. Interest on these GICs is reported based on their effective yield, in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards. This means the Town reports interest over the course of the GICs' term instead of recognizing it all when it matures.

\$274,575 was earned on short-term GICs held during the year. We had no short-term operating investments at the end of September.

It is the opinion of the Treasurer that all investments made were in line with the investment policies, strategies and goals adopted by the Town.

Passive investments:

In addition to the active investments noted above, CIBC has paid the Town \$836,000 in interest on our bank accounts. These funds currently earn interest at an annual rate of 2.45%.

Conclusion

See above.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

This report supports Newmarket's strategic priority of long-term financial sustainability.

Consultation

The Strategic Leadership Team has reviewed the report.

Human Resource Considerations

Not applicable.

Budget Impact

A year-end surplus will allow us to increase our reserves and provisions.

Attachments

2019 Third Quarter Operating Results2019 Third Quarter Capital Expenditures2019 Third Quarter Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Operating ResultsInvestment Summary for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2019

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Approval

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Director, Financial Services/Treasurer

Esther Armchuk, B.A. (Hons), LL.B. Commissioner of Corporate Services

Town of Newmarket 2019 Third Quarter OPERATING RESULTS

	Year-to-Date to September 30, 2019				
Departments	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE		
	\$	\$	\$		
embers of Council	·	·	,		
Revenues	_	_	_		
Expenditures	943,357	932,471	(10,886)		
Net surplus/(deficit)	(943,357)	(932,471)	(10,886)		
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Revenues	16,578	191,196	(174,618)		
Expenditures	2,677,865	2,909,696	231,831		
Net surplus/(deficit)	(2,661,286)	(2,718,500)	57,214		
porate Services	(2,001,200)	(2,1.10,000)	0.,2		
Revenues	1,394,865	1,613,254	(218,389)		
Expenditures	8,198,562	9,198,599	1,000,038		
Net surplus/(deficit)	(6,803,696)	(7,585,345)	781,649		
	(0,000,000)	(1,505,545)	701,043		
tral York Fire Services Revenues	206,569	265,919	(59,350)		
Expenditures	8,898,840	10,286,699	1,387,859		
Net surplus/(deficit)	(8,692,271)	(10,020,780)	1,328,509		
	(0,092,211)	(10,020,700)	1,320,303		
munity Services Revenues	6,900,491	5,757,363	1,143,128		
Expenditures	8,845,231	8,557,550	(287,682)		
Net surplus/(deficit)	(1,944,740)	(2,800,187)	855,446		
	(1,544,740)	(2,000,107)	055,440		
opment & Infra. Services Revenues	4,152,487	4,698,126	(545,639)		
Expenditures	23,406,350	26,891,390	3,485,040		
Net surplus/(deficit)	(19,253,862)	(22,193,264)	2,939,402		
	(13,233,002)	(22,133,204)	2,355,402		
ry Services Revenues	185,848	200,302	(14,454)		
Expenditures	2,563,146	2,640,620	77,474	-	
Net surplus/(deficit)	(2,377,299)	(2,440,318)	63,019		
	(2,311,293)	(2,440,310)	03,013		
ral Government Revenues	3,537,476	2,334,200	1,203,276		
Expenditures	1,297,191	958,893	(338,297)		
Net surplus/(deficit)	2,240,285	1,375,307	864,978		
Servicing	2,240,200	1,010,001	004,570		
Revenues	1,815,559	1,890,559	(75,000)		
Expenditures	4,917,243	4,951,525	34,282		
Net surplus/(deficit)	(3,101,684)	(3,060,966)	(40,718)		
erty Taxes	(0,101,004)	(0,000,000)	(40,7 10)		
Revenues	63,190,619	63,831,298	(640,679)		
Expenditures	-	-	-	-	
Net surplus/(deficit)	63,190,619	63,831,298	(640,679)		
ations	30,100,010	00,001,200	(040,010)		
Revenues	_	-	_		
Expenditures	(1,970,768)	(1,970,768)	(0)		
Net surplus/(deficit)	1,970,768	1,970,768	(O)		
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Revenues	81,400,492	80,782,217	618,275	-	
Expenditures	59,777,016	65,356,675	5,579,659		
Net surplus/(deficit)	21,623,475	15,425,542	6,197,933		

Town of Newmarket 2019 Third Quarter CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Commission / Department / Area					
General Government					
Forecast Revisions					
Total					
Corporate Services					
Information Technology					
Legislative Services					
Forecast Revisions					
Total					
Community Services					
Recreation & Culture Services					
Forecast Revisions					
Total					
Development & Infrastructure Services					
Planning & Building					
Roads					
Water					
Wastewater					
Storm Water					
Facilities					
Parks					
Trails					
Other					
Forecast Revisions					
Total					
<u>Library Services</u>					
Forecast Revisions					
Total					
Central York Fire Services					
Forecast Revisions					
Total					

Year-to-Date Actual (September 30, 2019) (\$)	Forecast for 2019 (\$)	% of Spending
74,669	4,593,880	1.6%
-	(4,000,000)	
74,669	593,880	12.6%
763,465	2,025,139	37.7%
-	71,295	0.0%
-	(1,000,000)	
763,465	1,096,434	69.6%
45,051	712,191	6.3%
-	-	
45,051	712,191	6.3%
571,662	914,737	62.5%
3,300,304	11,363,244	29.0%
812,587	4,929,873	16.5%
1,400	211,137	0.7%
112,868	929,000	12.1%
1,721,493	3,270,418	52.6%
279,915	7,936,081	3.5%
274,460	1,611,238	17.0%
707,206	1,997,917	35.4%
-	(11,000,000)	
7,781,895	22,163,645	35.1%
113,354	454,875	24.9%
-	-	
113,354	454,875	24.9%
1,163,667	9,389,539	12.4%
-	(8,000,000)	
1,163,667	1,389,539	83.7%

GRAND TOTAL	9,942,101	26,410,564 37.6%
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Town of Newmarket 2019 Third Quarter

Water, Wastewater & Stormwater Operating Results

	Year-	Full Year				
Area	Actual	Actual Budget		Variance		
	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	
Water Rate Group						
Revenues	14,305,849	14,776,638	(470,789)	-3.2%	18,985,783	
Expenditures	13,040,172	12,492,050	(548,122)	-4.4%	17,770,355	
Net	1,265,677	2,284,588	(1,018,911)	-80.5%	1,215,428	
Wastewater Rate Group						
Revenues	15,519,834	16,106,536	(586,702)	-3.6%	21,646,586	
Expenditures	16,734,741	16,467,916	(266,825)	-1.6%	20,281,530	
Net	(1,214,907)	(361,380)	(853,527)	236.2%	1,365,056	
Storm Water Rate Group						
Revenues	2,087,968	1,585,470	502,498	31.7%	2,069,804	
Expenditures	1,132,749	1,267,134	134,385	10.6%	1,719,855	
Net	955,219	318,336	636,883	200.1%	349,949	
Allocations						
Revenues	-	-	-	0.0%	-	
Expenditures	1,989,639	1,989,639	0	0.0%	2,652,852	
Net	(1,989,639)	(1,989,639)	0	0.0%	(2,652,852)	
Transfer To/ From Rate Stabilization Reserves	5					
Revenues	-	-	-	0.0%	-	
Expenditures	3,386	208,184	204,798	98.4%	277,579	
Net	(3,386)	(208,184)	204,798	0.0%	(277,579)	
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<u>GRAND-TOTAL</u>						
Revenues	31,913,652	32,468,644	(554,992)	-1.7%	42,702,173	
Expenditures	32,900,687	32,424,923	(475,764)	-1.5%	42,702,173	
Net	(987,035)	43,721	(1,030,756)	-2357.6%	-	

Investment Summary for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2019 Reserve Fund Investment Summary for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2019

	Principal .	Amount				January 1 to Sept 30, 2019			
Description	2019-01-01	2019-09-30	Starting Date	Term	Interest Rate	Return on Investment	Benchmark Return	Incremental Income	
Royal Bank	\$14,082,164	\$14,643,321	2017-09-21	Various	various	\$217,511	\$268,334	-\$50,823	
National Bank	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	2018-05-11	3 years	2.93%	\$219,148	\$183,247	\$35,901	
Bank of Nova Scotia	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	2018-12-10	1 year	2.85%	\$127,899	\$109,948	\$17,951	
Bank of Nova Scotia	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	2018-12-10	2 years	3.26%	\$146,298	\$109,948	\$36,350	
Bank of Nova Scotia	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	2018-12-10	3 years	3.33%	\$149,439	\$109,948	\$39,492	
Bank of Nova Scotia	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	2018-12-10	4 years	3.43%	\$153,927	\$109,948	\$43,979	
CIBC	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	2018-12-10	5 years	3.55%	\$159,312	\$109,948	\$49,364	
CIBC Principal Protected Note		\$2,000,000	2019-09-30	4 years			\$134	-\$134	
CIBC Principal Protected Note		\$2,000,000	2019-09-30	5 years			\$134	-\$134	
Royal Bank	\$0	\$3,437,665	2019-04-29	441 days	2.92%	\$42,627	\$35,766	\$6,861	
ВМО	\$0	\$3,448,431	2019-04-29	406 days	2.92%	\$42,761	\$35,878	\$6,883	
Loan - Newmarket Soccer Club Development Charges and Planning Fees	\$24,686	\$17,953	2011-09-30	10 years	4.00%	\$587	\$360	\$227	
Internal Loan -Solar Panels (2013, Various Facilities)	\$210,511	\$202,021	2013-12-01	20 years	3.00%	\$4,652	\$3,799	\$853	
Internal Loan - RJT Solar Panels (2014)	\$540,714	\$520,736	2015-01-01	20 years	3.00%	\$11,967	\$9,773	\$2,194	
Internal Loan - Magna Solar Panels (2015)	\$1,312,514	\$1,266,408	2016-01-01	20 years	2.70%	\$26,165	\$23,742	\$2,423	
Internal Loan - Honeywell Streetlights Retrofit Project	\$7,611,715	\$7,362,829	2013-12-10	20 years	2.70%	\$151,906	\$137,841	\$14,065	
Sub-Total Sub-Total	\$63,782,304	\$74,899,365				\$1,454,199	\$1,248,747	\$205,452	
Incremental investment income included in 2019 Operating Budget, transferred to the Tax-Supported Operating Fund in 2019 per the Investment Strategy					Supported	\$56,250			
		Incremental investment income allocated to reserve funds in 2019 per the Investment Strategy				\$149,202			

Operating Investment Summary for the Nine Months Ended Sept 30, 2019

funds in 2019 per the Investment Strategy

Description	Principal	Amount			January 1 to September 30, 2019			19
	2019-01-01	2019-09-30	Starting Date	arting Date Term		Return on Investment	Benchmark Return	Incremental Income
Van City Credit Union	\$20,000,000		2018-10-10	90 days	2.50%	\$10,959	n/a	n/a
CIBC	0	\$ -	2019-01-11	180 days	2.83%	\$263,616	n/a	n/a
Sub-Total	\$20,000,000	\$0				\$274,575		