



MAYORAL DECISION
No. 2024-24

Use of Veto Powers – Amendments to 2025 Mayor’s Budget

In accordance with Part VI.1 (Special Powers and Duties of Head of Council) of the Municipal Act, 2001, subsections 284.16(4) power to veto a resolution passed under subsection 284.16(3);

The Mayor hereby directs the following:

1. THAT the Mayor’s veto power under subsection 284.16(4) of the Municipal Act, 2001, be used to veto the following amendment that was adopted by Council at its Council Meeting on November 27th, 2024:
 - Amendment 006 – THAT the operating budget be amended to provide for a contribution in the amount of \$100,000 to help Cambridge Memorial Hospital purchase new and replacement equipment to meet the demands of a growing patient care population; AND FURTHER THAT the contribution be funded from the Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund.
2. AND THAT in the years following COVID, the quantity of outstanding tax accounts have risen 30%, the cumulative tax arrears have risen 61% and the cumulative past due taxes have risen 56% with a YTD amount owing in past due taxes of \$39,718,015.75;
3. AND THAT being the Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund exists to offset extraordinary one-time pressures or phase-in significant impacts affecting the general levy and not to be considered a long-term sustainable funding source for general operations;
4. AND THAT, in the opinion of the Mayor, the amendment be vetoed as the funding request will be used towards general hospital operating expenses, including, but not limited to, bandages, replacements beds, mattresses, and other sundries that are costs covered by publicly funded services as authorized by the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care;
5. AND THAT I, Jan Liggett, Mayor of the City of Cambridge hereby decide to not exercise the power to veto the following budget amendments passed at the Council Meeting of November 27th, 2024, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 530/22 subsection 7(9) of the Municipal Act, 2001:

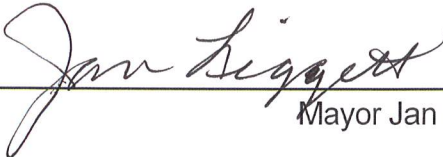
**The Corporation of the City of
Cambridge**

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- Amendment 001 – Accessible Ball Diamond
- Amendment 002 – Greengate Park Basketball Court
- Amendment 003 – Compass Trail Park Basketball Pad
- Amendment 004 – Study Park Playground Replacement
- Amendment 005 – Recreational Amenities in the Lena Crescent Neighbourhood
- Amendment 007 – Lower Main Street Permanent Road Closure

6. AND FURTHER THAT this Mayoral Decision provides written notice under subsection 284.16(4) of the Municipal Act, 2001, and subsection 7(7) of Ontario Regulation 530/22 to shorten the 10-day period to veto an amendment resolution passed by City Council to the proposed budget, to the date of this Mayoral Decision.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 2024



Mayor Jan Liggett