



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION #4

OPERATING BUDGET MEETING

Electronic Meeting
February 24, 2022
3:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of Council was held Thursday, February 24, 2022, electronically at 3:00 p.m. with the following people present:

S. Arnold	Mayor
S. Miller	Deputy Mayor
R. Atkins	Councillor
P. Brown	Councillor
J. De Gurse	Councillor
T. Kingston	Councillor
B. Myers	Councillor

Staff:

J. Rodey	CAO
J. Baranek	Clerk
G. Lozon	Treasurer
E. Hicks	Deputy Treasurer
B. Black	Director of Public Works
R. Boyes	Director of Emergency Services
K. Lindsay	Director of Community Services
C. Westbrook	Coord. of Operations (Water)
D. Neely	Coord. of Operations (Roads)
P. DaSilva	Coord. of Engineering

AGENDA:

1. Opening Remarks

John Rodey, CAO
George Lozon, Treasurer

2. Operating Budget

- a) FIRE DEPARTMENT
- b) COMMUNITY SERVICES
- c) PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND SANITARY
- d) ADMINISTRATION
- e) CAPITAL, DONATIONS REVIEW, RESERVES

3. Conclusion / New Business

4. **Adjournment**

Mayor Arnold called the meeting to Order at 5:00 p.m.

1. **OPENING REMARKS**

Mayor Arnold began the meeting by congratulating Councillor Brown for being elected as the Vice Chair of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority.

The budget for 2022 is impacted by many factors including the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, and the inflated pricing for hydro and gas in Ontario. The proposed budget is up \$385,000 from 2021, which includes the 16% increase in insurance premiums for the year.

2. **OPERATING BUDGET**

Fire Department

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by J. De Gurse

Motion 1 Be it resolved that the Fire Department Operating Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Community Services Department

Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by R. Atkins

Motion 2 Be it resolved that Community Services Department Operating Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Public Works Department

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion 3 Be it resolved that the Public Works Operating Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Administration Department

Moved by R. Atkins

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion 4 Be it resolved that \$25,000 be taken from the Deferred Revenue Consultants Fund and put in a reserve to be used for a Strategic Plan in 2023.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion 5 Be it resolved that staff produce a report to calculate the cost savings for keeping the Beacon online only when compared to reintroducing the printed copy.

CARRIED

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion 6 Be it resolved that the Administration Department Operating Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Capital, Donations Review, Reserves

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by

Motion 7 Be it resolved that the membership for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Initiatives not be renewed for 2022.

MOTION LOST – NO SECONDER

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion 8 Be it resolved that staff be directed to produce a draft policy for consideration that would provide guidelines for Council monetary contributions for local events and groups.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by J. De Gurse

Motion 9 Be it resolved that the Donations and Reserves be approved as presented and amended.

CARRIED

3. CONCLUSION / NEW BUSINESS

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion 10 Be it resolved that \$200,000 be moved from the Year End Surplus reserve and be absorbed into the 2022 Operating Budget.

CARRIED

Moved by J. De Gurse

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion 11 Be it resolved that the updated 2021 Operating Budget be preliminarily approved subject to the motions contained herein and that a final report be brought back for consideration at a subsequent meeting.

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

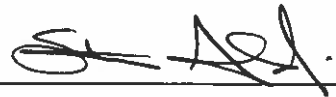
Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion 12 Be it resolved that the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Mayor - Steve Arnold



Clerk - Jeff Baranek

