



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR

COUNCIL MINUTES

OPERATING BUDGET MEETING

Council Chambers
March 6, 2024
5:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of Council was held Thursday, March 6, 2025, in the Council Chamber at 5:00 p.m. with the following people present:

J. Agar	Mayor
S. Miller	Deputy Mayor
P. Brown	Councillor
H. Foster	Councillor
C. Langis	Councillor
B. Langstaff	Councillor
B. Myers	Councillor

Staff:

J. Rodey	CAO
J. Baranek	Clerk
G. Lozon	Treasurer
E. Hicks	Deputy Treasurer
T. Weeke	Ex. Administration
R. Boyes	Director of Emergency Services
K. Brydges	Deputy Fire Chief
C. McClemens	Coord. of Planning
C. Westbrook	Coord. of Operations (Water)
D. Neely	Coord. of Operations (Roads)
A. Malpass	Coord. of Engineering
K. Lindsay	Director of Community Services
S. Knight	Coord. of Facilities
M. Rottier	Program Director

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. **In-Camera**

3.1 Section 239(2)(d) – to discuss labour relations

3.2 Section 239(2)(a) – to discuss a potential disposition of a Township parcel

3.3 Section 239(2)(d) – to discuss a potential new management position

4. **Adjournment**

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

1. **OPENING REMARKS**

As presented, the Operating Budget would see an increase of \$607,972 from the 2024 budget in net expenditures. The impact would be an increase of 3.5% on the average single detached residential dwelling within the Township which would represent an increase of \$67.15 on the municipal tax portion of resident's bills (using the average assessment of \$224,063).

2. **OPERATING BUDGET**

(A) Fire Department

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by C. Langis

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

CARRIED

(B) Community Services

Moved by B. Langstaff

Seconded by H. Foster

Motion 2 Be it resolved that staff be directed to produce a report identifying and comparing staff usage at each of the three trailer parks within the Township.

CARRIED

Moved by B. Langstaff

Seconded by B. Myers

Motion 3 Be it resolved that the 2025 Community Services Department Budget be approved as proposed.

CARRIED

(C) Public Works

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by B. Langstaff

Motion 4 Be it resolved that staff produce a report on the average cost for the Township to install a storm lateral compared to the current fee charged for the connection.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion 5 Be it resolved that the 2025 Public Works Operating Budget be approved as proposed.

CARRIED

(D) Administration

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by H. Foster

Motion 6 Be it resolved that the 2025 Administration Operating Budget be approved as proposed.

CARRIED

(E) Donations

Moved by H. Foster

Seconded by B. Langstaff

Motion 7 Be it resolved that a donation in the amount of \$700 be approved for the 1st Corunna Cub Scout troop.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by H. Foster

Motion 8 Be it resolved that the donation requests submitted by *Blue Coast Primary Care Recruitment and Retention* and the *Bluewater Anglers* be denied.

CARRIED

Moved by H. Foster

Seconded by B. Myers

Motion 9 Be it resolved that the donation request submitted by the Corunna Minor Athletic Association for the purchase of batting cages be reduced by 50% to \$5000, and that value be approved.

CARRIED

Moved by C. Langis

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion 10 Be it resolved that a donation of \$2500 be granted to the Moore Skating Club to be used towards the production of their year-end ice show.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by H. Foster

Motion 11 Be it resolved that the following donation requests be denied:

Mooretown Campground Activity Committee	\$10,000
Mooretown Minor Hockey Association (scoreboards)	\$50,000
Optimist Club of Moore	\$10,000

CARRIED

Moved by B. Langstaff

Seconded by B. Myers

Motion 12 Be it resolved that the donation request submitted by the St. Clair River Run be denied, but that the event be afforded a \$5000 re-payable line of credit to operate the 2025 event.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion 13 Be it resolved that a donation in the amount of \$500 be issued to Pathways Health Centre for Children (their ask was \$2000).

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion 14 Be it resolved that the balance of donations requested and shown by Exhibit D be approved, with the exceptions identified by Motions 7-13.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

CARRIED

Seconded by C. Langis

CARRIED

3.

Seconded by B. Myers

Section 239(2)(d) to discuss labour relations

Section 239(2)(a) to discuss a potential disposition of a Township parcel

Section 239(2)(d) to discuss a potential new management position

CARRIED

RISE AND REPORT

Seconded by C. Langis

[Mayor Agar requested a Recorded Vote]

Councillor Brown	Aye
Councillor Foster	Aye
Councillor Langis	Aye
Councillor Langstaff	Aye
Councillor Myers	Aye
Deputy Mayor Miller	Nay
Mayor Agar	Nay

CARRIED

Seconded by C. Langis

Coordinator of Facilities

Assistant to Special Events

Assistant to Golf

Chef

Food Services Lead Hand

Assistant Golf Course Superintendent

[Mayor Agar requested a Recorded Vote]

Councillor Brown	Nay
Councillor Foster	Aye
Councillor Langis	Aye
Councillor Langstaff	Nay
Councillor Myers	Aye
Deputy Mayor Miller	Aye
Mayor Agar	Aye

CARRIED

Seconded by C. Langis

Motion 20 Be it resolved that two full time public works operators be approved to replace the two part time positions and one new full time project manager be approved for the public works department.

CARRIED

Moved by B. Langstaff

Seconded by H. Foster

Motion 21 Be it resolved that the \$102,289 reserved for the proposed new Fire Department position, be reallocated to refund the Year End Surplus reserve.

CARRIED

Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion 22 Be it resolved that the Operating and Capital Budgets be approved subject to the amending motions passed during the Operating Budget meeting (held March 6, 2025) and the Capital Budget meeting (held November 28, 2024).

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by C. Langis

Motion 23 Be it resolved that the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Mayor Jeff Agar



Clerk Jeff Baranek

