



MINUTES
Special Meeting of Council

February 19, 2019
9:00am
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee
Councillor Craigmile
Councillor Edney
Councillor Luna
Councillor Hainer
Councillor Pridham
Councillor Winter

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk
Grant Brouwer, Director of Building and Development
Jim Brown, Director of Finance / Treasurer
Matthew Corbett, Library CEO
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services
Kelly Deeks-Johnson, Economic Development Manager
Matthew Brown, Corporate Communications and Event Manager
Mike Kuttschutter, IT Network Administrator
Jenna McCartney, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Hainer declared a conflict of interest to agenda item 7.2 - Corporate Services with respect to the Museum budget.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution 2019-02-19-01

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the February 19, 2019 special meeting of Council agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Minister of Finance re: 2019 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund

Resolution 2019-02-19-02

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the correspondence from the Minister of Finance regarding 2019 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund be received.

CARRIED

5.2 Randy Pettapiece MPP re: 2019 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund

Resolution 2019-02-19-03

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the correspondence from Randy Pettapiece, MPP regarding the 2019 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund be received.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority re: 2019 Budget

Ian Wilcox of Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) introduced Tony Jackson as the Town of St. Marys' representative for the UTRCA Board of Directors.

Mr. Wilcox spoke to the UTRCAs 2019 draft budget and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-02-19-04

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority 2019 Draft Budget Presentation be received.

CARRIED

7. 2019 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW

7.1 Library

Matthew Corbett, Library CEO and Cole Atlin, Library Board Chair spoke to the Library draft 2019 operating budget, and responded to questions from Council.

Council took a brief recess at 10:44am.

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 10:54am.

7.2 Corporate Services

Brent Kittmer provided an overview of today's agenda.

Trisha McKibbin spoke to the 2019 draft operating budget for Corporate Services and responded to questions from Council.

At the point in which Ms. McKibbin spoke to the Museum budget, Councillor Hainer left the Council table having declared a conflict of interest related to this matter.

Councillor Hainer returned to her seat at the Council table upon conclusion of the Museum budget deliberation.

7.3 Public Works

Jed Kelly spoke to the 2019 draft operating budget for Public Works and responded to questions from Council.

Council took a brief recess at 12:11pm.

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 12:40pm.

Jed Kelly resumed deliberations of the 2019 draft operating budget for Public Works, specifically focusing on the solid waste operating budget.

7.4 Water and Wastewater

Jed Kelly spoke to the 2019 draft operating budget regarding water and wastewater and responded to questions from Council.

7.5 Facilities and Development

Grant Brouwer spoke to 2019 draft operating budget for facilities and development and responded to questions from Council.

8. RECAP - 2019 DRAFT OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

8.1 CAO 18-2019 2019 Budget Recap and Next Steps

Brent Kittmer spoke to CAO 18-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Council reviewed the proposed tax levy increase. Councillor Edney asked for Councillor Winter to speak to the purpose of summer students at the Museum.

Mayor Strathdee ruled the request out of order as Councillor Winter is no longer the council representative with the Museum Board for this term of Council.

Resolution 2019-02-19-05

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT Council direct staff to target a 2.5% increase for the 2019 year.

CARRIED

Resolution 2019-02-19-06

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT CAO 18-2019 2019 Budget Recap and Next Steps be received for discussion and direction to staff;

THAT Council provides pre-budget approval for Capital Project #28 – Stump Grinder Attachment for Trackless;

THAT Council provides pre-budget approval for Capital Project #31 – T-60 2001 Dump Truck – 1 tonne w/Plow;

THAT Council provides pre-budget approval for Capital Project #32 – St. George Street N Reconstruction; and

THAT Council provides pre-budget approval for Capital Project #7 - Ladder Truck Replacement.

CARRIED

Resolution 2019-02-19-07

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT Council suggest the Library Board review their 2019 draft operating budget for budget reductions and efficiencies, and to work with other Town departments to achieve the 2.5% corporate budget goal.

CARRIED

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mayor Strathdee reviewed the upcoming meetings as presented on the agenda.

10. BY-LAWS

Resolution 2019-02-19-08

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT By-Law 25, 2019, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the February 19, 2019 special meeting of Council, be read a first, second and third time; and be finally passed and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2019-02-19-09

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT this special meeting of Council adjourn at 2:05pm.

CARRIED

Al Strathdee, Mayor

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk