



Minutes of the Town of Erin Special Council Meeting

February 16, 2016

5:00 PM

Municipal Council Chamber

PRESENT:

Allan Alls	Mayor
John Brennan	Councillor
Matt Sammut	Councillor
Rob Smith	Councillor
Jeff Duncan	Councillor

STAFF PRESENT:

Kathryn Ironmonger	CAO/Town Manager
Dina Lundy	Clerk
Sharon Marshall	Director of Finance
Larry Wheeler	Financial Analyst
Graham Smith	Facility Manager
Joe Babin	Interim Water Superintendent
Robyn Mulder	Economic Development Officer
Carol House	Chief Building Official
Dave Knight	Interim Road Superintendent

1. Call to Order

Mayor Alls called the meeting to order.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Topics for Discussion

3.1 Director of Finance - 2016 Budget Presentation

The Director of Finance and Financial Analyst went through the presentation of the budget, including:

- Total budget expenditures
- Net tax dollars
- Blended tax dollar impact
- Review of previous Council decisions and challenges and opportunities
- 2016 reserves and reserve funds, and development charges, and the 5 year balance history
- Departmental initiatives for 2016

3.2 Public Input on 2016 Budget

Roy Val

- Administration - IT position - did the operational review say this was a temporary position?
- Manager of Operations - Is in the budget, but this is month 2 and there should be savings realized as the position has not been filled
- Recreation - Why is there an increase when it is being amalgamated?
- \$2,400 for Cemetery grass cutting?
- Insurance RFP - does not make sense, can it be done in house?
- Debt - if it was decided not to borrow the \$1.5 million, what would it cost the taxpayer?
- CVC - We have to pay - Why? There are properties that are exempt from taxes. Also cannot find where this is located in the budget.
- Planning - Is there going to be a strategic session on growth? Where are the costs for County staff in the budget?
- Expenditures - \$385,160 is the highest expenditure. Does this include severance payments? Is overtime tracked and reported?

Anna Spiteri

- Would like Council to consider a videotaping system in the current budget.
- Would like Council to consider a full time By-law Enforcement Officer in the current budget.

Pauline Follett

- Reserve Funds - Concerned that there is not enough to cover debt
- The Hillsburgh well could take 1 million to bring online as well as the Belerin well
- Water rates have been reduced this year and with debt in the water department, what will rates be?
- Tennis Club - We spent on resurfacing that will not last. The tennis club should increase their rates to address this.
- Station Road Bridge - scheduled for 2017 - another 2.5 million in debt. What is the carrying cost for this

Nyola Holliday

- When will answers be given and by who?
- Do we have 63 Firefighters now? If we are hiring more is the number going up or do we have a set number?

3.3 Direction to Treasurer regarding 2016 Budget

Council discussed responding to questions during the public input session, and agreed that a response will be provided on the Town website.

Resolution # 16-042 (verbal)

Moved By Councillor Duncan

Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that Council directs staff to prepare the 2016 Budget By-law as presented, to be considered at the March 1, 2016 meeting.

Carried

4. **Adjournment**

Resolution # 16-043 (verbal)

Moved By Councillor Brennan

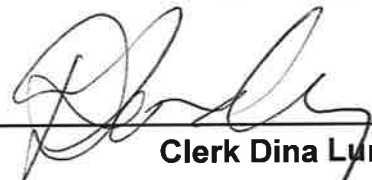
Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:23pm.

Carried



Mayor Allan Alls



Clerk Dina Lundy