



Minutes of the Town of Erin Special Council Meeting

November 23, 2016

6:30 PM

Municipal Council Chamber

PRESENT:

Allan Aills

John Brennan

Matt Sammut

Rob Smith

Jeff Duncan

Mayor

Councillor

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STAFF PRESENT:

Derek McCaughan

Dina Lundy

Ursula D'Angelo

Larry Wheeler

Greg Delfosse

Robyn Mulder

Graham Smith

Joe Babin

Interim CAO

Clerk

Director of Finance

Financial Analyst

Roads Superintendent

Economic Development Officer

Facility Manager

Water Superintendent

1. Call to Order

Mayor Aills called the meeting to order.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Duncan declared a pecuniary interest on any budget items regarding the Station Road Bridge and Dam project due to the close proximity of his principle residence.

3. Draft 2017 Budget Presentation - to be circulated at the meeting

The Director of Finance began by outlining the agenda for the meeting. The first part of the presentation included the budget process, financial data and comparisons, and a summary of changes from the October 26th budget meeting.

4. Draft 2017 Budget Report Updated as of November 23, 2017

Resolution # 16-456

Moved By Councillor Brennan

Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that Council receive the staff report Draft 2017 Budget Updated on November 23, 2016.

Carried

5. Public Input Session

5.1 Public Comments

Paul Whitehead:

- Would like to know the reason behind adding \$20,000 to install repeaters for the fire department radio system and who's suggestion that was?
- The provider of the system should be responsible to fix the issues.

Roy Val:

- will the issue of overtime be explored in the near future and can that show as a line item on the budget?
- can the report on dams in need of repair be updated and costs added in the 5/10 year capital budgets?
- would like to see videotaping of Council meetings
- does Council agree with the statement in the operational review that reports the Town is recreationally over-serviced?
- the Financial Information Return publishes benchmarks on efficiencies - will Council embrace this tool?
- would like to see the Town look at out-sourcing certain functions to other municipalities
- would like to see signage at different areas around the Town

Phil Gravelle:

- tanker shuttle accreditation has been lost in 2014, increasing insurance rates by an average of \$150-\$200 per year
- this penalty is far greater than the penalty that an increase in taxes would be
- would like to see 1/2 the cost of a tanker added to the budget in 2017 and the other half in 2018

Pauline Follett:

- would like to see slide showing reserve and reserve fund actuals for 2015/16/17
- would like to know why the Hillsburgh Medical Centre continues to receive the benefit of snow plowing and grass cutting at the taxpayer's expense when the building isn't being used for its intended purpose
- would like to know the full accessibility costs for the Hillsburgh Community Centre, and how much longer the arena in Hillsburgh will be used
- if the arena is deemed to be surplus to requirements in the near future, are we liable for Fit-5 Solar costs?
- did the Town follow up on the recommendation that a cost analysis be undertaken for the recommendations identified in the Operational Review?

Anna Spiteri:

- concerns with accessibility of information - would like to see signage, videotaping of Council meetings, waiving of fees for agenda and minutes printing, and projecting the agenda on screen at each meeting.
- would like Council to revisit and discuss the value of the operational review - would like to know if Council/staff have adopted the recommendation for a 3% productivity improvement?
- regarding the need for repair and replacement of roads and bridges which are continually deferred - how will Council deal with this issue?
- would like to see an organizational review as a follow up to the operational review.

- would like to know if the recommendation under the operational review to combine the activities of roads, water and recreation has been investigated and what the impact of that would be.
- has serious considerations been given to reducing recreation programs?
- would like to see a salary vs hourly discussion by Council and efficient tracking of overtime
- would like to see a full time dedicated By-law Enforcement Officer
- there is a need for a strategic growth and development management plan to keep the Town sustainable
- there needs to be public disclosure on the Town's yearly insurance costs, legal costs and efficient tracking over time on these costs.

Dr. M Weavers:

- would like to know the impacts of assessment growth on the budget and whether the Town will appeal assessment decisions regarding gravel pits

David Dautovich:

- regarding growth and the wastewater environmental assessment - what would the contributions of developers be?
- would like to see a focus on development charges and what contractors will contribute

Lynn Brenegan:

- have heard some fantastic comments - would like to know the process on how responses will be shared and what happens next?

6. Closed Session

Resolution # 16-457

Moved By Councillor Smith

Seconded By Councillor Duncan

Be it resolved that Council adjourns the meeting to proceed into a closed session at the hour of 7:39 PM to discuss matters under the following exemptions in the Municipal Act S. 239 (2):

- (a) the security of property of the municipality or local board (Capital Budget Request);
- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (HR Matters);
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations (HR Matters).

Carried

7. Return from Closed Session

7.1 Motion to Reconvene

Resolution # 16-458

Moved By Councillor Smith

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be it resolved that the meeting be reconvened at the hour of 9:09 PM.

Carried

7.2 Report Out

Council has approved the addition of \$15,000 in the 2017 budget for the security upgrade project.

Michael Tapp has been hired as the Town's full time System Administrator, effective January 1, 2017. The position has been moved from a one year contract position to a permanent full time position.

8. Consideration of Base Budget

Resolution # 16-459

Moved By Councillor Sammut

Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that Council approves the Base Budget as circulated.

Carried

9. Consideration of Resource Requests and Capital Requests

Resolution # 16-460 (verbal)

Moved By Councillor Brennan

Seconded By Councillor Sammut

Be it resolved that the video recording of Council meetings be added to the 2017 budget.

Defeated

Resolution # 16-461 (verbal)

Moved By Councillor Sammut

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be it resolved that \$7,000 be added to the 2017 administration budget to investigate the feasibility of video recording Council meetings acceptable to municipal requirements.

Carried

Resolution # 16-462 (verbal)

Moved By Councillor Duncan

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be it resolved that \$6,000 be added to the 2017 fire department budget for fire fighter uniforms.

Carried

Resolution # 16-463 (verbal)

Moved By Councillor Duncan

Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that \$16,500 be added to the 2017 fire department budget to purchase one set of hydraulic shears for auto extrication.

Defeated

Resolution # 16-464 (verbal)

Moved By Councillor Duncan

Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that Council approves a \$75,000 transfer to the Fire Vehicle reserve from the Tax Stabilization reserve.

Carried

Resolution # 16-465 (verbal)

Moved By Councillor Sammut

Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the \$5,000 increase to the Recreation Operations budget for parks and playground maintenance be removed from the budget.

Defeated

Resolution # 16-466 (verbal)

Moved By Mayor Alls

Seconded By Councillor Duncan

Be it resolved that Council approves a transfer of \$50,000 from Working Capital reserves to a new reserve to fund a generator for the emergency response plan.

Carried

Resolution # 16-467 (verbal)

Moved By Councillor Duncan

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be it resolved that Council approves an additional \$2,250 in the Economic Development budget for the community improvement plan, to be funded from taxes.

Defeated

Resolution # 16-468 (verbal)

Moved By Councillor Brennan

Seconded By Councillor Sammut

Be it resolved that Council waives the rules pertaining to the curfew provision.

Carried

Resolution # 16-469 (verbal)

Moved By Councillor Smith

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be it resolved that \$3,000 be added to the Erin Tennis Club 2017 budget for the purchase of a storage shed.

Carried

Resolution # 16-470 (verbal)

Moved By Councillor Brennan

Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that the following items be added to the Ballinafad Community Centre operating budget for 2017 funded from Cash-In-Lieu of Parkland reserves:

- \$2,500 for maintenance of playground equipment
- \$10,000 for a play surface an border

Carried

Resolution # 16-471 (verbal)

Moved By Mayor Alls

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be it resolved that staff report on a sign strategy in 2017.

Carried

Resolution # 16-472

Moved By Councillor Sammut

Seconded By Councillor Brennan

Be it resolved that Council approves the Resource Requests and Capital Requests as circulated and amended with specific resolutions during this meeting, other than the Roads capital project - Station Street Rehabilitation;

And that Council directs staff to prepare the 2017 Budget By-law for adoption at the next budget meeting on December 7, 2016.

Carried

Councillor Duncan moved away from the table.

Resolution # 16-473 (verbal)

Moved By Councillor Brennan

Seconded By Mayor Alls

Be it resolved that Council approves the Roads Capital Project - Station Street Rehabilitation, to be added to the 2017 budget and included in the preparation of the 2017 Budget By-law.

Carried

Councillor Duncan returned.

10. Adjournment

Resolution # 16-474

Moved By Councillor Brennan

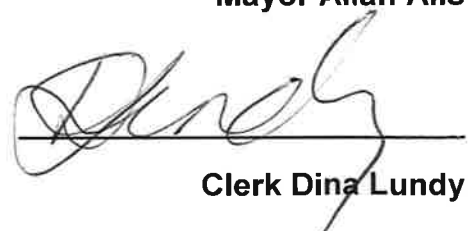
Seconded By Councillor Smith

Be it resolved that Council adjourns the meeting at the hour of 10:40 PM.

Carried



Mayor Ailan Alls



Clerk Dina Lundy