

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR COUNCIL MINUTES

OPERATING BUDGET MEETING

Council Chambers March 7, 2024 5:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of Council was held Thursday, March 7, 2024, 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
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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. Conclusion / New Business

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 \$1,202,516 from the 2023 budget. The impact would be an increase of 4.35% on the average single detached residential dwelling within the Township which would represent an increase of \$118.13 on the municipal tax portion of resident's bills.

2. OPERATING BUDGET

Each of the Department Heads provided summaries of the proposed agenda's acknowledging they have attempted to be conscious of the financial restraints on this year's budget. Subsequent to that, Council considered motions.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Moved by B. Langstaff

Seconded by C. Langis

<u>Motion 1</u> Be it resolved that the 2024 Fire Department Operating Budget be approved as proposed.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by H. Foster

<u>Motion 2</u> Be it resolved that the 2024 Community Services Department Budget be approved as proposed.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS

Moved by B. Langstaff

Seconded by H. Foster

<u>Motion 3</u> Be it resolved that staff design a Special Services Area Rating Bylaw that would impose a user fee only on residents living in areas where yard waste is collected.

[Councillor Brown requested a Recorded Vote]

TOWIT requested a recorded	
Councillor Brown	Nay
Councillor Foster	Aye
Councillor Langis	Aye
Councillor Langstaff	Aye
Councillor Myers	Nay
Deputy Mayor Miller	Nay
Mayor Agar	Nay

MOTION LOST

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by B. Langstaff

Motion 4 Be it resolved that the Brush and Tree Trimming Line item be capped at \$125,000 for 2024.

MOTION LOST

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by H. Foster

<u>Motion 5</u> Be it resolved that the 2024 Public Works Department Budget be approved as proposed.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION

Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by P. Brown

<u>Motion 6</u> Be it resolved that 2024 General Administration Budget be approved as proposed.

CARRIED

CEMETERY SOFTWARE

Moved by B. Langstaff

Seconded by B. Myers

<u>Motion 7</u> Be it resolved that the Township enter into a contract with CemSites with the initial one-time costs of \$18,000 USD to be funded by the Environment and Education Fund, with the thereafter annual operating cost of \$3000 USD to be funded by the Operating Budget.

CARRIED

SOMBRA MUSEUM CULTURAL CENTRE - GEOTECH STUDY

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by B. Langstaff

<u>Motion 8</u> Be it resolved that the balance of cost remaining after the donation from the Sombra Museum Board for the geotechnical study on the Cultural Centre (approximately \$9,750) be funded by the Environment and Education Fund.

CARRIED

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Moved by H. Foster

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion 9 Be it resolved that a grant equal to the amount of the CAP Park rental fee (approximately \$1128) be awarded to the Captain Kidd Committee to offset the costs for the 2024 community event.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

<u>Motion 10</u> Be it resolved that the donation request submitted by Gymnasts for Change Canada in the amount of \$4,815 be denied.

CARRIED

Moved by H. Foster

Seconded by S. Miller

<u>Motion 11</u> Be it resolved that the donation request submitted by Mooretown Minor Hockey Association in the amount of \$25,000 be denied.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by B. Myers

<u>Motion 12</u> Be it resolved that the donation request submitted by Nobody Stands Alone in the amount of \$2.500 be denied.

CARRIED

Moved by C. Langis

Seconded by B. Langstaff

<u>Motion 13</u> Be it resolved that the donation request submitted by Pathways Health Centre for Children in the amount of \$3,000 be denied; but that a donation of \$500 be approved.

CARRIED

Moved by B. Langstaff

Seconded by B. Myers

<u>Motion 14</u> Be it resolved that the donation request submitted by the Sacred Heart Food Bank in the amount of \$3,850 be reduced to \$3,500 and that it be thereby approved.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by

Motion 15 Be it resolved that the donation request submitted by Sombra Sports and Recreation in the amount of \$10,000 be reduced to \$150 and be thereby approved at that value.

MOTION LOST (No Seconder)

Moved by H. Foster

Seconded by P. Brown

<u>Motion 16</u> Be it resolved that a loan in an amount up to \$5000 be afforded to the St. Clair River Run 2024 be approved and that the terms of the loan are that it be paid back in full, interest free, out of the proceeds of the event.

CARRIED

Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by B. Langstaff

Motion 17 Be it resolved that all the donations included in the proposed Operating Budget 2024 be approved, subject to the deviations resulting from Motions 9 through 16.

CARRIED

OPERATING BUDGET APPROVAL

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by C. Langis

<u>Motion 18</u> Be it resolved that the 2024 Operating Budget be approved as proposed, inclusive of the deviations approved by motions herein.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by B. Myers

Motion 19 Be it resolved that the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Jeff Agar

Clerk Jeff Baranek