

Minutes

Cornwall City Council

Meeting Type: Budget
Meeting ID: 2019-06
Meeting Date: Wed February 27, 2019 02:30 PM
Location: Council Chambers
Chair: Bernadette Clement, Mayor
Prepared By: Debbie Caskenette, Deputy Clerk

Attendance Committee Members:

Bernadette Clement, Mayor
Todd Bennett, Councillor
Eric Bergeron, Councillor
Maurice Dupelle, Councillor
Syd Gardiner, Councillor
Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor
Glen Grant, Councillor
Carilyne Hébert, Councillor
Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor (2:47 pm)
Elaine MacDonald, Councillor
Justin Towndale, Councillor

Attendance Staff:

Maureen Adams, Chief Administrative Officer
Manon L. Levesque, City Clerk
Debbie Caskenette, Deputy Clerk
Geoffrey Clarke, General Manager, Corporate Services
John St Marseille, General Manager, Infrastructure and Municipal Works
Mark A. Boileau, General Manager, Planning, Development and Recreation
Tracey Bailey, General Manager, Financial Services
Pierre Voisine, Fire Chief
Stacey Ferguson, Administrator, Social and Housing Services
Bill Lister, Chief, Cornwall SD&G Paramedic Services
Norm Quenneville, Administrator, Glen Stor Dun Lodge
Paul Scrimshaw, Accounting Manager, Deputy Treasurer
Carl Goodwin, Division Manager, Environment
James Fawthrop, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation
Len Tapp, Division Manager, Transit Services
Michael Fawthrop, Division Manager, Infrastructure
Neil Dixon, Public Property Supervisor
Justin Cordell, Budget and Cash Coordinator
Cindy Delgreco, Financial & Risk Management Coordinator
Danny Aikman, Police Chief
Dawn Kiddell, Chief Librarian

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented.

Moved By: Glen Grant, Councillor

Seconded By: Todd Bennett, Councillor

Motion Carried

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no Disclosure of Interests.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion to go into Committee of the Whole and to consider and refer all Minutes, Presentations, Delegations, Consent/Correspondence, Resolutions, Reports and By-laws to that Committee.

Moved By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor

Seconded By: Syd Gardiner, Councillor

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS

1 2019 General Taxation Budget

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Tracey Bailey, Chief Financial Officer, presented an overview of the 2019 Budget developed in conjunction with the City's long-term financial, strategic plan, asset management plans, development charges study and departmental master plans used during the planning process.

Key Highlights

- Tax levy of \$73,359,017, an increase of \$2,197,336 or 3.09% over 2018
- New assessment growth of \$425,000 added to the 2019 tax roll
- Operating budget funded from the tax base increased by \$2,109,686 or 3.03%

- 2019 Capital works from the tax base totalled \$1,674,500 or 5.52% (2018 - \$1,586,850)
- Average residential property increase of \$71.45 (municipal portion only) on an assessment value of \$169,932

Capital Presentations

Infrastructure Planning

John St. Marseille, General Manager-Infrastructure and Municipal Works and Michael Fawthrop, Division Manager-Infrastructure Planning identified each of the Infrastructure Planning 2019 Capital Works.

Projects identified:

- Asphalt Resurfacing (\$3,000,000)
- Nick Kaneb Drive Extension - Marleau Avenue to Industrial Park (\$1,800,000)
- Lemay Street Upgrades and Extension (\$500,000)
- Traffic Analysis - Brookdale Avenue and Ninth Street Extension (\$75,000)
- Centretown - Water Street/Montreal Road Intersections (\$30,000)
- Culvert Replacement - Fly Creek at Mack Drive (\$350,000)
- Small Diameter Culvert Replacement (\$75,000)
- Bi-Annual Structure Inspections (\$30,000)
- Sidewalk Infrastructure (\$330,000)
- Bicycle Infrastructure (\$390,000)
- Traffic Signal Upgrades (\$300,000)
- Pole Replacement Program (\$100,000)

Municipal Works

John St. Marseille, General Manager-Infrastructure and Municipal Works and Michael Fawthrop, Division Manager-Infrastructure Planning summarized the Municipal Works 2019 Capital undertakings.

Projects identified:

- Municipal Works Fleet Renewal Program (\$654,000)
- Municipal Works Yard Redevelopment
 - Salt Management Facility (\$2,500,000)
 - Noise Remediation (\$875,000)
 - Standby Power Generator (\$900,000)
 - Employee Parking Lot (\$230,000)
 - Design of New Administration Building (\$450,000)
- Parking Lot Rehabilitation - St. Columban's (\$45,000)
- Justice Building Courtyard Repairs (\$175,000)
- Parking Lot Rehabilitation - Optimist Park (\$30,000)

- Woodhouse Museum Repairs (\$50,000)
- Renovations at Various Municipal Buildings (\$29,000)
- Locomotive Refurbishment Plan (\$152,000 - for Council Consideration)

Motion to direct Administration to attempt to (1) sell Locomotive Engine #17, (2) failing that, donate to an interested group and (3) failing that, dispose of the engine.

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

Votes For = 4

Elaine MacDonald, Councillor
 Syd Gardiner, Councillor
 Glen Grant, Councillor
 Eric Bergeron, Councillor

Votes Opposed = 7

Bernadette Clement, Mayor
 Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor
 Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor
 Carilyne Hébert, Councillor
 Maurice Dupelle, Councillor
 Todd Bennett, Councillor
 Justin Towndale, Councillor

Moved By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor
 Seconded By: Syd Gardiner, Councillor

Motion Defeated

5:30 p.m. (Recessed), 6:02 p.m. (Reconvened)

Fire Services

Pierre Voisine, Fire Chief outlined the 2019 Capital for Fire Services.

Projects identified:

- Fire Headquarters and Training Centre (\$8,700,000) - 3 year project, budgeted at \$2.9M per year
- Rescue Boat (\$90,000)

Transit Services

John St. Marseille, General Manager-Infrastructure and Municipal Works and Len Tapp, Division Manager-Transit Services presented the Transit Services 2019 Capital undertakings.

Projects identified:

- Purchase of 2 Conventional Buses (\$1,160,000)
- Purchase of a Handi-Transit Bus (\$200,000)
- Transit Cube Van Replacement (\$80,000)
- Vehicle Hoist Repair and Safety (\$50,000)
- Passenger Counter/Web Applications (\$100,000)

Waste Management

John St. Marseille, General Manager-Infrastructure and Municipal Works and Carl Goodwin, Division Manager-Environmental Services presented the Waste Management 2019 Capital Works.

Projects identified:

- Landfill Leachate and Gas Collection Systems Upgrades (\$200,000)
- Landfill Site - Public Service Area Infrastructure Upgrades (\$40,000)
- Waste Management Diversion Review and Program Implementation (\$10,000)
- Landfill Expansion / Alternative Disposal ECA (\$50,000)

Parks and Recreation

Mark Boileau, General Manager-Development, Planning and Recreation and James Fawthrop, Division Manager-Recreation Services presented the capital projects slated for 2019.

Projects identified:

- Arc Flash Analysis (\$125,000)
- Aquatic Centre Ventilation Improvements and UV Disinfection (\$500,000)
- Brian Tardif Field Improvements (\$140,000)
- Civic Complex and Benson LED Arena Lighting (\$550,000)
- Benson Centre Arena Duct Work (\$80,000)
- Upgrade Outdoor Pool Filter Systems (\$55,000)
- Arts Centre Design (\$300,000)

Motion to defer the Arts Centre Design project until a business plan is approved.

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

Votes For = 2

Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor
Eric Bergeron, Councillor

Votes Opposed = 9

Bernadette Clement, Mayor
Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor
Elaine MacDonald, Councillor
Syd Gardiner, Councillor
Carilyne Hébert, Councillor
Maurice Dupelle, Councillor
Glen Grant, Councillor
Todd Bennett, Councillor
Justin Towndale, Councillor

Moved By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor
Seconded By: Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor

Motion Defeated

Mayor Clement recessed the Budget meeting of February 27, 2019 at 8:45 p.m.

BUDGET MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2019

Mayor Clement called the meeting to order at 2:46 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendance Committee Members:

Bernadette Clement, Mayor
Todd Bennett, Councillor
Eric Bergeron, Councillor
Maurice Dupelle, Councillor (4:20 pm)
Syd Gardiner, Councillor
Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor
Glen Grant, Councillor (4:20 pm)
Carilyne Hébert, Councillor
Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor
Elaine MacDonald, Councillor
Justin Towndale, Councillor

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Tracey Bailey, General Manager, Financial Services
Bill Lister, Chief, Cornwall SD&G Paramedic Services
Stacey Ferguson, Administrator, Social and Housing Services
Norm Quenneville, Administrator, Glen Stor Dun Lodge
Paul Scrimshaw, Accounting Manager, Deputy Treasurer
James Fawthrop, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation
Michael Fawthrop, Division Manager, Infrastructure
Justin Cordell, Budget and Cash Coordinator
Cindy Delgreco, Financial & Risk Management Coordinator

PRESENTATIONS

Parks and Recreation

Mr. Boileau and Mr. Fawthrop continued with the 2019 proposed capital projects.

- Recreation Master Plan Update (\$60,000)
- Civic Complex Improvements (\$110,000)
- King George Park Washroom (\$25,000)
- Bikepath Retaining Wall Structure Replacement (\$1,000,000)
- Emerald Ash Borer (\$300,000)
- Bicycle Path Repairs (\$50,000)
- Docks at RCAF and Guindon Park (\$80,000)

Motion to allocate the amount of \$40,000, funded from the tax base, to the 2019 Budget to begin a phase-in for public recycling.

Moved By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor

Seconded By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Motion Defeated

Motion to defer the addition of \$40,000 for the public recycling phase-in.

Moved By: Todd Bennett, Councillor

Seconded By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor

Motion to Defer Carried

Paramedic Services

Bill Lister, Chief-Cornwall SD&G Paramedic Services presented the 2019 capital projects.

- Ambulance Replacement (\$525,000)
- Toughbook Computers (\$58,000)
- Defibrillators (\$29,000)
- PAD Program Defibrillators (\$17,000)
- PAD Vehicle Replacement (\$31,000)

Building Services and Bylaw Enforcement

Mr. Boileau outlined the sole project for Building Services.

- Software Upgrade - Cityview (\$50,000)

Glen Stor Dun Lodge

Norm Quenneville, Administrator-Glen Stor Dun Lodge outlined each of the identified projects.

- Flooring Replacement - Third Floor (\$100,000)
- Resident Equipment (\$55,000)
- Building Requirements - (\$194,000)
- Kitchen Equipment Replacement (\$50,000)

4:45 p.m. (Recessed), 5:30 p.m. (Reconvened)

REPORTS

1 Capital Project/Loan Request from Downtown Business Improvement Association (DBIA) for Street Lighting on Pitt Street

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Motion to approve the Street Lighting project in the amount of \$163,600, City's share being \$49,600 funded from Working Reserves; DBIA to contribute \$50,000 towards the project, and the City to provide a repayable loan to the Downtown Business Improvement Association in the amount of \$64,000, funded from Working Reserves, through a loan agreement.

Moved By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor
Seconded By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor

Motion Carried

2 Funding Request from Heart of the City (HoTC) for the Streetscape Water Street Gateway Project

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Motion to approve the amount of \$38,750 for the construction of one gateway sign and associated landscaping.

Moved By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor
Seconded By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Motion Carried

Motion to defer the purchase and installation of banners at a cost of \$18,000 to the 2020 Budget.

Moved By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor

Seconded By: Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor

Motion to Defer Carried

Motion to not proceed with the wayfinding signage at the pumphouse at a cost of \$4,500.

Moved By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Seconded By: Glen Grant, Councillor

Motion Carried

Motion to fund \$20,000 for the Gateway project from Working Reserves.

Moved By: Maurice Dupelle, Councillor

Seconded By: Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor

Motion Carried

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

1 Councillor Maurice Dupelle disclosed a conflict of interest related to the Community Agencies (Municipal Grants Program), as he is the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Agape Centre.

2 Councillor Eric Bergeron disclosed a conflict of interest related to the Community Partners, Cornwall Innovation Centre (CIC), as he is the Executive Director of the Centre.

COMMUNITY AGENCIES

Community Agencies (Municipal Grants Program)

Motion allocate the amount of \$10,000 to Centre Culturel de Cornwall.

Moved By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor

Seconded By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Motion Carried

Motion to allocate the amount of \$10,000 to Your Arts Council.

Moved By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor

Seconded By: Todd Bennett, Councillor

Motion Carried

Motion to allocate the amount of \$10,000 to Cornwall BMX Club.

Moved By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor
Seconded By: Maurice Dupelle, Councillor

Motion Carried

Having declared a conflict of interest on this matter, Councillor Maurice Dupelle stepped away from the table.

Motion to allocate the amount of \$10,000 to Agape Centre.

Moved By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor
Seconded By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor

Motion Carried

Councillor Maurice Dupelle returned to participate in the Meeting.

Motion to allocate the amount of \$10,000 to the African Caribbean & International Association of Eastern Ontario.

Moved By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor
Seconded By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor

Motion Defeated

Motion to allocate the amount of \$5,000 to the African Caribbean & International Association of Eastern Ontario.

Moved By: Justin Towndale, Councillor
Seconded By: Glen Grant, Councillor

Motion Carried

Motion to allocate the amount of \$3,720 plus the donation of two computers and monitors from surplus IT equipment to the Encore Seniors Club.

Moved By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor
Seconded By: Maurice Dupelle, Councillor

Motion Carried

Motion to allocate the amount of \$2,000 to Cornwall Waterfest.

Moved By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor
Seconded By: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Motion Carried

Motion to reconsider the allocation of funds to Your Arts Council.

A 2/3 majority was required.

Moved By: Todd Bennett, Councillor
Seconded By: Glen Grant, Councillor

Motion to Reconsider Defeated

Requests for City Services and/or Fees Waived

Motion to approve the allocation of funds for 2019 for requests for City services and/or fees waived as presented.

Moved By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor
Seconded By: Maurice Dupelle, Councillor

Motion Carried

Motion to approve the 2019 Budget with a tax levy increase of 3.11 per cent, an increase to the residential property of 2.98%.

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

Votes For = 10

Bernadette Clement, Mayor
Elaine MacDonald, Councillor
Syd Gardiner, Councillor
Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor
Carilyne Hébert, Councillor
Maurice Dupelle, Councillor
Glen Grant, Councillor
Todd Bennett, Councillor
Justin Towndale, Councillor
Eric Bergeron, Councillor

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Public Meeting of Council at 8:10 p.m.

Moved By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor
Seconded By: Todd Bennett, Councillor

Motion Carried

The next regular public meeting of Council is to be held on Monday, March 4, 2019.

Manon L. Levesque
City Clerk

Bernadette Clement
Mayor