



MINUTES
Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2020
Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: All members of Council were in attendance this evening.

STAFF PRESENT: Lindsey Lee, CAO/Clerk
Angela Young, Deputy Clerk
Kelly Coughlin, Treasurer
Ryan Frew, Director of Public Works
Kevin Murray, Public Works Supervisor
Dave Hartwick, Fire Chief
Geoff Patterson, Recreation Director
Mandy Cannon, Executive Assistant

MEDIA PRESENT: Nil.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Mayor Peckett declared a pecuniary interest on item 7.1, Line Item "Council-Salaries & Wages - Increase Mayor Base Salary".

There were no other disclosures of pecuniary interest declared.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

3.1 Dated November 18, 2020

RESOLUTION - SM - 59-2020

Moved by Councillor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Oliver Jacob

THAT the Agenda dated November 18, 2020 be adopted as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

4. Special Meeting Notice

4.1 Notice of Special Meeting dated October 21, 2020

The Deputy Clerk read the Notice of Special Meeting. This Notice was posted on the Township website calendar and on the Township Notice Board.

RESOLUTION - SM - 60-2020

Moved by Councillor Heather Lang, seconded by Deputy Mayor Brian Armsden

THAT the Notice of Special Meeting be accepted as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

5. Delegations and Presentations

Nil.

6. Matters Arising out of Delegations Heard

Nil.

7. Items of Business

7.1 2021 Cut/Keep Budget Deliberations

The starting point for this evening's budget after implementing cuts discussed at the previous budget discussions is an 8.87% levy increase.

Council reviewed the cut/keep list. The following changes were made in Round 1:

Cut: "Additional 0.5% increase in wages - All Staff excluding Council".

Cut: "Additional 0.5% increase in wages - All of Council and C of A members - excluding Mayor increases in base wage".

Cut: "Introduction of Vision Care Improvement".

Cut: "Summer Student Supervisor" (Parks & Recreation).

Chief Hartwick vacated the Council Chambers at this time (7:10 p.m.).

Amend: "Wellington Park - Misc. Supplies" - change 2 horse shoe pits, to 5.

Cut: "Council Misc. - Strategic Plan".

Mayor Peckett vacated his chair at 7:23 p.m. stating pecuniary interest, the disclosure and reason thereof was stated by Mayor Peckett because item 7.1, Line Item "Council-Salaries & Wages - Increase Mayor Base Salary" directly benefits him.

Mayor Peckett returned to his chair at 7:24 p.m.

Cut: "Council - Salaries & Wages - Increase Mayor's Base Salary".

Council recessed at 7:24 p.m.
The Council meeting resumed at 7:28 p.m.

Add: CBO SUV - \$35,000 (the purchase of this vehicle does not impact taxation).
Cut: "(2) Mobi-Mats - Burnstown Beach".
Reduce the reserve transfer percentage to 3% for everything but paved roads on page 9.

Council recessed at 8:46 p.m.
The Council Meeting resumed at 8:50 p.m.

After the first round of cut/keep, the proposed tax levy increase is 5.90%.

Council recessed at 8:53 p.m.
The Council resumed at 8:57 p.m.

Treasurer Coughlin explained that although the approximate impact on the levy increase is currently at 5.90%, it would not increase the tax rate for residents. They would see no change or a small decrease on their tax bill.

With this information, Council reviewed the cut/keep list for a second time, the following additional changes were made in Round 2:

Add: "Additional 0.5% increase in wages - All Staff excluding Council" back into the budget.
Cut: "Introduction of a \$500 Health Care Spending Account".
Cut: "New PW Summer Student".
Cut: "Museum Advertising".

Mayor Peckett vacated his chair at 9:58 p.m. stating pecuniary interest, the disclosure and reason thereof was stated by Mayor Peckett because item 7.1, Line Item "Council-Salaries & Wages - Increase Mayor Base Salary" directly benefits him.
Mayor Peckett returned to his chair at 10:03 p.m.

RESOLUTION - SM - 61-2020

Moved by Councillor Heather Lang, seconded by Councillor Scott Brum

THAT Council accept the 2021 Cut/Keep Budget Meeting Report as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

Staff Direction: Staff was directed to amend the Reserve Policy to allow for spending by department as opposed to specific items.

Staff Direction: Staff was directed to post the Notice of the Intention of Passing of the Budget on December 15, 2020.

Council further directed that the November 19, 2020 Special Council Meeting would not be required.

RESOLUTION - SM - 62-2020

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brian Armsden, seconded by Councillor Heather Lang

***THAT** Council agree to extend the hours of the Council meeting for 15 minutes past the adjournment time of 10:00 p.m.*

CARRIED.

8. By-Laws

Nil.

9. Questions/Comments

9.1 Mr. Brad Runtz commented that Council made some good decisions and it may be helpful to educate residents on the difference between tax levy and tax rate.

10. Closed Meeting Session

Nil.

11. Confirmatory By-Law

11.1 By-Law #2020-71 Confirm the Proceedings of the November 18, 2020 Special Council Meeting

RESOLUTION - SM - 63-2020

Moved by Councillor Heather Lang, seconded by Councillor Oliver Jacob

***THAT** By-Law #2020-71, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the November 18, 2020 Special Meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of McNab/Braeside, I now deemed read a second and third time short and is hereby enacted and passed.*

CARRIED.

12. Adjournment

This Special Council Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK