



MINUTES
Special Council Meeting
Monday, December 19, 2022
Council Chambers 5:00 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
Mandy Cannon, Executive Assistant
Ryan Frew, Director of Public Works
Kevin Murray, Public Works Supervisor
Dave Hartwick, Fire Chief

MEDIA PRESENT: Nil.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
We acknowledge that we are on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Peoples.
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**
There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared at this time.
3. **Adoption of the Agenda**
 - 3.1 Dated December 19, 2022

RESOLUTION - SM - 30-2022

Moved by Councillor Robert Campbell, seconded by Councillor Scott Brum
***THAT** the Agenda dated December 19, 2022 be adopted as submitted and circulated.*

CARRIED.

4. **Special Meeting Notice**
 - 4.1 Notice of Special Meeting dated December 14, 2022

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

RESOLUTION - SM - 31-2022

Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lori Hoddinott

***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 Day 1 - Budget 2023

Treasurer Coughlin reviewed Day 1 of the Draft 2023 Budget Presentation. Ms. Coughlin advised that 1% levy increase is equivalent to \$64,905 and if the budget were to be passed as it is currently proposed, the total levy increase would be 6.75%, which is an increase of approximately \$112/year or \$9.35 per month for the average household in the Township.

RESOLUTION - SM - 32-2022

Moved by Councillor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien

***THAT** Council accept the 2023 Draft Budget Presentation - Day 1 as information as submitted and circulated.*

CARRIED.

Staff was directed to provide Council with more information on the following:

- Staff was directed to provide clarification to Council on the 286 new homes as assessed by MPAC and why there is a difference between that number and the number of building permits issued for 2022.
- Staff was directed to provide a wage comparison report on what neighbouring municipalities pay their volunteer firefighters.
- Staff was directed to bring forward up to date reserve balances for Council's information.

8. By-Laws

Nil.

9. Questions/Comments

9.1 Martin Wright had several questions and comments as follows:

Q. Mr. Wright asked if it was bothersome to Council that the farmland and commercial/industrial properties have decreased.

A. Council advised that yes, it was bothersome for a rural Township and they had no information on why the commercial/industrial properties have decreased.

Comment: Mr. Wright also made an observation on how the numbers presented are based on the taxes received, not on the actual budget and stated that he felt the title on the slide presentation should be changed.

Q. Mr. Wright asked if the increase of the part time to full time caretaker/custodian position would become permanent in 2023?

A. This position is currently permanent part time, the request is to make it permanent full time.

Q. Mr. Wright asked if the full time Recreation staff going from 35 to 40 hours is the same person that's going into the lead hand role and asked how many people would that lead hand be supervising?

A. No, it is not the same person, the lead hand position is taking on more responsibility and supervises one other person.

Q. Mr. Wright asked with regards to the Fire Department salary increase, how much of the increase is for those joining OMERS?

A. The Mayor advised that the Treasurer had already explained this in the presentation, however, for clarification, we must now offer OMERS to all part time employees which includes the firefighters. If all of the Volunteer Fire Fighters applied to join OMERS it would be an additional \$4,700.00 in cost.

Q. Mr. Wright asked for clarification on the "Estimated Year of Disposal" on the fire dept. asset list.

A. Estimated year of disposal is the year the equipment is to be replaced and is used as a guideline, the equipment is passing all of the required testing and therefore will not be replaced on the estimated year of disposal.

Q. In the Salary, Wages & Benefits for the Building Dept. section, Mr. Wright asked for clarification on why the increase isn't at least the 3% COLA increase?

A. The Treasurer will look into why there is a \$4,000.00 variance in the numbers and report back.

Q. Mr. Wright asked if there's a more creative idea for the committees rather than having taxpayer's dollars going towards paying municipal staff for these committees.

A. Mayor MacKenzie stated that this matter will be up for further discussion by Council once the committees are formed.

Q. Mr. Wright asked for clarification on the difference between the caretaker and the custodian position.

A. There is no difference – this is the same position.

Q. Mr. Wright asked if the pay equity was in the wage line?

A. Mayor MacKenzie responded that it would be all throughout the wage grid depending on who was identified as needing an adjustment. The Treasurer further added that there is no pay equity in the 2022 or 2023 wage grid as we have not taken on the pay equity exercise recently.

Q. Mr. Wright asked if Council could sell some of the Township Property in order to lower the taxes?

A. Mayor MacKenzie advised that Council has looked into this previously and did have a list of Township owned properties and will look at it again in the committee structures. However, he didn't think it was possible to budget for 2023 for the possible sale of land.

9.2 Q. Mike Groulx asked if the reserve balances being kept up to date is something we can look into.

A. Mayor MacKenzie advised that we have all of the information and it is part of our year end. The Treasurer has been requested to bring this forward to the budget meeting on Wednesday.

10. Closed Meeting Session

Nil.

11. Confirmatory By-Law

11.1 By-Law #2022-94 Confirm the Proceedings of the December 19, 2022 Special Council Meeting

RESOLUTION - SM - 33-2022

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lori Hoddinott, seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien
***THAT** By-Law #2022-94, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the December 19, 2022 Special Meeting of Council 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 8:32 p.m.

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK