



**TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, February 26, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, 271 Sandwich Street South, Amherstburg

MINUTES

PRESENT

Mayor Aldo DiCarlo
Deputy Mayor Bart DiPasquale
Councillor Joan Courtney
Councillor Rick Fryer
Councillor Jason Lavigne
Councillor Leo Meloche
Councillor Diane Pouget

Giovanni (John), Chief Administrative Officer
Paula Parker, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest noted.

PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Proposed 2015 Budget

The CAO, the Director of Financial Services/Treasurer and the Manager of Financial Services/Deputy Treasurer presented the Proposed 2015 Budget to Council.

Councillor Fryer requested copies of the presentation and speaking notes for all of Council.

Councillor Meloche requested a more comprehensive wage component of the operating costs. The Director of Financial Services advised that he would provide a summary for Councils review.

Councillor Lavigne inquired whether a risk analysis had been done with respect to the proposed Fire and Public Works movement. The CAO advised that the Fire Chief believes a 10-10 response time can still be maintained. However the budget is first approved in principle and any movement will be investigated further prior to completion.

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Lavigne seconded:

That Council waive rules of order and allow members of the gallery to speak.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

The Mayor invited members of the gallery to speak with regard to the proposed 2015 budget. The following members of the gallery were heard:

- Wilf Fortowsky
- John McDonald
- Tim Brown

Councillor Fryer inquired as to when the last Fire Master Plan was completed and requested the information be brought to the March 9, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.

Discussion ensued with respect to Supplementary report item - Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) – Texas Road.

The CAO stated that option 2 for \$4.4M was proposed in the capital budget and it will be completed unless Council directs differently.

Councillor Meloche moved, Councillor Lavigne seconded:

That Council take a 5 minute break.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Lavigne moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council resume the Special Council Meeting at 8:26pm.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor DiPasquale advised the new members of Council that Texas Road has been put off for more than 20 years.

Councillor Meloche stated that new debt should have the ability to pre pay. The CAO advised that the debt issued for the OCIF Texas Road project would be 2 years from now.

Councillor Courtney inquired whether the CAO had considered consolidation of departments to eliminate positions. The CAO advised that he will be looking at these things in the future.

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Courtney seconded:

That Council table the proposed 2015 budget until March 31 and add an additional meeting date to the public budget information schedule for the Anderdon area not to be held on a Thursday evening.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Fryer moved, Deputy Mayor DiPasquale seconded:

That Council table the Texas Road report to the March 9 Regular Council Meeting.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Lavigne seconded:

That the report regarding Legal RFP be received for information.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Pouget moved, Councillor Lavigne seconded:

That Council direct administration to investigate Item B of the In-Camera minutes of December 15, 2008.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Lavigne seconded:

That Council rise and adjourn at 8:55 pm.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried



MAYOR – ALDO DICARLO



CLERK – PAULA PARKER