



**TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - BUDGET**

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

9:00 AM

Council Chambers, 271 Sandwich Street South, Amherstburg

MINUTES

PRESENT

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

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

ABSENT

Mayor Aldo DiCarlo

CALL TO ORDER

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PRAYER

The Clerk said prayer.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest noted.

PRESENTATIONS

4.1 2015 Water and Wastewater Rates

The Manager of Engineering & Operations, the Manager of Environmental Services and the Manager of Financial Services presented the 2015 Water and Wastewater Rates and answered Council questions.

Discussion ensued with respect to the 2015 Water and Wastewater Rates.

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That:

- 1. The report from the Manager of Engineering and Operations, dated March 12, 2015, regarding the 2015 Water and Wastewater Rates BE RECEIVED;**
- 2. A water and wastewater rate increase BE IMPLEMENTED, effective June 1, 2015 pursuant to the 2015 Water and Wastewater Rate Study;**
- 3. That Administration BE DIRECTED to review the options available to the Town to operate the Water and Waste Water facilities for 2016 going forward; and,**
- 4. By-law 2015-29 being a by-law for fixing rates for the supply of water and for fixing rates for the collection and treatment of wastewater be taken as having been read three times and finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to sign same.**

The Deputy Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council recess for a 10 minute break at 10:35 a.m.

The Deputy Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council reconvene at 10:52 a.m.

The Deputy Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

4.2 2015 Water and Wastewater Budget

The Manager of Engineering & Operations and the Manager of Financial Services presented the 2015 Water and Wastewater Budget and answered Council questions.

Discussion ensued with respect to the 2015 Water and Wastewater Budget.

Councillor Fryer moved the motion with the addition of point # 6 below.

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That:

- 1. The report from the Manager of Financial Services dated March 17, 2015, regarding the 2015 Water and Wastewater Budget BE RECEIVED;**
- 2. Council APPROVE the 2015 Water operating budget of \$4,480,000 in revenues and \$4,186,974 in expenses;**
- 3. Council APPROVE the 2015 Water capital budget of \$595,000;**
- 4. Council APPROVE the 2015 Wastewater operating budget of \$6,097,695 in revenues and \$5,901,094 in expenses; and,**
- 5. Council APPROVE the 2015 Wastewater capital budget of \$3,768,000; and,**
- 6. Council APPROVE that \$200,000 of the surplus BE TRANSFERRED to reserve funds.**

The Deputy Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Councillor Lavigne moved, Councillor Fryer seconded:

That Council recess for lunch at 12:23 p.m.

The Deputy Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

The Deputy Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

4.3 RFP for Legal Services

The Chief Administrative Officer provided a verbal update and informed Council that the RFP for Legal Services has closed and that he included the legal position under the CAO's Department in the 2015 Operating Budget for Council's consideration.

4.4 2015 Budget

Police Services

The Chief of Police presented the Police Services budget.

Discussion ensued with respect to the Police Services budget.

Councillor Fryer left Council Chambers at 3:10 p.m.

Councillor Courtney left Council Chambers at 3:50 p.m.

Councillor Lavigne moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council recess this budget session on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 3:54 p.m. and resume on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

The Deputy Mayor put the Motion

Motion Carried

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – BUDGET – Day # 2

APRIL 20, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.

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) Miceli, Chief Administrative Officer
Paula Parker, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:23 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Mayor stated that Prayer will be suspended and replaced with a Moment of Silence.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Deputy Mayor DiPasquale stated that he could have pecuniary interest with respect to the benefits portion of the budget and advised that he would state such when the benefits discussion is brought forward.

RECOGNITIONS

The Clerk informed Council that there were scheduled recognitions to address before resuming the budget session.

Team Captain, Women's Lancers Basketball, University of Windsor

- Korissa Williams – 5 time CIS Canadian Championships

Councillor Fryer moved, Deputy Mayor DiPasquale seconded:

That the recognition BE RECEIVED.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Amherstburg Police Service, Retirement

- Pat Palumbo – 30 years of Policing

Councillor Meloche moved, Councillor Lavigne seconded:

That the recognition BE RECEIVED.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

The Chief of Police informed Council that Ian Chappel had been selected as the new Deputy Chief and also provided Council with Deputy Chief Chappel's background and experience.

Councillor Pouget moved, Councillor Courtney seconded:

That the 2015 Budget deliberations resume on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 5:35 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion resumed with respect to the Police Services budget.

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Lavigne seconded:

That the Police Services budget BE APPROVED in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the Crossing Guard budget.

Councillor Lavigne moved, Councillor Fryer seconded:

That the Crossing Guard budget BE APPROVED in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the legal position.

Councillor Pouget moved, Councillor Fryer seconded:

That Council ELIMINATE the legal position of \$154,000 allocated in the CAO budget.

The Mayor put the Motion.

	Yes/Concur	No/Not Concur
Councillor Courtney	X	
Mayor DiCarlo		X
Deputy Mayor DiPasquale	X	
Councillor Fryer	X	
Councillor Lavigne	X	
Councillor Meloche	X	
Councillor Pouget	X	

Motion Carried

Councillor Lavigne moved, Council Meloche seconded:

That Council recess for break at 7:09 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That Council reconvene at 7:21 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the CAO's budget.

Councillor Lavigne moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council REDUCE the CAO's training budget by \$5000 and professional fees by \$20,000.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Fryer moved, Deputy Mayor DiPasquale seconded:

That the CAO's budget BE APPROVED in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the Clerk's department budget.

Councillor Meloche moved, Deputy Mayor DiPasquale seconded:

That Council REMOVE \$15,000 from the elections reserve.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That Council REDUCE the Clerk's department training budget by \$3000.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Lavigne moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That the Clerk's budget BE APPROVED in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the Human Resources department budget.

Councillor Fyer moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That Council REDUCE the Human Resources corporate training budget by \$6000, the conferences and training budget by \$2000 and \$20,000 from professional fees.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Fryer moved, Deputy Mayor DiPasquale seconded:

That the Human Resources department budget BE APPROVED in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to Council's budget.

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Courtney seconded:

That Council REMOVE the \$9000 from its group training budget.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Pouget moved, Councillor Fryer seconded:

That Council REDUCE their individual public receptions budget by \$500 each.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council REMOVE the \$4000 in its group public receptions.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Courtney seconded:

That the Council budget BE APPROVED in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the Financial Services budget.

Councillor Pouget moved, Councillor Fryer seconded:

That Council REMOVE the financial analyst position from the Financial Services department for a savings of approximately \$72,000 and further REDUCE the conferences and training budget by \$1500.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Lavigne seconded:

That the Financial Services budget BE APPROVED in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the Economic and Community Development /Purchasing budget.

Councillor Meloche moved, Councillor Fryer seconded:

That Council REDUCE the conferences and training budget by \$2000 and APPROVE the Economic and Community Development/Purchasing budget in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Lavigne moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council recess for a break at 9:05 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Lavigne moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council reconvene at 9:17 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the Licensing and Enforcement budget.

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That Council REDUCE the By-law Enforcement Conference and Training budget by \$5000.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That Council EXCLUDE the seasonal By-law Enforcement Officer position and associated costs for a total of \$23,000.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Pouget moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council APPROVE the By-law Enforcement and Licensing budget in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the Economic and Community Development budget.

Councillor Pouget moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council APPROVE the Economic and Community Development budget in principle with a total reduction of \$28,000.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the Planning department budget.

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That Council REDUCE the Planning department Conferences and Training budget by \$1500 and APPROVE in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Meloche moved, Councillor Fryer seconded:

That Council recess this budget session on Monday, April 20, 2015, at 9:55 p.m. and resume on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – BUDGET – Day # 3

APRIL 27, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

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

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

ABSENT

Councillor Joan Courtney

The budget meeting resumed after a scheduled Special Council Meeting for Planning and a separate Special Council Meeting to address necessary reports.

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the budget meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

Councillor Pouget moved, Councillor Fryer seconded:

That the 2015 Budget deliberations resume on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 8:20 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

DELEGATION

IT Department Operating and Capital Budgets – Graham Hobbs

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That the delegation BE RECEIVED.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the Building department budget.

Councillor Pouget moved, Councillor Fryer seconded:

That Council DIRECT Administration to investigate the \$700, 000 deficit in relation to the Building department and also PROVIDE Council with the building department fee schedule.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That Council APPROVE the Building department budget in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor DiPasquale moved, Councillor Fryer seconded:

That Council ALLOW the gallery to speak.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

The following residents were heard:

- Marcie Graham
- Larry Amlin

Discussion ensued with respect to the Tourism and Culture budget.

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council APPROVE the Tourism and Culture budget in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the Business Development and Programs budget.

Councillor Pouget moved, Councillor Fryer seconded:

That Council APPROVE the Business Development and Programs budget in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the Libro Center budget.

Councillor Meloche moved, Councillor Fryer seconded:

That Council REDUCE the total expense budget for the Libro Center by \$100,000 to be reallocated by Administration and brought back to Council.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council recess this budget session on Monday, April 27, 2015, at 9:46 p.m. and resume on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – BUDGET – Day # 4

APRIL 28, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.

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) Miceli, Chief Administrative Officer
Paula Parker, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest noted.

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That the 2015 Budget deliberations resume on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 5:07 p.m

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the IT department budget.

Councillor Lavigne moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council REMOVE \$3500 from Conferences and Training, \$10,000 from Computer Maintenance and APPROVE the IT Department budget in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the Fire department budget.

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Lavigne seconded:

That Council REMOVE \$3000 from the Fire Department's Awards and Banquets budget and APPROVE the remaining budget in principal with a report back to Council on the JEC review for the part time position and REALLOCATE \$5000 from Conferences and Training to Equipment.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the Environmental Services budget.

Councillor Lavigne moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council APPROVE the Environmental Services budget in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Meloche moved, Deputy Mayor DiPasquale seconded:

That Council recess for break at 6:44 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor DiPasquale moved, Councillor Lavigne seconded:

That Council reconvene at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the Public Works budget.

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That Council APPROVE the Public Works budget in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the Parks and Facilities budget.

Councillor Lavigne moved, Councillor Fryer seconded:

That Council REDUCE \$5000 from Thomas Road Maintenance and \$12,000 from General Supplies and APPROVE the remaining Parks and Facilities budget in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the Global Expenses budget.

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Lavigne seconded:

That Council REDUCE the ERCA levy by \$5000, Office Supplies by \$5000 and Postage by \$5000 in the Global Expenses budget.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That Council REDUCE the Global Expenses budget by \$54,800 for the allocation to Ranta Stranded Deficit.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Failed

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council APPROVE the Global Expenses budget in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Meloche moved, Deputy Mayor DiPasquale seconded:

That Council recess for break at 8:48 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Meloche moved, Councillor Fryer seconded:

That Council reconvene at 9:03 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Lavigne moved, Councillor Fryer seconded:

That Council recess this budget session on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 9:05 p.m. and resume on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – BUDGET – Day #

May 4, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.

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) Miceli, Chief Administrative Officer
Paula Parker, Clerk

Deputy Mayor DiPasquale moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That the 2015 Budget deliberations resume on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 5:12 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Fryer declared pecuniary interest with respect to any discussion within the Capital Budget regarding his residential area of Texas Road.

Councillor Courtney arrived at 5:26 p.m.

Deputy Mayor DiPasquale moved, Councillor Fryer seconded:

That Council DIRECT Public Works to look at two different proposals for the two vehicles requested in the capital budget.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Pouget moved, Councillor Courtney seconded:

That Council REQUEST IT to investigate any and all cost sharing opportunities with the County of any other municipalities as they see fit.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Courtney moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That Council POSTPONE security for Town Hall to the 2016 budget and REALLOCATE the funds to the CWATS program.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Lavigne moved, Deputy Mayor DiPasquale seconded:

That Council REMOVE the \$36,000 in webcasting for Council meetings.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Lavigne moved, Councillor Meloche:

That Council REALLOCATE \$5000 from Toddy Jones roof to the CWATS program.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Meloche moved, Councillor Lavigne seconded:

That Council ACCEPT the entire Capital Budget in principle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Courtney moved, Deputy Mayor DiPasquale seconded:

That Council recess for a break at 8:19 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Lavigne moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That Council reconvene at 8:38 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Lavigne seconded:

That Council ACCEPT 1% for each proposed levy.

The Mayor put the Motion.

	Yes/Concur	No/Not Concur
Councillor Courtney		X
Mayor DiCarlo		X
Deputy Mayor DiPasquale		X
Councillor Fryer	X	
Councillor Lavigne		X
Councillor Meloche		X
Councillor Pouget		X

Motion Failed

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That Council allow the gallery to speak.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

The following resident was heard:

- Gregory Moore

Councillor Courtney moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That Council SUPPORT 2% for each proposed Capital Reserve and Capital Replacement levy.

The Mayor put the Motion.

	Yes/Concur	No/Not Concur
Councillor Courtney	X	
Mayor DiCarlo		X
Deputy Mayor DiPasquale	X	
Councillor Fryer		X
Councillor Lavigne	X	
Councillor Meloche	X	
Councillor Pouget	X	

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Fryer moved, Councillor Meloche seconded:

That Council rise and adjourn at 9:26 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried



MAYOR – ALDO DICARLO



CLERK – PAULA PARKER