



**TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 2022 Operating Budget**  
**Monday, January 26, 2022**  
**6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Aldo DiCarlo  
Deputy Mayor Leo Meloche  
Councillor Peter Courtney  
Councillor Donald McArthur  
Councillor Michael Prue  
Councillor Marc Renaud  
Councillor Patricia Simone

Tony Haddad, Interim CAO  
Valerie Critchley, Interim Director, Legislative Services/Clerk  
Tammy Fowkes, Deputy Clerk

Electronic Meeting with Public Participation via livestream.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

## **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest noted.

## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We will begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations (comprising the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomie Peoples), and of the Huron-Wendat and Wyandot Peoples. We recognize the land as an expression of gratitude to those whose traditional territory we reside on, and a way of honouring the Indigenous people who have been living and thriving on the land since time immemorial. We value the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all of the Original Peoples of Turtle Island.

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SURVEY – RESULTS**

Resolution # B20220126-01

**Moved By** Councillor McArthur

**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

**That the Public Engagement Survey results BE RECEIVED.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

## **2022 OPERATING BUDGET**

Resolution # B20220126-02

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

**That the post budget submission changes BE RECEIVED.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**CONSENT OTHER MINUTES**

Resolution # B20220126-03

**Moved By** Councillor Courtney

**Seconded By** Councillor Prue

**That the following minutes BE RECEIVED:**

**7.1 Audit and Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2022**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

The CAO introduced the 2022 Operating Budget.

Resolution # B20220126-04

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

**That the Council & Committees budget BE APPROVED in principle with an amendment to freeze the 2% CIP increase for Council.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-05

**Moved By** Councillor McArthur

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**That the CAO's budget BE APPROVED in principle.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-06

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**Seconded By** Councillor McArthur

**That the Police Services budget BE APPROVED in principle.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-07

**Moved By** Councillor Courtney

**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That the Clerk's budget BE APPROVED in principle.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-08

**Moved By** Councillor Prue

**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That the Licencing & Enforcement budget BE APPROVED in principle with the budget impact reduced to \$3000.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-09

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**Seconded By** Councillor Courtney

**That the Financial Services budget BE APPROVED in principle.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-10

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

**That the Human Resources budget BE APPROVED in principle, with the amendment that Budget Issues Papers 001 & 003 BE FUNDED one time only and not be included in the base budget.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-11

**Moved By** Councillor Courtney  
**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

**That the Information Technology budget BE APPROVED in principle.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-12

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor McArthur

**That the Fire Services budget BE APPROVED in principle.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-13

**Moved By** Councillor Courtney

**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That the Facilities budget BE APPROVED in principle.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**Moved By** Councillor Renaud

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**That Council recess for a break at 7:58 p.m.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

**That Council resume Special session at 8:11 p.m.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-14

**Moved By** Councillor Simone

**Seconded By** Councillor Prue

**That the Libro Centre budget BE APPROVED in principle.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-15

**Moved By** Councillor Courtney

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**That:**

**1. The clothing line item BE CHANGED to a one time cost rather than base budget; and,**

**2. The Parks budget BE APPROVED in principal.**

The Mayor put the Motion

Resolution # B20220126-16

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

**That the Recreation budget BE APPROVED in principle.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

## **RECESS**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That Council recess the January 26, 2022 budget deliberations at 8:59 p.m.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

## **RESUME**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That Council resume budget deliberations on January 27, 2022 at 1:42 p.m.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-17

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**Seconded By** Councillor McArthur

**That the Tourism & Culture budget BE APPROVED in principle.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-18

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That the Building Services budget BE APPROVED in principle, with the amendment that Budget Issue Paper 002 & 003 BE FUNDED one time only and no be included in the base budget.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-19

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

**That the Recreation Services budget BE APPROVED in principle.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**Moved By** Councillor McArthur

**Seconded By** Councillor Prue

**That Council recess for a break at 2:44 p.m.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**



**Moved By** Councillor McArthur  
**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**That Council resume Special session at 3:02 p.m.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-20

**Moved By** Councillor McArthur  
**Seconded By** Councillor Prue

**That:**

- 1. The request for base budget funding of \$125,000 for work towards a Climate Action Plan BE REMOVED; and,**
- 2. The initiative BE FUNDED by a transfer of \$125,000 from the General Reserves.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

	<b>Yes/Concur</b>	<b>No/Not Concur</b>
Councillor Courtney		X
Councillor McArthur	X	
Deputy Mayor Meloche		X
Councillor Prue	X	
Councillor Renaud	X	
Councillor Simone	X	
Mayor DiCarlo		X

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-21

**Moved By** Councillor Courtney  
**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

**That the Economic Development budget BE APPROVED in principle.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-22

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor Courtney

**That the Drainage budget BE APPROVED in principle.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-23

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That the Public Works budget BE APPROVED in principle, including the post budget adjustment regarding the Transit Pilot Project.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor McArthur

**That Council recess for a break at 4:21 p.m. and the meeting BE EXTENDED to 5:30 p.m.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**Moved By** Councillor Courtney  
**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**That Council resume Special session at 4:42 p.m.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-24

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

**That an increase of 5% to the Water Rate BE APPROVED pending completion of the Water Rate Study with the provision that if a further increase is required it will be considered and annualized once the report is complete.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-25

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor Prue

**That the Water budget BE APPROVED in principle.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-26

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

**That an increase of 5% to the Waste Water Rate BE APPROVED in principle, pending completion of the Waste Water Rate Study with the provision that if a further increase is required it will be considered and annualized once the report is complete.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # B20220126-27

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That the Non-Departmental budget BE APPROVED in principle.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

## ADJOURNMENT

**Moved By** Councillor Courtney  
**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That Council rise and adjourn from Special session at 6:06 p.m.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

  
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MAYOR – ALDO DICARLO  
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CLERK – VALERIE CRITCHLEY